We have gone electronic. (but I will make it in this format, to facilitate printing and placing on your fridge!) There is always an electronic version (of this) waiting for you online, if you need to look something up again.

Go to **www.1stBinbrook.org** and into the "Parents & Memos" section. Or use the link: **www.1stBinbrook.org/parents** to go directly there.

Login: binbrook

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** Dates to Remember - 2011 01 18 - Beyond normal meetings **

January 29th (Saturday)

10am-4pm - at Binbrook Conservation Area, right here in our own backyard.

A day trip to the park, to build shelters, have lunch, prep our campsite, and figure out some of the best places to set up. If time allows, some tobogganing.

We'll have a ball, and if we happen to get a bit wet in the snow doing that, at 4pm we go home and dry out. (no big deal)

If weather (snow) allows, we'll build snow shelters, called "Quinzhees".

February 4-6 (weekend camp)

6pm Friday until 1pm Sunday - at Binbrook Conservation Area, right here in our own backyard. Winter Camping! :-)

Snowshoes, food, hiking, cooking, camping, tobogganing, firelighting, patrol competition against some of the other groups coming.

And a few surprise challenges. (there is even a trophy!)

Plus the option for ice fishing as well! (and we'll do some more sledding at the end)

We're working towards this, making sure everyone knows how to do it, and can gather up the right gear. (nothing really special needed, creative solutions abound)

For parents: we're close to home, have a heated building if we need it, plus the park main office. It's a great site to camp, and should work well. Details and kit list provided/included/on the web.

February 21st, 2011 – (Monday)

1st Binbrook Potluck Family Scout Banquet

6-8pm

Bring the family, bring some food.

Scouts will provide the entertainment!

(please RSVP so we know how many places to set)

February 23rd, 2011 – (Wednesday)

6:00pm-10:00pm

Evening trip to Waterford Sports Club, for a well supervised evening on the rifle range.

Cost: \$8 (subsidized by us, down to \$5 each)

Need a couple of parents to assist with carpooling please.

February 19/20 or 26/27 - Daytime Weekend

Working on getting some of us into an official St. John's First Aid and CPR course.

The real deal, the kind of thing you can put on your resume. Limited spots, and very reasonably priced. Will email again, as soon as the date is firm.

February 27th, 2011 – (Sunday Morning) *Tentative*

Scout - Guide Church Parade

A family friendly faith service, to honour and nourish our spiritual side.

Hold the date, details to follow.

March 5th, 2011 – (Saturday)

9am-3pm (plus travel time to Welland)

Big Rig Run races for Scout Trucks in the Region.

Scouts have decided to build and race these trucks again this year, so this is Race Day. ©

April 23rd, 2011 - (Wednesday)

6:00pm-10:00pm

Evening trip to Waterford Sports Club, for a second evening on the rifle range.

Cost: \$8 (subsidized by us, down to \$5 each)

Need a couple of parents to assist with carpooling again please.

July 30th-August 6th, 2011

Haliburton Scout Reserve - Our Week of Adventure Experiences 2011

July 2013 - Canadian Jamboree (CJ) 2013 - Red Deer Alberta

(never too early to mention it!)

Other things the Scouts want to work in?

- -trip to Blue Mountain
- -lan party
- -more site improvements at BinDunn2 Encampment (Caistor Centre, where we went in the fall)
- -more hikes (their PLs should be working on this)
- -fishing
- -and we've been offered a tour of Police HQ and the Hamilton Airport, just have to decide.