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Voyageur Council Area Support Managers Report March/April 2013

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Spring Registration Starting Soon ! The fee for the 2013-14 Scouting year has been set (\$155 for Spring Registration (Until June 30th) and \$165 for Fall Registration, \$0 for Volunteers).

A few items that Groups should note coming into the Spring Registration period:

- 2013-14 Registration Package will be available on the Voyageur Website in early April (target date April 4th). Groups will NOT be sent individual packages with pre-populated forms this year.
- The option to print pre-populated forms will exist through the myscouts system shortly – but can only be printed section by section. Therefore, Groups are encouraged to use this feature to print their own pre-populated forms at the Group level. We will let Groups know when this feature is available.
- It is now up to the individual Area's whether or not they would like to conduct an Area level review of Bulk Registration package submissions before they go to the office (i.e., it is no longer mandatory). That said – there are many benefits to having the Registration packages cleared by a member of the Area team prior to leaving the Groups hands and going into the office. Please discuss this with your Area Commissioner as Area's are encouraged to continue with this practise.
- The downloadable Registration package will include a "Do's and Don'ts" document to assist Registrars and point out common mistakes that have been observed in the process in the past.
- Groups are encouraged to clean-up the data and Pending members that they still have outstanding in the myscouts system so that we are starting with a fresh slate for the Spring. If your Group needs assistance or is not sure what they still have outstanding then please contact your Area Commissioner or ASM.

Recruitment Tool Kits (RTK's) now in the hands of the Groups! All Groups should have received their RTK's through the mail recently. These kits include Bring-A-Friend materials, promo materials, give-aways and pads of registration forms. They also contain the Milestone Recognition gifts for your Active Scouters and a number of New Scouter Welcome Kits. If your Group has not received their kit by now please contact your ASM. Please note that we have secured some additional resources (RTK's and NSWK's) that Groups may request should they run out of what they have. And a reminder that all Areas have an Area Recruitment Kit with additional resources for Groups to borrow. Again – contact your ASM to obtain these items.

Growth Page Updated: The Growth page and [Statistics](#) page on the Voyageur website has been out of date now since the launch of myscouts. Now that we have reporting functions back we can start to report Growth again – take a look to see where your Area stands in terms of Growth for this year and Groups that have achieved 100% or more already!

Ottawa International Children's Festival: We will have a presence at the upcoming Ottawa International Children's Festival from May 28th until June 2nd at Lebreton Flats in Ottawa. We will be promoting our summer programming as well as our core programs. Please share this information widely – approximately 5000 families are expected at this year's event. For details visit: <http://ottawachildrensfestival.ca/>

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