
EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY - All In Person GTC Activities on PAUSE

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****EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY: All In-person Activities Shut Down for Groups in Greater Toronto Council****

BCC: ALL Active Scouters with Email Permission in Greater Toronto Council

Dear Scouters,

Over the weekend and as Covid-19 cases have continued to rise in the City of Toronto, the Greater Toronto Council has carefully considered all options to continue to offer safe programing for all of our members.

We are committed to acting in the best interests of our members, with your health and safety at the forefront. As cases continue to rise throughout Toronto and following the Toronto Chief Medical Health Officer, Eileen de Villa's recommendation that individuals avoid all non-essential gathering and travel outside of their homes, Greater Toronto Council is halting all in-person Scouting activities until further notice.

We will continue to re-evaluate and assess this decision, following government regulations and Scouts Canada standards before we allow in-person meetings to resume. We recognize that this may impact events and meetings that have already been planned, however we need to ensure we are doing our part to keep our Scouters and youth safe.

During this pause from in-person Scouting, we encourage Groups to continue to conduct virtual meetings. For tips and ideas on running virtual meetings, please visit [This Link](#). You can also find virtual activities from the City of Toronto at [City Resources Link](#) and Scouts Wiki at [Scouts Wiki Link](#). Further, Scouts Canada and Greater Toronto Council are working on webinars to provide our Scouters with the development opportunities they need to run programming in this difficult time.

Current upcoming webinars include Scouter Mug Ups – section details and links can be found here: [Scouts Canada Mug Ups](#); as well as Greater Toronto Council Section-specific monthly chats (event invites can be found [HERE](#)); and Scouts Canada's Raising Resilient Children Webinar which you can find more information about here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/248402229928275>.

Finally, we continue to offer fundraising opportunities including Scout Coffee <https://www.scouts.ca/give/campaign-and-fundraising/scout-coffee.html> and Virtual Apple Day <https://www.scoutapples.com/>.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please get in touch with your Relationship Manager / Group Support Scouter, or the Council team.

Thanks to each and every one of you for your commitment to Greater Toronto Council Scouting and support to our youth and parents through these uncertain times.

Yours in Scouting,

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