

Scouts Canada Registration for 2026

Hello everyone

- Below is preliminary information on registration for the 2026 Scouting year.
- Note, the name of the group you will be registering is '**Hog's Back Scouting Group**'
- Scouts Canada registration runs on a CALENDAR year (Jan 1 – Dec 31). If your child is currently in Beavers, Cubs, Scouts or Venturers this year, their registration is good until December 31. If your child wants to continue in Scouting as of January 1 2026, early (Returning members) registration for 2026 Scouting year will open August 5 and run until September 3. After that, there is a blackout window for registering in Ontario, until September 8 when general registration for new and returning members opens again. To be clear, registering in the August 're-registration window' is for the calendar year 2026.
- **CURRENT MEMBERS** (those who are currently registered in Scouting this year)
 - Registration for the 2026 Scouting year (Jan 1 2026-Dec 31 2026) opens on **AUGUST 5**
 - To **ensure** a spot for 2026, this early re-registration period runs from **August 5 – September 3**. (NOTE: someone who is NOT currently registered **cannot** register in that window)
 - Registering in the re-registration window covers the period from Jan 1 – Dec 31 2026
 - Registration fee is EXPECTED to be \$300.00 (fee will be finalized in June)
 - Scouts Canada does offer financial assistance for registration if required (No one left behind). Application for NOLB needs to be done at registration time and will be on the registration from online
 - **Why re-register in August for 2026?**
 - Both Beaver colonies filled this year. Youth currently registered have a space in Scouting this fall
 - Cubs are at capacity and there is a wait list. Youth already registered have a space in Scouting this fall.
 - If you don't re-register in the re-registration period, **your child could potentially be bumped by a new member once registration for new members opens September 8. Your child could lose their spot for 2026 if they are not re-registered in the August window.**
- **NEW or NON-REGISTERED MEMBERS** (ie Siblings or friends of your currently registered Beaver or Cub, or Scout)
 - If a child was previously registered in a Scouts Canada program but was NOT registered for 2025, they fall into this category
 - If a child is NEW to Scouting, they fall into this category
 - Registration for NEW or NON-REGISTERED opens on **September 8**
 - Registration is on a first-come/first-serve basis (which really only matters if a section fills up – but both our Beaver colonies and our Cub pack filled up in 2025)
 - If a section does fill up, the youth goes onto a wait-list
 - Registration is EXPECTED to be \$300.00 (fee will be finalized in June)
 - Registering after September 8 2025 **may allow your child to participate in programs in the September – December period if there is space in the section in the fall.** (We do try to accommodate new members for the fall period) Otherwise registration starts January 1 2026. Registration is valid until December 31 2026. This is an 'early registration' incentive for new members.

If a section fills up, you will be waitlisted. Should there be an opening, the registration system will send you an email giving you 48 hours to complete registration.

A note about Beavers

- We have 2 Beaver colonies. Colony A meets at St Ritas School on Tuesday evenings. That will continue in the fall
- Colony B which currently meets at Fisher Heights Community Centre on Tuesdays, will meet at a different location in September, and possibly a different day of the week (not sure of the location and night right now – we are investigating new spaces and will have that sorted by August)
- Once details for Colony B are finalized, we will update those parents who have children in Beavers
- We will have details for both colonies finalized before registration opens in August

A note about Cubs

- Our Cub numbers have grown to the point where we cannot accommodate all youth in a single Pack
- Thus we plan to open a 2nd Cub pack in the fall
- We expect the 2nd Pack will run at St Ritas on Thursday evenings
- Once details are finalized we will update parents who have a child in Cubs

Scouts and Venturers will continue to run on Mondays.

	<h2>Timeline for Registration</h2> <p>Youth registration is now clearer, quicker, and easier to navigate.</p>			
RETURNING YOUTH	NEW YOUTH REGISTRATIONS New and returning youth can register for Scouts Canada programs by region.			REGISTRATION OPEN TO ALL YOUTH
AUGUST 5–SEPTEMBER 3	SEPTEMBER 4–7	SEPTEMBER 8–11	SEPTEMBER 12–ONWARDS	
ALL REGIONS Best time to secure your spot in your favorite Group.	Alberta British Columbia Saskatchewan Manitoba Northwest Territories Yukon Nunavut	Ontario	Quebec New Brunswick Nova Scotia Newfoundland & Labrador Prince Edward Island	ALL REGIONS

If you re-register your child for 2026,, and they then have a change of heart in the fall and do not wish to return in 2026, Scouts Canada will allow refunds on fall 2026 registration until January 31 2026.

In order to register, you can go into your MyScouts account and you should be able to re-register from there. Alternatively, go to www.scouts.ca and find the JOIN button near the top-level

Put in your postal code, search for the **HOG's BACK SCOUTING GROUP**, select the section you are registering your child for.

When registering your child, **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE REGISTERING YOUR CHILD AS A PARTICIPANT.**

Scouts Canada does offer subsidy, there will be a box to check off during registration (No One Left Behind).

We are always looking for new adult volunteers.

- We **especially need more leaders in Beavers Colony B.** We are currently running at the minimum number of leaders. Please consider joining us as a Scouter!
- To ensure we keep our Cub Packs running, we would also like to have more Scouters.
- Beavers Colony-A, Scouts, and Venturers are also MORE than happy to have more adult volunteers as well.
- If you want to be involved but not as a section Scouter, we also need more adults on our Group Committee for help with activities such as fundraising.

If you are interested please contact Scouter Lauren schaffhauserlauren@gmail.com (Beavers-B), Sue Robertson sue.robertson29@gmail.com (Beavers-A), Scott Atchison atchisons@hotmail.com (Cubs) , James Terris james_terris@yahoo.ca (Scouts), Thomas Poulin thomas_poulin@outlook.com (Venturers) or myself Henry Starzynski henry.starzynski@sympatico.ca, and we will direct you to the folks in our group that can get you going.

If your child decides not to return in September, please let us know. In addition, please send an email to the Scouts Canada Helpdesk helpcentre@scouts.ca to let them know your child will not be returning in September. It will open up a space for another youth – otherwise, we assume your child is returning and we have to hold that space. Finally, we would love to have their necker back so we can recycle to a new youth member.

If you have any questions, please send me an email henry.starzynski@sympatico.ca

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