



“The Two-Beader”
The Ontario Gilwell Reunion
Newsletter
May/June 2023



“Keeping you informed between Reunions”

Greetings Fellow Gilwellians

Since our last Reunion the Committee has been working diligently to get things rolling for the 2023 Reunion. You will notice in the information below that there have been some changes. Some have been by Committee, so that we might hopefully increase attendance numbers and some have come from Scouts Canada and we are doing our best to comply with them.

Hope to see as many of you as possible at the 70th Gilwell Reunion on September 8th to 10th. We will try and post up-dates on our website at www.ontgilwell.scouters.ca and our facebook page at www.facebook.com/groups/ontgilwell/

Safe Travels to Reunion 2023 and see you all there.
MJ Stevenson
OGRC- Sec.

Welcome Fellow Gwennlian’s

My name is Richard Camps for any of you that do not know me. I am honoured to be the Chair Person for the 2023 Gilwell Reunion. I would like to thank the rest of the Committee for all of their hard work over the past year. I have been in Scouting as a leader for 40 years in Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

It has been a couple of challenging years for our Gilwell Reunion during the Covid Pandemic. We will have some special programs for this year’s Reunion and hopefully they will help the Reunion to continue and bring our number back up. We will be welcoming Scouters with a Part 1 who are working towards their Part 2. We will be offering educational sessions that work towards accomplishing their Part 2’s. The hope is that by the following year they have received their beads and necker to attend as a full Gilwellian.

This year, as with all events, we follow the Scouts Canada’s Events Standard Policy and the requirements to attend can be found in the Registration package under the Screening Policy Chart.

I hope all of you have a great 2023 Gilwell Reunion.

Yours in Scouting
Rick Camps
Chair Person for the 2023 Gilwell Reunion Committee

2023 Theme is “Gilwell Academy”

Honourary Camp Chief – John Edwards (Mayor of Blue Springs Camp)

Guest Speaker – Katherine Attallah & Harl3y

Who can attend:

Registration Requirements

- Active Scouters – Must be active in Myscouts or BP Guild #1 & BSA
- Non-Active Scouters – All other Gilwellians
- See attached Screening Policy Chart (Mandated by Scouts Canada via Jane Johnston)
- Early-bird fee is \$25 when you register with a contingent before July 7th
 - o After July 7th it is \$30
- Walk-ins welcome, but the best way to guarantee souvenirs is to register with a contingent
- **Must wear your beads**

New Gilwellians only

- See attached Screening Policy Chart
- "Free" till July 7th when you register with a contingent
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New this year: Scouters with Part 1

- Have the opportunity to work on modules going towards their Part 2.
- See attached Screening Policy Chart
- Cost for early-birds is \$25 when registering with a Contingent before July 7th
 - o After July 7th it is \$30
- Walk-ins welcome, but the best way to guarantee souvenirs is to register with a contingent
- **Must wear your Part 1 woggle**

Walk-ins are those Gilwellians who show up on the Friday or Saturday at Reunion and are wearing their beads.

Along with the Screening Policy chart the extra forms needed are the Hold Harmless, Medical forms and Code of Conduct, which are all attached

Registration Process is:

- The initial registration is done through your contingent by July 7th
- When arriving at camp all registration and verification will be done at Registration tent in the Parking lot in Blue Heron.
- The above-mentioned forms can either be emailed to gilwellscreening@gmail.com or have a copy for the registration tent upon arrival at camp.
- Registration times for participants in Blue Heron Parking lot are Friday 1 pm till 9 pm and Saturday for 8 am till 7:00 pm)
- To pick up souvenirs (as soon as possible) in the bottom of Ridley, times are Friday 1 pm to 5 pm and 7 pm to 9 pm, then on Saturday 8 am to 9:30 am, 11 am to 2:30 pm and then 4 pm to 4:30 pm if needed

Arrival Times at Reunion:

- No one is allowed on site till they have been screened by Scouts Canada
- For "working" Contingents only, you need an early-bird pass starting at Thursday at 5 pm till Friday at 1 pm -
- **All other contingents are to arrive no earlier than Friday at 1 pm.**

Contingent Trailers:

- Only "working" contingent trailers will be allowed on the field prior to Friday at 1 pm.
- All contingent trailers will go to 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 in Whiskin to hook it up, and in the parking lot to receive it.

Camping:

- Gilwellians who need electricity for medical reasons can reserve a spot-on Memory Lane for a reasonably sized trailer and or tent by contacting Mike Attallah at ml.attallah@outlook.com and the cost is \$25.
- All other personal trailers go to Blue Heron and will be directed by Parking as to where to set up.
- Personal camping tents will be in Blue Heron, Ebor & Goat Hill
- All marquee's will be on Whiskin Field

Bus Times

- There will only be one bus this year. Please be patient as it does it's 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.

Chair's Challenge:

This year's Chair's Challenge will be the best presentation or activity on this year's theme "Gilwell Academy" done by a contingent.

Congratulations to Oshawa Contingent who were the winners of the 2022 Chair's Challenge and they will get premium parking at Reunion this year.

Cook-Off Challenge:

- This year's "*ingredients are beef, okra and BBQ sauce.*"
- The winning contingent gets a trophy and bragging rights
- They get to pick the ingredients for 2024. (subject to Committee Executive approval)
- If your contingent would like to enter the "Cook-off Challenge" you can request a copy of the rules by contacting either Marie at socialevents@ontgilwell.scouters.ca or MJ at secretary@ontgilwell.scouters.ca

Elections:

- Committee has 4 members leaving this year, so we are looking for Contingents Reps to come on board Committee.
- We will be looking for 4 or more candidates, so if you are interested, please contact Sara at elections@ontgilwell.scouters.ca for more info

Saturday afternoon and evening activities:

- When you fill out the registration, please let the Reunion Committee know what your activity is so that we can fill out the Emergency Response Plan as per Scouts Canada Policy.
- The following is optional for contingents to do or you can do your own thing:
- *We look forward to an exciting and fun filled Reunion in September! To that end, contingents are welcome to participate in a new program of mentorship. In past years Gilwellians had to achieve their Part 2 before going to the Gilwell Reunion. A new initiative this year welcomes Scouters with their Part 1 and who are working towards achieving their Part 2 to come to Reunion to expand their knowledge and abilities.*
- *Should your contingent wish to work on a Scouter Development card, please contact Terry at scouterterryfielder@yahoo.ca to see what he has available and for more information.*

Job Sign-up Area:

- Every year at Reunion some of the working Contingents are looking for help to do their jobs, because they might be a smaller Contingent.
- If you are not part of a working Contingent, you can still have to opportunity to help out.
- This year we will have a sign-up chart with the jobs that require help and the times that are available.
- Prior to Reunion, there will be a sign-up sheet sent electronically to the working contingents.
- Once this is done what is left will be posted to the rest of the contingents to help out it needed.
- 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
- Please remember, that many hands make light work so that we can all enjoy Reunion.

Gone Home Plaques on Memorial Lane

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

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.
 - o 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.scouters.ca and if it's appropriate and is approved it might just make it into this year's Log'n'beads.