

BOY SCOUTS OF CANADA  
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CANADIAN B. P. GUILDS

NEWS LETTER # 1.

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The first Canadian B.P. Scout Guild was organized in British Columbia in 1960. By 1974 five guilds had come into being and after receiving official recognition by the Provincial Council for British Columbia and Yukon of the Boy Scouts of Canada developed a B.C. Council of B.P. Guilds; this council to act as a co-ordinating body for the guilds. Each guild is also a member of the Central Branch of the International Fellowship of former Scouts and Guides ( IFOFSAG). Before Canada can apply for full membership in IFOFSAG guilds had to be developed in other provinces, each province with its council followed by the organization of a National Council. Now that there are guilds in other provinces it has been decided to form an organizing executive of a national council. Once Provincial Councils have been appointed members of a National Council, officers of the National Council will be duly elected. In the interim it has been decided that a news letter will be developed to establish a means of communication between guild members in Canada and a method by which they can express themselves. The success of the news letter will depend to a great extent on the contributions received.

Guilds presently operating are as follows:

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| 1st Canadian .... Vancouver, B.C.      | 5th Canadian .... Vernon, B.C.           |
| 2nd Canadian ... Victoria, B.C.        | 6th Canadian .... 1st Ontario , Toronto. |
| 3rd Canadian ... Cowichan Valley, B.C. | 7th Canadian .... 2nd Ontario, Windsor.  |
| 4th Canadian ... Vancouver, B.C.       | 8th Canadian .... Calgary, Alta.         |

Guilds in the formation stage:

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| Burnaby, B.C.       | Saint Johns, Nfld. | Edmonton, Alta  |
| Niagara Falls, Ont. | Regina, Sask.      | Kamloops, B.C.  |
| Winnipeg, Man.      | Moncton, N.B.      | Cranbrook, B.C. |

When we have guilds in Saskatchewan, Quebec and the Atlantic provinces we will be truly national.

Fee Structure:

Each guild establishes its own fee structure based on its individual, non profit, needs, taking into consideration monies required to operate provincial and national councils and membership in the IFOFSAG.

The council in B.C. is of recent formation and had not established a fee but rather an assessment as required and used as a basis to establish a fee. Each Provincial Council might decide to operate similarly for a year or so. A fee for the National Council has not been established but an assessment will be made from each Provincial Council to defray expenses of news letters and help us become established. Registrations in IFOFSAG are paid in U.S. dollars and, for a group of 4 or more, are, for the first year of registration \$3.00 each member , re-registration \$2.00 each member. We have been asked to submit these fees through one central office in Canada. Fees for both national and International registrations should be sent to Mr. S. Archbold, Shorewood Drive, R.R. R.R. #1, Parksville, B.C. V0R 2S0 , along with a membership list, in triplicate.

P.T.O.

The IFOFSAG is holding the 12th General Assembly and Seminar in Montreaux, Switzerland, July 25 - 30, 1977. The theme is "The Quality of Life". Friday there is an excursion of Lake Geneva and on Saturday the first 200 applicants can attend the "Fete des Vignerons". Arrangements can be made for a "Swiss Tour" July 30 to August 2. Registrations before Feb. 28th should be made to the Secretariat of the General Assembly IFOFSAG, Postal Box 31, CH - 1820 Montreaux 2, Switzerland, mentioning you are a member of the Central Branch.

While few of us will have the opportunity to go to Switzerland possibly some guild members might be able to go to C.J.'77, July 2 -11, 1977 at Cabot Park, P.E.I. We may not be able to take part officially in the program but any guild members present should be able to spread the word of the guilds in an effort to establish more groups. When you consider the number of trained scouters in Canada who have become adults and the number of unused hours of Scouting available, you will realize the wealth of Scouting knowledge available for tapping.

The foundation of guilds is not only for social reasons but for assisting scouting in whatever ways possible without interfering with the responsibilities of headquarters, parent groups, etc. There are many service projects which can be undertaken by this huge alumni of Scouting. Most B.P. Guilds accept as members both men and women, husbands and wives. The Calgary Guild has elected couples to its executive, a new and novel way to include husband and wife.

The Girl Guide organization has a similar alumni in the Trefoil Guild. These guilds are also being organized across Canada. Once national councils have been established in both the B.P. and Trefoil Guilds a joint executive will become responsible for the co-operation with IFOFSAG when Canada becomes a member country.

The organizing executive of the National Council of Canadian B.P. Guilds is:

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