



New location of Central Ontario Service Centre

Friends in Scouting,

As communicated earlier this summer, we are committed to ensuring our local operations best support youth in our Councils. This includes regular reviews to guarantee we are managing a responsible, sustainable and viable Scouting movement.

With the lease of the Central Ontario Service Centre (COSC) concluding in November we have taken the time to consider if the current location best supports the Councils. Evaluations have indicated that rent in the building and surrounding Toronto area has increased exponentially. This, coupled with low foot traffic to access the COSC' services, led us to do a review of alternative locations.

Which is why we are writing to you today. These assessments and evaluations have led us to the decision to relocate the Central Ontario Service Centre to Camp Samac in Oshawa. As a Scouts Canada-owned property, this will allow us to better support youth programming.

This is not anticipated to affect services available to members. The COSC will remain fully staffed and equipped to respond to all enquiries and requests for support. Our knowledgeable and experienced staff will continue to work from the new location in Oshawa.

In order to accommodate this move, the **Central Ontario Service Centre (office) will close at 5pm on Wednesday, November 6th and reopen at its new location at Camp Samac on Wednesday, November 13th**. The Central Service Centre can be accessed in person at **Camp Samac, 1711 Simcoe St North, Oshawa, from 9:00am – 5:00pm**.

The Toronto Scout Shop will continue to operate from the present 10 Kodiak Cres location until Saturday, November the 16th at 4pm. The Toronto Scout Shop staff will continue to serve you from the Oshawa location following the move of the Toronto store. As mentioned, we are confident this will not affect the level of service to which our members are accustomed to.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dave Osborne by email at dosborne@scouts.ca.

Yours in Scouting,

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