

## **Media Release**

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The Western Training Committee – Scouts Canada with Northern Lights Council and Chinook Council is offering its annual FTE (Family Training Event) at Camp Woods, located west of Sylvan Lake AB, August 11 to 17. This event is for new and experienced Scouters and their families to take part in Scouter development sessions centered around improving the program that they can offer to their groups. There will be opportunities for mentorship in preparation for earning their Wood Badge One and/or Two. This offers Scouters a chance to share their knowledge and to network with other groups in Alberta.

### **About FTE**

Indaba sessions have been part of Scouting since the 1950s and Scouters from all over the world participate in these events. Baden Powell introduced the event as a way to exchange ideas about scouting, to make it better and grow the movement. With the same vision, the two Councils created this annual event, dubbed FTE, to share resources and support their volunteer members in providing high-quality workshop that enables Scouters to improve their knowledge and skill set to offer amazing programs that aligns with the five principals of the Scouts Canada programming and ensure the safety of all, Scouters and youth.

To ensure success in the program members new or experienced to Scouting are invited to join us in these open sessions. Sessions will cover areas critical to the Wood Badge One and Two training from Assessing Program Quality to Youth-led Camping. Along with fun stuff like cooking over a campfire to learning songs, skits, and cheers that get used every night during the week. We also have sessions like how to get parents involved and critical conversations. Participation in these sessions can make volunteering better and will grow strong and healthy groups. By getting direct access to Scouters who have lived it, participants find out how to handle standard situations and problems, learn new skills, to improve their camp experience and share their stories with other members who are part of the larger community in Alberta.

Online registration is available on May 15, 2019 at [www.albertascouters.ca](http://www.albertascouters.ca). A full week session will cost \$200 or less and includes a variety of camping options, from a small group of cabin rental (extra fee will apply), RV sites, primitive tent sites, and group campsites. A food program is available. Youth programming is available for Beavers to Scouts for \$100 for the week or \$50 for a half week. Please check website to confirm prices.

For more information please visit: [www.albertascouters.ca](http://www.albertascouters.ca)

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