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Voyageur Council Area Support Managers Report April/May 2013

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Phase 2 of Updated Screening and Training Requirements starting in Fall 2013: Group Commissioners – please note that a few more requirements with respect to Screening and Training will come into effect September 1st 2013 (as per the Screening Chart that was released in Spring 2012 – see attached):

- Scouters Returning in their Section must have a full WB1 in that Section or they will not be allowed to register and/or participate in the delivery of program for the 2013-14 Scouting year until they have done the training.
- New Scouters require the following to be able to work “on the floor” with the youth:
 - A clean VSS and PRC.
 - An Interview and 3 reference checks done by 2 fully Active and Registered Scouters – one of whom has Interview Training.
 - An Application for Adult Membership.
 - Initial training items – CYS training, Accessibility Training and WB1-Module 1.
 - Council Approval (through the Council Registrar)
- Once a new Scouter has completed these steps they can start their role running program for the youth. The difference starting September 1st, 2013 is that they will NOT count towards ratio until they have completed their Full WB1 in their Section. They can be on the floor and participate wearing the uniform but are not considered towards ratio until they have completed all of the training for their role. This is the same for returning Scouters moving from one Section to a new one. They will not count towards ratio until they have completed their full WB1.

Interim Process to deal with PRC's with Withdrawn Charges: The Council has received a number of PRC's this year that are showing charges that were “withdrawn” even in cases where previous PRC's were “clean”. At the moment a National Policy on dealing with these withdrawn “hits” has not been developed. The Council Commissioner has created an Interim Procedure on how to deal with PRC's with “withdrawn” charges. Please see the attached outline.

Spring Advertising 2013: The Council will be running ads in various EMC/Metro newspapers in early May to promote Spring Registration. We are focusing on the rural Areas of the Council as feedback has shown us that these ads are more effective in these communities, and generally not effective within the city limits. Keep your eyes peeled for our spring ads!

School Flyer Campaign 2013: To save money (and tree's!) this year we will be requesting that Groups let us know which schools they would like flyers distributed to and whether or not the Group would like to hand deliver the flyers (preferable) or have the Council mail them. Your ASM/AC will be sending you a spreadsheet listing all of the schools in your Area and instructions on how to indicate which school you would like packages created for.

Myscouts Webinars: The National Office myscouts staff are going to be conducting two online webinars for White Pine, Voyageur, and Northern Ontario Councils. The dates will be May 7th and May 14th, 2013. The webinar is geared towards new Group Commissioners/Registrars or anyone who would like a refresher on the “basics” of myscouts. It will demonstrate how to register a youth participant and how to register an adult volunteer. Participants can sign-up for the webinar through on-line registration form at this link: <http://www.scouts.ca/myscouts/nvwform.html>

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