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Summary information

Repository: City of Greater Sudbury Archives

Title: 1st Coniston Wolf Cub Pack

Reference code: 027

Date: October, 1948 - January, 1954 (creation)

Physical description: 0.08 m of textual records

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Robert Baden-Powell's book, Scouting for Boys, was first published in England in 1908. Shortly after, Scouts began forming all over Canada. In 1910, a Dominion Council was established and Governor General Earl Grey accepted the position of Chief Scout for Canada. The Boy Scouts Association was incorporated in the United Kingdom two years later. In June 1914, a Canadian branch of that organization - The Canadian General Council of the Boy Scouts Association - was incorporated. In 1920, the International Conference, to which all recognized Boy Scout associations belonged, was formed.

The first meeting of the 1st Coniston Wolf Cub Pack, which was part of the Coniston Boy Scout Association was in October 1948. This 1st troop was affiliated with the All Saints Anglican Church and, in late 1948, a 2nd troop was formed which was affiliated with the Catholic Church (the French speaking boys attended Our Lady of Mercy Church while the English speaking boys attended St. Paul's Church). Both troops existed at the same time in Coniston and frequently participated in events and fundraising together. The 1st Coniston Wolf Cub Pack held their troop meetings on Tuesday nights, but they would have events, such as tobogganing parties and parades, on other days of the week. Regular activities of the troop included camping, hiking, first aid training, hockey, watching National Film Board movies, and father & son banquets. The troop was funded through various fundraising activities, such as candy sales on Valentine's Day. In September 1956, the 1st Coniston Troop approached the 2nd Troop with the proposition of forming one group for Coniston. Bishop Dignan gave permission for boys from the 1st Troop to join, provided the 2nd Troop had control of the troop. During 1956 and 1957, the 2nd troop had difficulties recruiting Cub Masters who had the time to volunteer and the group folded by 1958 with the remainder of their bank balance being donated to the 1st Coniston Group Committee on November 12, 1962.

Presidents (Chairmen) listed in the scrapbook were:

Roy Snitch (1948 - 1949)

J. Rogerson (1952 - 1953)

Custodial history

Records were originally donated to the Coniston Branch of the Greater Sudbury Public Library and were transferred to the Archives in 2012.

Scope and content

This fonds consists of one scrapbook created by the 1st Coniston Wolf Cub Pack, containing information on Wolf Cub Pack meetings, a photograph of the first 1st Coniston Wolf Cub Pack and individual photographs of cub masters.

Notes

Title notes

• **Source of title proper**: Title based on the content of the fonds.

Immediate source of acquisition

ACC2012-027, Greater Sudbury Public Library - Coniston Branch

Finding aids

Item list is available.

Related material

To research the Boy Scouts of Canada Fonds, visit Library and Archives Canada and ask for R4619-0-9-E. http://collectionscanada.gc.ca/ourl/res.php?

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Accruals

Further accruals are not expected.

Other notes

• **Publication status**: published

Access points

- Boy Scouts of Canada
- Sudbury, Greater (place)

Collection holdings

Item: 027-1 - Records of the 1st Coniston Wolf Cub Pack, Group Charter 84, Local Association of Sudbury, Ontario

<u>Title</u>: Records of the 1st Coniston Wolf Cub Pack, Group Charter 84, Local Association of Sudbury, Ontario

Reference code: 027-1

<u>Date</u>: October, 1948 - January, 1954 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Item is a scrapbook created by the 1st Coniston Wolf Cub Pack consisting of short, handwritten entries about each Wolf Cub Pack meeting and social event. These entries include information about hikes the Wolf Cub Pack went on; the parades they took part in, such as Remembrance Day parades, a parade for Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation on June 3rd, 1953, and parades hosted by the local church; Parent's Night; the times they hosted the local Brownie group for a holiday party; fundraising events, such as candy sales, and their time spent at Cub Camp at Windy Lake. Also included is a photograph of the first 1st Coniston Wolf Cub Pack in October 1948 (This image appeared in the INCO Triangle, April 1949, p. 8). Individual photographs of the Cubmasters and Group Committee Members were included in the final entry of the scrapbook in January 1954, those men include: F. Cresswell, Reverend A.L. Chabot, Jack Stacey, R. Hood, G. Evershed, B. Piggot and N. Hayden. Each September entry in the scrapbook includes a list of new recruits. Also included is a sheet from Parents Night 1954 with the signatures of each members parents, including: S.J. Kidd, Ray [?], George Schmidt, Robert Keffer, Kaya Keffer, Patricia Hanson, Rose Ann Poirier, Annette Poirier, Katherine Boyd, Mr. & Mrs. J. Metcalfe and Susan, Mrs. H. Ronson and Linda, Mr. & Mrs. J.D. Horton and Linda, G.E. Rogerson, G. Evershed, W. Pigott, N. Hayden, R. Ballantyne, Helen Ballentyne, W. Patterson, W.A. Eastwood, Mrs. G. Evershed, G. Evershed, Betty Stacey, J. Forestell, E. Orendorff, Mrs. Ollet (Guide Captain), Mr. & Mrs. Vellow, Mr. & Mrs. Bellefeuille, Mrs. Laporte, Collette Laporte and P. Coombs. Finally, the inside cover of the scapbook (page 2) is handpainted with an image of the British Union Jack and another flag with an image of a wolf and '1st Coniston Wolf Cubs.'

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Note [General]: For more information on both the first and second Coniston Boy Scout Troops, see the INCO Triangle April 1949, June 1951, August 1951, & February 1952 editions.

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