

Odawa Night Owl 2018

21 - 22 April 2018

A new positional mailbox has been created to handle all queries and submissions/replies for Odawa Night Owl – please use odawanightowl@odawa-scouting.ca instead of my personal DiveBuddy@rogers.com email address as use of odawanightowl@odawa-scouting.ca will facilitate any transition to new staff monitoring/coordinating information and collating returns in the future should someone else take over responsibility for this event from me.

Yours in Scouting,
Scouter Stephen Bellefleur
613-834-3129

The Odawa Night Owl challenge will be held overnight 21 - 22 April 2018 at the Apple Hill Scout Reserve (18739 Concession 2 Road Apple Hill, ON K0C 1B0 - South side of Apple Hill Scout Reserve (AHSR)). It is open to Pathfinder and Scout age Youth (senior Cubs and Senior Guides may participate at the discretion of their Groups).

The actual overnight hike, where the Youth go, as teams of 4-6 Youth (Pathfinders and Scout age youth – senior Guides and senior Cubs may participate as part of linking if their parent Guiding/Scout Group allows), from station to station to undergo various fun challenges for points - it starts shortly after the Opening ceremony in front of the main Cabin at **7 PM Saturday night and ends at 1 AM Sunday morning** with the closing and trophy ceremony at about 7:30 AM Sunday morning, with pickup and departure for home after 8:00 AM. All participants and volunteers are to have departed Apple Hill Scout Reserve by no later than Sunday 1030 AM.

Night Owl Stations are manned and operated by Senior Youth (Rovers, Venturers, Rangers, senior Scouts, senior Pathfinders) and/or Adult Scouters/Guiders. As well, such staff will be conducting safety patrols along the various routes that the Youth participants will be using. **Wherever Adults are involved (whether manning/operating stations, conducting roving safety patrol or (in the case of some Pathfinder units) accompanying one's youth), there are to be a minimum of two adults present at all times as per Scouts Canada Policy for Youth Safety.**

Teams may return to the main bivouac area at South side of Apple Hill Scout Reserve anytime they wish throughout the night as long as they check at the Registration at the main cabin upon completion of their trek. The team with the most points gets their name on the Night Owl Trophy and bragging rights for the year.

Should some Youth within a Team wish to stop participating in the overnight challenges, the Team may continue ONLY after the **entire Team** return to the main camp and check in at

Registration where it will be determined where the Youth(s) wishing to drop out are to remain where there is adult care and custody and warmth – a **document** will be provided attesting that these Youths are now at main camp and that the Team has been authorized to continue with undertaking various Night Owl challenges (the size of the team must not drop below three (3) Youth for safety and security purposes.

Groups may arrive on-site at Apple Hill Scout Reserve as of noon 21 April (Saturday) to commence setup of their camp site – they may also chose to visit and setup their stations that they may have volunteered to run or just walk about the route for Night Owl in daylight with their Youth. Registration of teams will take place between 4 PM and 6:30 PM at the main cabin.

Participants are to bring the necessary gear to stay the night, as well as personal survival kits and personal first aid kits – each group are to ensure they have a qualified first aider as well as a group first aid kit on-site. Each group is responsible for any necessary feeding arrangements for their Youth including provision of snacks and drinks as required. Potable water will need to be brought by each group as there is no source of potable water at Apple Hill Scout Reserve. As well, groups should not forget to bring toilet paper (particularly while out about away from main camp). All trash and recycling are to be brought home from camp by each Group attending as Apple Hill Scout Reserve will not have arrangements in place the weekend of Night Owl to handle and dispose of such material.

Note: To prevent pest infestations, no outside firewood is to be brought to camp – any firewood required will be available on-site.

The cost for this activity is **\$15.00** per youth participant which covers the cost of the badge and camp usage fees and other minor expenses (groups will naturally tack on their addition charges for their own Youth to attend to cover expenses such as feeding etc) – there will to be a **\$7.00** charge for Adult volunteers and Youth volunteers running stations/roving patrols to ensure this activity remains financially viable. Cheques for event payment are to be made out to “**Scouts Canada – Odawa Area**”

There will be no registration deadline to participate in this activity – registration will be done on-site Saturday 21 April.

Names of volunteers willing to run stations/challenges and/or act as roving safety/security patrols are to be sent by email to odawanightowl@odawa-scouting.ca as follows:

Subject Line: Night Owl 2018 Volunteers – **Group Name**

In body of email,

(1) Name of Group/Section(s)

(2) Name of main point of contact along with email address so that any specific follow on information may be sent to that person as required

(3) List names of volunteers, whether they are a Venturer, Ranger, senior Scout, senior Pathfinder, Scouter or Guider

(4) How many stations/activities they could reasonable run (at any one station/activity there must be at least two adults or three Youth – if for some reason it is requested that an Adult must be with the Youth, we will have to find another Adult to assist at the station to ensure the Scouts Canada policy of having two Adults present around Youth.

(5) What preferred station(s) you would like to do (we shall endeavour on a first come, first serve basis to satisfy your desires) – if you have no preferred stations, then we shall advise you by 13 April of what use you closer to the date of the event as volunteers to operate stations or roving patrols that have yet to have volunteers assigned.

The list of stations/activities may be found at the end of this document – an updated list will be maintain at the document in Drop Box at **Updated list of station/activity manning may be found at the following Drop Box:**

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/pj9wnhllhe8wsyo/AAC6fLsdC1OvMoMLuR6_pEKca?dl=0

IMPORTANT IMPORTANT IMPORTANT

To ensure adequate number of badges are ordered, it is requested that Groups indicate by sending an email (with “Night Owl 2018 Participant Estimate – **Group Name**” in the email Header/Subject Line) to odawanightowl@odawa-scouting.ca the:

- (1) Name of their Group,
- (2) Name and email address of the Group’s lead for Night Owl (so any new information needs to be sent out it is routed to the right contact),
- (3) The likely/approximate number of participants,
- (4) The likely number of volunteers (Adults/senior Youth (Venturers, Rangers, senior Scouts/senior Pathfinders))

Please provide this info by no later than 14 March 2018

so the proper number of badges may be ordered

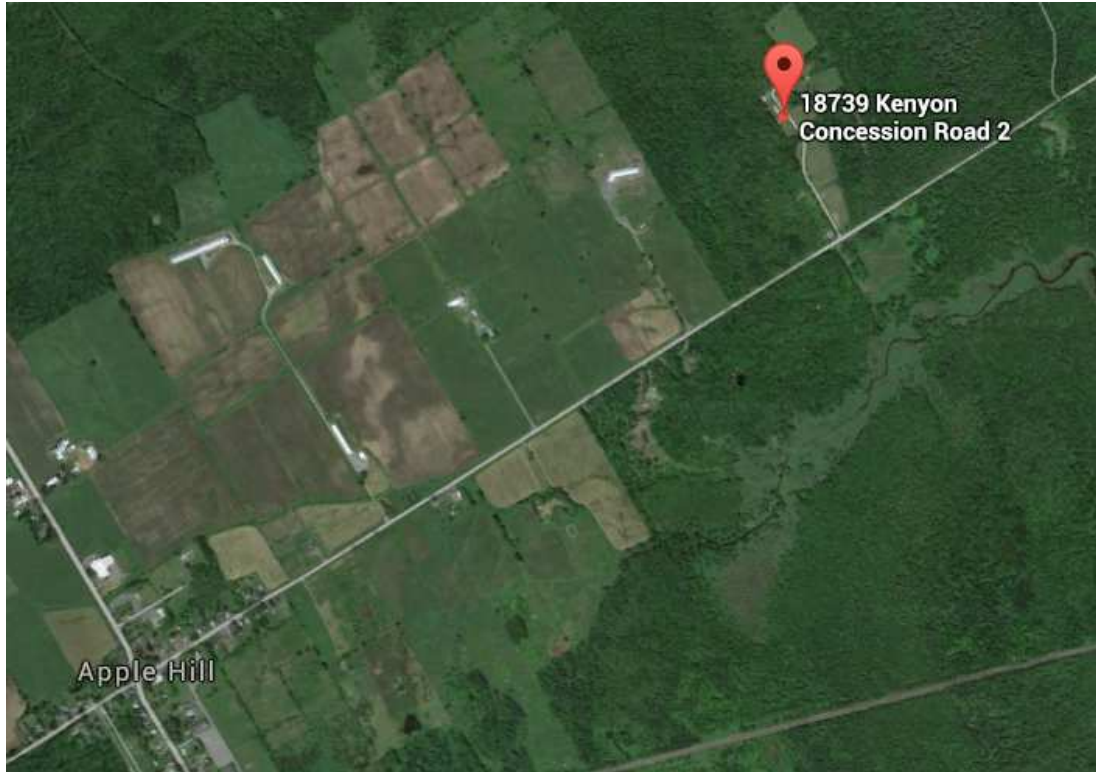
(the estimated numbers plus a fudge factor will determine the order number)

More details will be sent out via separate email week of 9 April 2018 to **Odawa Area Scout Groups, other Scout Groups in Voyageur Council and any Girl Guide Groups** that have expressed an interest in attending as participants or volunteers to run stations or act as roving safety patrols.

Remember: Please indicate your interest in potentially volunteering to run a Station or assist in another aspect of Night Owl including roving safety patrol by emailing Scouter Stephen Bellefleur at odawanightowl@odawa-scouting.ca with the information requested above. The list of stations/activities are listed at the end of this document. Thank you in

advance for considering volunteering to again make Odawa Night Owl a great adventure for our Youth.

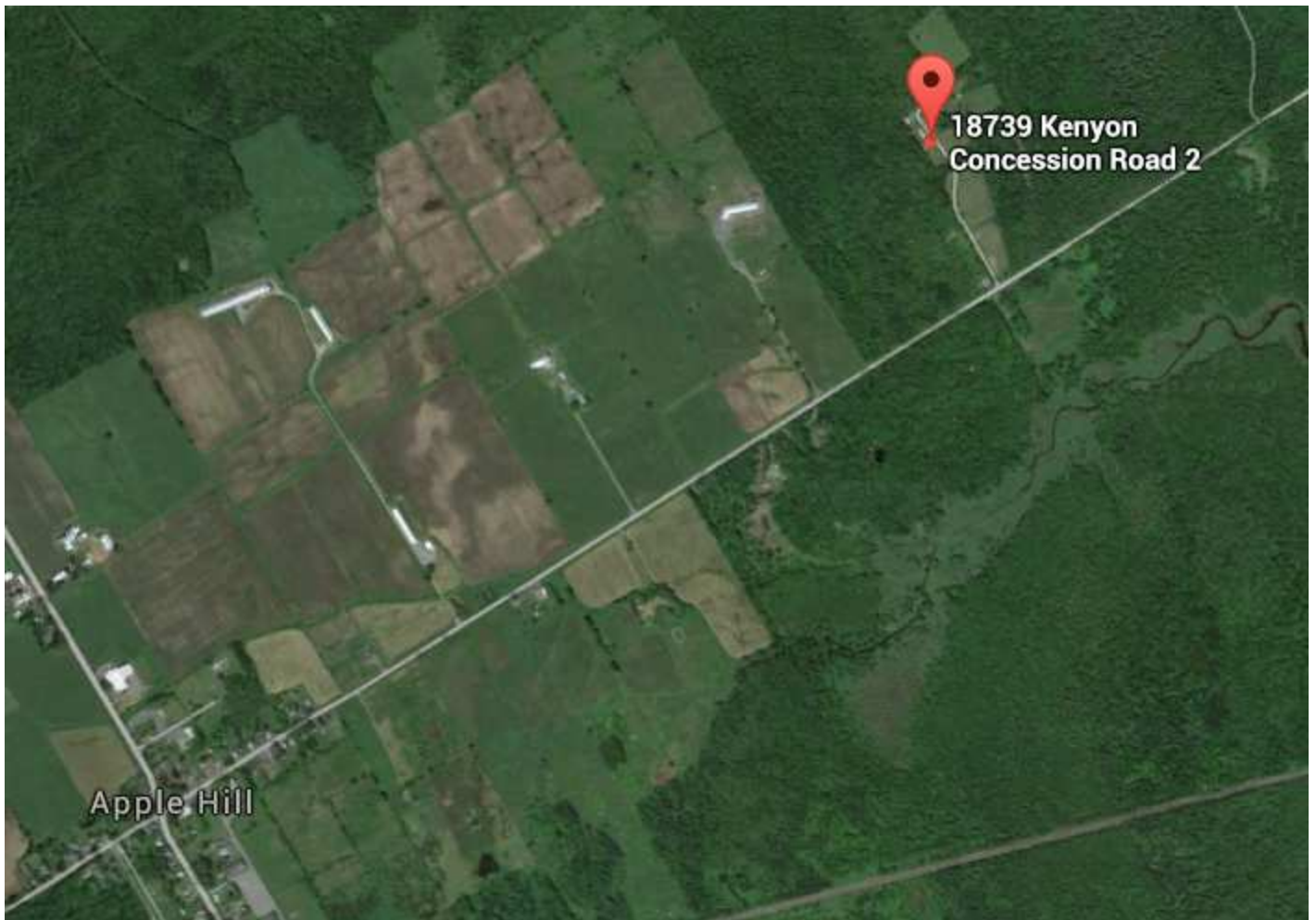
Note: No pets except service animals allowed on the Camp premises as per Scouts Canada policy (pets accompanying adults dropping off Youth must stay in vehicles).



Odawa Area Night Owl Challenge 2018

Detailed Event Instructions

The night Owl challenge will be held at the Apple Hill Scout Reserve 21 - 22 April 2018 (Saturday noon to Sunday morning) at Apple Hill Scout Reserve using the South Side of the Camp as base camp.



Groups may arrive any time after 1200 hrs (noon) Saturday April 21st (Groups wishing to arrive Friday night and make a weekend of it are to contact AHSR Ranger Staff directly to undertake such arrangements). Camp closing ceremonies will be at 0730 hrs (7:30 AM) Sunday morning with pick-up anytime afterwards (ie about 8:00 AM or so) at the South Side of Camp.

The youth and adults should bring the necessary gear and tents to stay the night, as well as their personal survival and first aid kits as they see fit (equipment list excluding camping equipment is provided below).

Provision of meals, snacks, hot chocolate, coffee and Sunday breakfast is a group responsibility.

Please fill out the REGISTRATION FORM attached below and submit on Saturday 21 April with payment at the Registration site at the main cabin.

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- (2) Name and email address of the Group’s lead for Night Owl (so any new information needs to be sent out it is routed to the right contact),**
- (3) The likely/approximate number of participants,**
- (4) The likely number of volunteers (Adults/senior Youth (Venturers, Rangers, senior Scouts/senior Pathfinders))**

Please provide this info by no later than 15 March 2018

so the proper number of badges may be ordered for handing out at the close of the event (the estimated numbers plus a fudge factor will determine the order number)

Note: there is no registration cut-off for participation in this event – we will accept all participants/volunteers up to and including the start of Night Owl on 21 April, even if there was no heads up in advance of probable numbers attending.

The cost for this activity is:

\$15.00 per youth doing the hike,

\$7 for everyone else (ie Leaders and Youth volunteers assisting in running stations and/or roving safety patrols etc).

Please note: Payment collected for this event is used to cover the cost of the Camp Fee, materials and badges). The fee for this activity will be collected the day of the event. Please make all cheques out to **Scouts Canada – Odawa Area**, with **Night Owl 2018** in the memo.

Additional Night Owl Challenge Information

Night Owl Challenge is an exciting all night event, open to Scouting and Guiding members, that focuses on developing teamwork while having a good time and enjoying the outdoors. This year, the event will again be coordinated by 3rd Orleans Scout Group with assistance from other Scouters and Guiders and Venturers/Rovers/ Rangers/senior Scouts/Pathfinders running various stations and or conducting roving safety patrols.

Throughout the night, Patrols of 4-7 youth will compete in a series of interesting challenges and activities scattered throughout the southern and central part of the Camp in order to score points (sketch maps with points will be provided to all on the day of the event). Whichever Patrol has the most points by the end of the night is the winner – if there is a tie for First Place, an additional challenge will be undertaken in the morning to break the tie. Youth from Groups with insufficient numbers to form a Patrol onto themselves may join up with existing formed Patrols or form a composite Patrol the day of the event.

Groups should arrive at the south side of Apple Hill Scout Reserve between 1200 (noon) and 1700 hrs (5:00 PM) to setup their camping area and prepare their teams – groups are to ensure they have Adult supervision (ie Scouters/Guiders) on-site to look after their Youth arriving on-site. Information on where groups may set up their tents will be available at the registration at the main cabin.

- Check in/registrations of Groups and Patrols will run from 1600 hrs (4:00 PM) to 1845 hrs (6:45 PM) at the main cabin. All Groups must register prior to their Patrols registering. Personnel running stations need to check into registration prior to departing to setup their stations. Opening ceremony will be in the southern part of the Camp in front of the main cabin at 1900 hrs (7:00 PM) for all less those running stations (as they will have departed to their station locations).
- Stations will be open at 19h30 (7:30 PM) and events will run through the night until completion at about 0100 hrs (1 AM) – Youth are to be at their designated start station no earlier than 1930 hrs (7:30 PM) to allow Rovers/Venturers/Rangers/Senior Scouts/Pathfinders and Guiders/Scouters time to setup their stations.
- Departure will be early Sunday morning after the winners are announced at the Closing Ceremony at 0730 hrs (7:30 AM) – thus departure will likely sometime after 8:30 AM depending on Groups packing up and cleaning their camp sites – please check out with staff at the main cabin .

SUGGESTED EQUIPMENT LIST TO DO THE OVERNIGHT HIKING ACTIVITY

(separate from any equipment required to sleep overnight in the bivouac area in the South side of the Camp.)

PER MEMBER (in their backpack on person/worn)

- Mug, spoon
- Change of clothes including spare dry socks
- Appropriate warm outdoor attire including water resistant foot wear – youth and adults should be prepared for snow (and potentially frozen ice) along the trails
- Rain Gear (include small garbage bags/bread bags to wear as footwear inserts if footwear gets wet)
- Tuque, gloves/mitts
- Flashlight/head lamps and spare batteries (headlamps preferable) with spare batteries
- Pocket knife/multi tool
- Whistle
- Water bottle with water
- Snacks (nut free)
- Personal first aid/survival kit /fire starter kit
- Bug repellent/mosquito netting as they see fit
- Scout Staff/hiking staff if available
- Personal Cell Phone/Smart Phone desirable

PER TEAM

Two Large Ziploc bags (one for score sheet, one to protect trail map)
Compasses (min 1)
Group First Aid Kit
GPS (optional)
Cell phone (handy in case of emergency/tracking of misplaced teams) – highly desirable

There will be approximately 13 to 15 challenges, **but the number will ultimately depend on the number of registered senior Youth volunteers/Scouters/Guiders willing to run a station** and the two deep Scouting rule for Adults will apply throughout the Camp (isolated stations not run by Venturers/Pathfinders/Senior Scouts will require min two Scouters/Guiders on-site while some stations with visibility with each other may have one Adult Scouter/Guider – roving safety/security patrol are to have two registered Scouters/Guiders and/or be composed of senior Youth). **As per Scout Canada Policy, any adult Scouters/Guiders/Adults accompanying a Youth Team must have at least two adults (18 years and older) present at all times.** Some simple stations can be grouped together if need be if insufficient volunteers available to run.

Like last year, we have decided to not run the challenges in a particular order - this way the youth can roam to whatever station they wish to complete after they start at their assigned station at the start of the night. They may not get to/complete every station, but they should

be able to do most of them done. Teams may stop and return anytime to base camp – all teams must report into registration upon return to the main bivouac in the South end of Camp.

There should be a "Patrol Leader" per team appointed prior to arriving at registration. This patrol leader will be required to sign in at the registration point to receive information on where to set up their tents and any last minute details.

There is ample parking in the South side of Apple Hill Scout Reserve.

Night Owl's success is due to the efforts of the volunteers stepping up to run fun stations and/or providing safety patrols throughout the night.

Groups that would like to run a station(s) using Senior Scouts/Pathfinders, Venturers, Rangers, Rovers Guiders, Scouters from their Group will be given an opportunity to sign up to run a station or act as a roving safety patrol by contacting Scouter Steve via email at odawanightowl@odawa-scouting.ca or on arrival on-site Saturday – a copy of the current status of station manning (along with the draft map for location of the activities that will be posted the week before the event) can be found in the document maintained in a Drop Box at https://www.dropbox.com/sh/pj9wnhllhe8wsyo/AAC6fLsdC1OvMoMLuR6_pEKca?dl=0

To run a station/activity, you will be provided with a full explanation of how your station(s) should run along with the required basic material. If you choose to run a station/challenge, and we urge each group to consider doing so as such volunteering is what makes Night Owl such a great adventure for our Youth, please bring a tarp and some rope (or light kitchen shelter) to make a shelter for yourselves at your station to avoid getting soaked if it is rainy. As well, you may wish to bring on site additional material to ensure your comfort while awaiting the arrival of Youth (ie folding chair, Coleman lantern for light/heat, perhaps a stove if you wish to make hot soup/hot chocolate on-site for your team running the station).

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact Scouter Stephen Bellefleur via email (odawanightowl@odawa-scouting.ca) or by phone at (613) 834-3129.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Troop Name: _____

Scouter/Guider in Charge: _____

Scouter/Guider in Charge Cell Phone number: _____

Scouter/Guider in Charge e-mail address: _____

	Qty	Cost	Total Cost
Number of Youth doing Hike		@ \$15 each	
Number Of Members volunteering to run stations/act as roving safety patrols (ie Rovers, Venturers, Rangers, senior Scouts/Pathfinders, Scouters/Guiders)		@ \$7 each	
Number of Adult Volunteers not necessarily running stations/doing roving patrol but on site with the Group anyway		@ \$7 each	
Total Group Cost			

Paid by: Cash Cheque Cheque #:_____
(Circle One)

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Team Registration Sheet

(To be handed in when registering Saturday afternoon/night 21 April 2018)

Group: _____

(Group name – ie: 8th Orleans/1st Maxville etc)

Group Leader: _____ Cell No: _____

(Name of adult Leader attending camp and responsible for Group)

Team Name: _____

Team Leader: _____ Cell No: _____

(Name of Youth Leader of the team)

Team Member Names (4- 7 members per team)

Patrol Leader:

To be handed in upon registration Saturday afternoon/night along with copies of registration/physical fitness forms for all participants (Youth and Adults) sealed in a large zip loc bag – these forms will be returned to the Scouter in charge at the close of the activity Sunday morning.

Night Owl 2018 Stations/Activities

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Ser	Station/ Activity Name	Station/Activity Description	Manned by (Scout/Guiding Group/Section)
1	Mine Field	<p><u>Given:</u> Fake mine field (using card board or some other representation of mines)</p> <p><u>Action:</u> Patrols are divided in half , one half to be blind folded and guided verbally guided by the other half of the patrol with the members crossing the mine field doing so all together (simultaneously). If someone hits a mine, they all must go back to the beginning and start over.</p>	
2	Spider Web	<p><u>Given:</u> A spider web (must be construct in advance by the people running the station using a structure already on-site, using twine).</p> <p><u>Action:</u> Successfully traverse the spider web</p>	

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		in accordance with instructions given on-site by the operators of the station.	
3	Map Grid Code	<p>Given: Fake map grid containing letters</p> <p>Action: Each patrol given basic instruction on how to locate something using map grid coordinates (in the how, up the stairs) and then they are given a set of five grid references from which they are to find the applicable letters to spell out a word</p>	Can be unmanned if necessary
4	Tarp Toss	<p>Given: A tarpaulin with different size slots cut into it and different size balls.</p> <p>Action: Given ten balls, Patrol members take turns trying to toss different size balls through holes in a tarpaulin.</p>	
5	Knot Grid- Scouts/Guides are Knotty	<p>Given: Bag of over sixteen (16) already prepared knots and a grid to hold sixteen (16) knots – this grid is made by aligning four 4X4 grid segments</p> <p>Action: Patrol has to identify knots within five minutes by placing them correctly on a grid (note: there will be extra knots that do not go on the grid)</p>	4/3 Venturers Company
6	Lock Box	<p>Given: Two lock boxes with two different combination locks, one on each box.</p> <p>Action: Upon arrival on site, using the lock box whose number has been assigned to them at Registration, follow the instructions on the box:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • on the outside will be a bearing and distance that they are to follow to find a tree with part of the combination to the lock along with a new bearing and distance to follow from the lock box to a new destination where the second part of the combo is to be found • return to the box, unlock it and obtain a new bearing and distance that they are to follow to find another tree with a page of letters – immediately re-lock 	

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		the box and, using the template that they were given at registration, place the template mask over the letters and determine secret word – write the word on the Patrol Score Sheet.	
7	Fire Making Challenge	<p>Given: A mini fire pan with a string suspended</p> <p>Action: Make a small fire and burn the string</p>	4/3 Venturers Company
8	Trivia Quiz	<p>Given: Pack of trivia questions if unmanned or 15 Trivia Questions drawn from a grab bag.</p> <p>Action: If unmanned, take a copy of the trivia quiz and sign in on the Station Register. Can be completed on site or along the hiking route. Must be handed in at the end of the hike at the Registration Desk.</p> <p>If manned, 15 trivia questions are picked from a grab bag, 2 points for each correct answer.</p>	Can be unmanned if necessary
9	Rope maze	<p>Given: Blind folds, twine, rope, guide lines, carabiners</p> <p>Action: In silence, the entire Patrol is to be go one at a time with spacing of fifteen seconds between members, blind folding themselves at the start point and follow a guideline that is intersected with other guidelines with the goal of exiting on the right guideline – if one exits on the wrong guideline, they are eliminated. Physical contact with the guidelines (whether they are correct or not) is to be maintained at all time. They have seven minutes to complete the course with as many patrol members as possible.</p>	
10	Kim's Game	<p>Given: Contents of an emergency kit, with an exposure of one minute</p> <p>Action: Working together, Patrol members</p>	

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		must identify items that were seen – three minutes given to make list.	
11	Lashing	<p>Given: Three staves/poles, twine/rope, coffee can and clothes hanger</p> <p>Action: Using rope/twine provided and, lash a three legged tripod from which a can of water can be hung over a fictitious fire</p>	
12	Morse Code	A sheet for decoding using Morse code and, working together, decode the sheet and hand in results (if unmanned at the end of the hike at the Registration Desk).	Can be unmanned if necessary
13	Rope Crossing	<p>Given: A heavy rope strong between two thick trees over a tarpaulin</p> <p>Action: Team members must cross the tarpaulin using the rope without touching the tarpaulin.</p>	
14	Hobo Stoves	<p>Given: A Coffee Can and tin snips</p> <p>Action: Make a hobo stove and create a fire in it to heat water</p>	
15	Water Carry	<p>Given: Various material to choice to transport water from the water pump and a destination container</p> <p>Action: Successfully fill up destination container</p>	
16	GPS	<p>Given: Five GPSs with pre-programmed start point and different destinations</p> <p>Action: Use a GPS to find the destination and return to the start point (again using the GPS) with the code word found at the destination point</p>	
17	Sling Shot	<p>Given: Up to six sling shots and dog kibble and targets</p> <p>Action: With twenty kibble and one or two sling shots per team, attempt to hit the assigned target(s) as many times possible</p>	
18	Soccer	<p>Given: A soccer ball and four large cones</p> <p>Action: Team gets five tries to score on one</p>	

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		of the volunteer manning the goals (to score, ball needs to go between the pylon no higher than the height of the pylons)	
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22	Registration/ Safety Cabin		
23	Safety/Roving Patrol	Minimum two adults or two senior Youth (Venturers, Rangers, senior Scouts/Senior Pathfinders)	Scouter Stephen Bellefleur
24	Safety/Roving Patrol	Minimum two adults or two senior Youth (Venturers, Rangers, senior Scouts/Senior Pathfinders)	
25	Safety/Roving Patrol	Minimum two adults or two senior Youth (Venturers, Rangers, senior Scouts/Senior Pathfinders)	

Any other ideas for challenges for potential consideration are welcome – send to Scouter Stephen at odawanightowl@odawa-scouting.ca – challenges must be such that teams can complete within five(5) minutes or multiple teams can undertake challenge at same time (ie separate tracks, puzzles, targets etc).