



1st Blackburn Scout Troop

CJ'17 Information and Commitment Deposit Form



Dear Parents and Guardians:

This letter, including financial commitments and time lines for 1st Blackburn's participation in CJ'17, is a follow-up from our parent meeting on Monday, February 29. We have provided below as much information as possible. However, some questions we are not able to answer at the moment (e.g., how much will food cost?) because the information is not yet available. Other details, such as how many patrol units will register for the event, is contingent on how many Scouts and Scouters will be attending. Consequently, we ask that you please read the details listed on both pages of this letter and discuss with your family. If your Scout is committed to attend CJ'17, please fill out and detach the form below, and submit to a Scouter by Monday, April 4, along with \$50 in cash or cheque (payable to *1st Blackburn Scout Group*).

- WHAT: Canadian Scout Jamboree 2017 (CJ'17)
- WHEN: July 8 –15, 2017
- WHERE: Camp Nedooae in Nova Scotia (outside Halifax; coordinates 45.002676, -63.233952.)
- WHO: Canadian youth who will be registered in myscouts.ca by July 1, 2017, as a "Scout."
- WHY: It will be one fun-filled week of adventure, challenge and friendship with youth from across Canada and around the world!

COSTS:

- Early bird registration before June 30, 2016: **\$525** (includes program activities, campsite costs, a CJ'17 necker and crest).
- Food: **\$200** approximately.
- Transportation: **\$600** approximately. This is our biggest variable (options are bus, train, rented van).
- Miscellaneous: Overall estimate could be higher depending on extra events offered, souvenirs, etc.
- Comparison: **\$1600** (approximate cost of either ScotiaJam 2015 in Nova Scotia or CJ'13 in Alberta).

PLEASE SEE OVER FOR MORE INFORMATION



Kindly cut along lines and return form with \$50/participant to one of the Scouters by April 4, 2016.

Name of Scout(s): _____

Date(s) of Birth: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email (to receive CJ'17 communications): _____

Signature: _____

FINANCIAL DEADLINES:

APRIL 4, 2016	\$50	Commitment deposit.
JUNE 24, 2016	\$300	Required to register for early bird deadline of June 30, but we require the money by June 24 so we have time to process and submit forms.
DECEMBER 16, 2016	\$175	Final balance of registration.

PATROL UNITS AND PROGRAMS:

- Scouts are organized into patrol units with ratios of either 5-8 Scouts/2 Scouters or 8 Scouts/3 Scouters.
- If more than one patrol unit from 1st Blackburn is registering, we will ask to "Camp Together With" or be adjacent to our other units. Please note, as indicated on the CJ'17 website: "Your unit and the unit you are camping with will not have common program activity schedules."
- Each patrol unit selects the program activities of interest to them, and then participates in the activities together as a patrol unit. Each patrol unit has the option to plan for 15-30 hours of program time for the week.
- There will be five main program types: Land-Based Activities, Water Programs, STEM Activities, Off-Site Programs, and Unscheduled Adventures. The program details are not yet posted. Keep an eye on scouts.ca/cj17 for information to be posted soon.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- There is the potential, depending on availability and interest, to extend the trip on either end (before July 8 or after July 15).
- Camp Nedooae is 265 acres of forest, water, lake swimming and hiking trails, which is owned and operated by Scouts Canada. Parents should be aware that at previous Scout Jamboree events, access to the official site was restricted to CJ-registered Scouts and Scouters only.
- Fundraising events will be held throughout the year, and profits will be distributed amongst participating Scouts and Scouters. Fundraising will not be mandatory.
- Should a Scout or Scouter withdraw participation for any reason, all associated fundraising monies will remain with the 1st Blackburn CJ'17 contingent and will be distributed amongst those members.
- Refund Policy: CJ'17 will issue full refunds for participant cancelations until January 1, 2017. After this date, each participant withdrawing will be charged a \$50 cancelation fee.

NEXT MEETING (APRIL 7 at 6:30 p.m.):

We will know definite numbers of Scouts wanting to participate in CJ'17 once we have the forms and \$50 by April 4. This will allow us to determine how many patrol units and Scouters will be necessary to meet registration ratios. We will meet again on **Thursday, April 7, at 6:30 p.m.**, with the meeting location still to be determined. Stay tuned! At this meeting, we can discuss as a group such topics as fundraising and methods of transportation to Nova Scotia.

This introductory letter hopefully provides the information you need to make your decision. We will continuously update our own website at www.blackburnscouting.com/cj so add this address to your bookmarks! Should you have any questions, please email cj@blackburnscouting.com.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, April 7, at 6:30 p.m. We will contact you with the exact location by Wednesday.

Yours in Scouting,

The 1st Blackburn CJ'17 Leadership Team