



# Voyageur Council

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## Area Support Manager Report

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#### Winter Registration Fee

Groups should ensure that their fees are updated in [myscouts.ca](http://myscouts.ca) to reflect the \$95 Winter Discount. Parents can only register online after February 1st to get the reduced rate. Please make sure you close your batches and send registration packages in every 30 days.

#### Recruitment Postcards

National has produced new bilingual postcard invitations for all sections including “Bring a Parent”. These are available from your ASM for immediate use or you can order them for your spring shipment in your Recruitment Tool Kit.

#### Fundraising with Popcorn

Most flavours are still available for purchase and fundraisers from the Council office.

#### Scouting is “In-Tents”

The trial in Dec was considered a success and will be repeated February 14-15 in conjunction with the start of Scout-Guide Week (Feb 14 to 22<sup>nd</sup>).

Winner of the \$50 Scout Shop gift certificate in December was 4<sup>th</sup> Kanata, Congrats! Three new prizes of \$50 Scout Shop gift certificates will be available for February 14-15 event. “In-tents” lawn signs will be available for every group in the council soon.

More info here: <http://voy.scouts.ca/ca/event/scoutguide-week-2015-kick>

#### Start thinking Spring

- ✓ How will you promote/recruit for spring registration?
- ✓ Will you be adding a bilingual section?
- ✓ Are you succession planning for talented volunteers?
- ✓ Will you be using on-line registration?
- ✓ Have you begun your Program Quality review for the PQ Award?
- ✓ Have you submitted your Bring a Friend Tracking sheet to receive the crests/pins/flashlights?

#### Milestone Program

As many of you have probably realized by now, there was an email distribution error on the Spring Shipments email that went out on Friday, January 23rd. We are currently working on a fix and a new email will go out shortly. Please disregard the first email.

#### Recruitment Toolkits

Group Commissioners will have from January 23<sup>rd</sup> to February 13<sup>th</sup> to customize their recruitment tool kits. Instructions will go out with MRP communications. Ordering should be done for all Group level activities for this spring, fall 2015 and Winter 2016.

#### Group Shipments

Most of the items which were included in last year’s spring shipment will remain for 2015. The goal is to provide everything a Group needs for spring in one box. This year the boxes will contain: MRP gifts, NSWK’s, Recruitment Toolkits, and Scout Popcorn information.