

Scouting Waterloo Region

Annual Report 2023



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Annual report for the year ending August 31, 2023

Scouting Waterloo Region held its first Troop Summer Camp since prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. The camp was at Kelso Conservation Area on the Niagara Escarpment (see cover photo). Every day we went canoeing and mountain biking on their large trail network. We visited the high ropes course, climbing tower, and archery range. We cooked pizzas in reflector ovens and had campfires and wide games. 12 youth and 3 adults participated.

We returned to long-distance cycling with a Troop weekend camp and ride from Laurel Creek Conservation Area to Pinehurst Lake Conservation Area, a ride of 50 km.

New initiatives this year included a Troop cross-country ski day with the Waterloo Region Nordic Sports Club and an all-section water polo evening in collaboration with the KW Kraken Water Polo Club.

Regular meetings for the Troop section were generally at Laurel Creek Conservation Area every two weeks on Sunday afternoons for four hours. Activities included canoeing, hiking, Klondike Derby, sledding, snowshoeing, first aid, learning how to change car tires, campfires, and biking on local trails and at The Hydrocut mountain biking area. The Troop had five weekend camps plus the summer camp.

Regular meetings for the Bevy and Pack were also every two weeks on Sunday afternoons for 1.5 hours. Activities included canoeing, hiking, map reading, sledding, snowshoeing, making jelly from fruit they picked, biking on local trails, and campfires. There was a winter day camp and an overnight spring camp.

The association is funded mostly by membership fees. A large donation allowed the purchase of a solid supply of paddles and PFDs to enable our canoeing program.

There has been more membership churn than usual. In 2021/22, many new members joined seeking entirely-outdoor activities. Due to a decline in concern about the COVID safety of indoor activities, many of these left Scouting to return to their previous activities in 2022/23.

Membership by section

Bevy (ages 5–7)	15
Pack (ages 8–10)	11
Troop (ages 11+)	24
Total young people	50
Scouters	6
Total	56

The Introduction to Scouting training program was offered twice; a total of six people completed it. Five people completed the first half of a Wood Badge Part I course.

Members of the Board of Directors: Liam Morland, James (Jim) Graham (resigned), Kristin Howard, Asvin Parsad.

Charitable registration number:
799696802 RR 0001

☉ **Gone Home**

We mourn the loss of long-time volunteer
Scouter Sabine Wootten, 1951–2022

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Financial statements for the year ending August 31, 2023

Cash basis

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Assets

Current assets

Troop bank balance \$3,280.08

Bevy/Pack bank balance \$3,499.48

Total assets \$6,779.56

Liabilities \$0.00

Equity

Equity, start of year \$7,954.27

Surplus (deficit) **-\$1,174.71**

Equity, end of year \$6,779.56

Total liabilities and equity \$6,779.56

Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

Revenue

Membership and event fees \$11,357.15

Donations \$4,115.95

Sale of goods and services \$410.22

Interest \$4.35

Total revenue \$15,887.67

Expenditures

Charitable activities \$16,436.38

Management and administration \$626.00

Total expenditures \$17,062.38

Surplus (deficit) **-\$1,174.71**



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To the members of Scouting Waterloo Region,

I have reviewed the financial statements of Scouting Waterloo Region (registered charity number 799696802 RR 0001) for the year ending August 31, 2023. In my opinion, the statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Scouting Waterloo Region on August 31, 2023 and its financial operations for the year then ended.

Respectful Salutations,



Jean Guillaume Forand