UNIT LEADER INFORMATION

MISSING YOUTH

Introduction

The Scout Brigade of Fort George offers a unique opportunity for the youth and adults in Scouting to enjoy a fun and relaxed weekend early in the Scouting Year. A great amount of independence is granted to the youth while on the event field, in the Town of Niagara on the Lake and at Fort George.

However, occasionally a youth will 'go missing' from their leader's care, and a clear understanding of the roles and communications is expected of the adult leaders and volunteers to enable the fastest recovery of the lost youth and ensure all interested parties are kept informed when needed.

The Policy

The primary responsibility for the youth attendees of the Scout Brigade of Fort George resides with the Unit/ Group leaders who bring the youth and are responsible to ensure their safe return to their families at the end of the event weekend.

Roles

The Unit/ Group

- Set clear expectations with the youth;
  - other than planned activities (marches to the Fort, the parade and pillaging of town) the youth are **not** to leave the event grounds
  - free time at the Fort and in the Town have a firm end, and the youth must return to the Unit at the specified time
- On noticing a youth is missing, perform initial scans of the area and check with the other Unit/ Group/ Patrol youth
- Inform the Regimental HQ of the lost youth, and update them if the youth is found
- If the loss is noticed while at Fort George, notify one of the Fort staff

Regiment HQ

- Coordination of Event Security staff to assist in any search of the event grounds, as required
- Inform the Brigade HQ of the lost youth, and update them if the youth is found

Brigade HQ

- Coordination with the Town of Niagara on the Lake Police forces, as required
- Enlisting additional resources for local searches of the event grounds, as required

In Closing

The responsibility for the safety and security of the youth is the responsibility of us all. However, the front line responsibility remains with the leaders who bring them to the event and will return them back to their families.