



**"The Two-Bader"**  
The Ontario Gilwell Reunion  
Newsletter  
May/June 2024



"Keeping you informed between Reunions"

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**Greetings from the Chair**

Welcome to you all!

It is my joy and honour to be your 71<sup>st</sup> Ontario Gilwell Reunion Chairperson. On behalf of the Reunion Committee, I encourage you all to attend this year's Reunion September 6-8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, as we celebrate our theme, 'I've got that Scouting Spirit'! I really resonate with this theme because attending the reunion each year renews my Scouting Spirit and reminds me why I keep volunteering more than 'one hour a week'! As our founder, [Baden Powell](#), once said, "The spirit is there in every boy; it has to be discovered and brought to light."

The committee and their contingents have been hard at work to 'bring the spirit to light' and make sure you have the best time seeing old friends, making new ones and remembering those who have gone home. If you haven't come to reunion in a while – come and rediscover the Scouting spirit. I could never figure out how to explain to people what Gilwell Reunion is and why I keep coming back year after year. I think I figured it out last year. I cannot put it in words, because Gilwell is not only an event, it is a feeling.

Once again, we will be welcoming Scouters with a Woodbadge Part 1 who are working towards their Woodbadge Part 2 and are registered with a contingent. Please tell your fellow Scouters to come and have some fun while learning some requirements of WB2.

The Events Standard Policy is identical to last year and can be found in the registration package.

We will need everyone coming to Reunion this year to pre-register. In the past, we have accommodated 'walk-ins', however; due to Safe Scouting policies, we require everyone to be pre-screened by Safe Scouting by August 22, 2024. (Those who attended last year are already in the safe scouting list. If you are new to OGR, you will have to be screened). More about this in the Two Bader.

The Chair's Challenge (and prize of incredible value) will go to the contingent that brings the most WB1 friends, Newbies or Reborn Newbies (someone who hasn't attended in the last 3 years or more) to the 2024 Ontario Gilwell Reunion. I will also take into consideration the contingent that has the most attendance in your Marquee's afternoon and evening activities. Please keep track of attendance.

Come and celebrate the Spirit of Scouting – the friendship, camaraderie, learning, teaching, laughing and even singing and dancing. I look forward to enjoying this with you all.

Yours In Scouting,

Shelley Sprague  
71<sup>st</sup> Ontario Gilwell Reunion Chair

**2024 Theme** is ["I've got that Scouting Spirit"](#)

**Honourary Camp Chief** – Bob Prentice

**Guest Speaker** – Liam Burns CEO of Scouts Canada- - You won't want to miss this exciting opportunity!!

## Who can Attend

Scouts Canada requires all attendees to pre-register and be pre-screened and must be registered to a Contingent and have a Medical form on them,

### Registration Requirements

- Active Scouters – Must be active in Myscouts or a BP Guild #1 or Active BSA Scouter
- All other Gilwellians – see attached Screening Policy Chart (approved by Scouts Canada)
- Early-bird fee is \$30 and must be registered with a contingent before June 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - After June 28<sup>th</sup> it is \$35
- **Must wear your beads**

### New Gilwellians only

- “Free” until June 28<sup>th</sup> and must be registered with a contingent
- After June 28<sup>th</sup> it is \$35
- **Must wear your beads**

### Scouters with Part 1

- Have the opportunity to work on modules going towards their Part 2.
- Cost for early-birds is \$30 and must be registered with a Contingent before June 28<sup>th</sup>
  - After June 28<sup>th</sup> it is \$35
- **Must wear your Part 1 woggle**

### Non-Active Gilwellians & Special Guest

- Please see attached Screening Policy
- Must be pre-registered with a Contingent
- Early-bird fee is \$30 when you register with a contingent before June 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - After June 28<sup>th</sup> it is \$35
- **Must wear your beads**

## Arrival Times

- All contingents arrive no earlier than Friday at 1 pm.

## Registration/Meet'n'Greet

- Will be in the Parking Lot and in the bottom of Ridley
- Bottom of Ridley is also where the Contingent Rep can pick up their souvenirs

## Contingent Trailers

- Only “working” contingent trailers will be allowed on the field prior to Friday at 1 pm.
- All contingent trailers will go to the parking lot, then get clearance to go to the Loop. **Do Not Leave Your Trailer In The Parking Lot!**
- Trailer will be left in the Loop and a member of the contingent **must** stay with the trailer until Ranger Paul moves it to your marquee spot. A Contingent member is responsible for hooking up/unhooking the trailer. **No Personal Vehicles Will Be Allowed on the Field.**
- On Sunday, contingent trailers will be taken from Whiskin to Blue Heron parking lot. Make sure a member of the contingent is available on Whiskin to hook it up, and in the parking lot to receive it.
- **See Control for “Exit” passes**

## Personal Trailers

- Gilwellians with medical issue can reserve a spot on Memory Lane by contacting Mike Attallah at [ml.attallah@outlook.com](mailto:ml.attallah@outlook.com) and there are also a few sites with hydro at a cost of \$30 each.
- “NO” personal trailers allowed on Goat Hill
- All other personal trailers go to Blue Heron and will be directed by Parking as to where to set up
- **Absolutely “NO cooking in any sleeping area”**

## **CAMPING, CAMPING, CAMPING**

- **"All other camping"** in EBOR PARK, Goat Hill & Blue Heron
- All cars must be parked in the Parking area in Blue Heron.
- **Absolutely "NO cooking in any sleeping areas"**

## **Bus Times**

- There will only be one bus this year. Please be patient as it does its rounds
- Run times are Friday from 1 pm to 11:45 pm, Saturday 7:30 am to 11:45 pm and Sunday from 7:30 am till 1 pm except for during Ceremonies

## **Chairs Challenge**

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## **Cook-off Challenge**

- This year's ingredients are *"Pork & Green Beans with Apple Crisp instead of squares"*
- The winning contingent gets trophy and bragging rights
- For rules contact Rick Camps at [pastchair@ontgilwell.scouters.ca](mailto:pastchair@ontgilwell.scouters.ca) or MJ Stevenson at [secretary@ontgilwell.scouters.ca](mailto:secretary@ontgilwell.scouters.ca)

## **Elections**

- Committee has "3" members leaving this year, so we are looking for Contingents Reps to come on board committee.
- We will be looking for 3 or more candidates, so if you are interested, please contact [elections@ontgilwell.scouters.ca](mailto:elections@ontgilwell.scouters.ca) for more info

## **\$\$\$\$ - Ontario Gilwell Reunion Treasurer \$\$\$\$\$**

- Yes, Committee is looking for a Treasurer
- If you are interested in the position or know someone who might be, please have them contact the [secretary@ontgilwell.scouters.ca](mailto:secretary@ontgilwell.scouters.ca) for a position job description and then submit their resume to the same email.
- Would like to be able to do interviews at reunion, so they can be appointed.

## **Saturday afternoon & Evening Activities:**

- Contingents are encouraged to put on some sort of Saturday afternoon and evening activity of their choice
- Inquiring minds need to know! Committee, needs to know what activity your Contingent is doing at the time of registration which is June 28<sup>th</sup>.
- We are offering "Facilitated Learning Session" for those Part 1 Scouters who are making an effort to earn their WB 2.
- If a Contingent wishes to put on a session they can contact Scouter Terry Fielder at [scouterterryfielder@yahoo.ca](mailto:scouterterryfielder@yahoo.ca) as he has prepared kits for these sessions.
- Back by popular demand will be the Connors Brothers Band at 10 pm in Keke

## **Gone Home on Memorial Lane**

- If your contingent needs name(s) added to a plaque, the deadline for doing this is July 1<sup>st</sup>
- Please contact Warren Jackman at [wjackman@xplornet.com](mailto:wjackman@xplornet.com)

## **Job Sign-up Area**

- Many hands make light work so that we can all enjoy Reunion. Please sign up to help out even if you are not part of a working Contingent.
- Prior to reunion, there will be a sign-up sheet done electronically through “Slottr” and sent to the working contingents, then will be sent to all other contingents to help fill any vacant slots.
- It will also be posted at the front of Ridley Lodge for anyone to sign-up to help out once they get to reunion.
- Don't be shy and help out a fellow Contingent/Gilwellian

## **Log'n'beads Info**

- As you are all aware that the Log'n'beads are a great memento that you can look back on and see what happened at Reunion each year.
- What is the Log'n'beads committee looking for as content?
- Well, here are some ideas to get you started.
  - You can share a story/memory of reunion,
  - birthdays/anniversaries,
  - honours & awards,
  - gone home members,
  - puzzles, games, riddles,
  - favourite camp recipes,
  - cartoons, songs, skits,
  - pictures from past reunions,
  - your contingents' activities for this year,
  - your New Gilwellians, or maybe an up coming event that might be of interest to some.
- You can send your submission from your contingent to [lognbeads@ontgilwell.scouter.ca](mailto:lognbeads@ontgilwell.scouter.ca) and if it's appropriate and is approved it might just make it into this year's Log'n'beads.

## **2024 Reunion Committee is:**

*Honorary Camp Chief* - Bob Prentice, Canal Connection

*Chair* – Shelley Sprague, North Waterloo

*Past Chair/Cook-off* – Rick Camps, Agincourt/Halton

*Secretary* – MJ Stevenson, Whitby

*Treasurer* – Looking for a volunteer

*Online Presence Manager/Resource Hub* – Katherine Attallah

*Accommodations & First Aid* – Marie Widdis, Mississauga

*Campfire, Program & Fire Prevention* – Rob Rick, OWASCO

*Control Ebor/Whiskin* – Barb Rosemalen, Blue Huron

*Elections, Sanitation & Scouts' Own* – Sara MacLean, QEOS

*Log 'N Beads* – Lloyd Clarke, Fruitbelt

*Registration/Meet & Greet* – Kim Connors, South Lake Simcoe

*Parking* – Abir Tadros, Whitby

*Social Events* – Shane Crozier, London

*BSSR Rep & Tours* – Mike Burke, BSSR Camp Comm.

Safe travels to everyone attending the 2024 Reunion.

MJ Stevenson

OGRC – Secretary



## Ontario Gilwell Reunion 2024 Screening Policy



	GILWELLIANS					NON GILWELLIANS
	Scouts Canada & B-P Guild Members Active in MyScouts	Non Scouts Canada Members (Including Pending in MyScouts)	Active BSA	Non Active BSA	B-P Guild Members Not in MyScouts	Canadian Vendors, Adult Helpers Other 3rd Parties
*Liability Insurance Coverage	Covered by Scouts Canada	Not Provided	Covered by Scouts Canada/BSA agreement	Not Provided	Not Provided	Not Provided
Over Night Stay	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No
** International Event Verification to ensure Member Good Standing or Submit a valid BSA Membership Card	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
Signed Hold Harmless	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Completed Medical Form	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
2 Scouter rule applies at all times Presence explained to Youth Present	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Signed Adult Code of Conduct	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
***Medical Insurance	See Below	See Below	See Below	See Below	See Below	See Below

Dated 2024-05-15

### \*Liability Insurance

Non-members and vendors are not covered for liability insurance.  
While having liability insurance is not a requirement, non-member attending Gilwell Reunion, may wish to purchase their own coverage.

### \*\*From the BSA Scouts Website :

"When Scouts or Scout Units travel internationally specifically to participate in a Scouting Event  
The Host of their event may require participants to verify their Membership  
and Good Standing in BSA (International Event Verification)  
This can be obtained from the BSA International Department "

### \*\*\* Medical Insurance

For Out of Country Attendees we strongly recommend Medical insurance that is valid in Canada  
For Out of Province Attendees we strongly recommend Out of Province Medical Insurance