## 403 TORONTO SCOUTS Winter Lean-to Camp

## Blue Springs Scout Camp, Acton, ON March 7-8, 2009

The Scouts will be going to Blue Springs Scout Camp and sleeping in lean-tos (also known as Adirondack Shelters). A lean-to is a three-sided shelter filled with straw. Once we hang a tarp over the door, you have a fairly warm sleeping area. These are not heated cabins. The heat comes from our bodies inside the lean-to.

We will participate in various winter activities like snowshoeing and tobogganing as well as cooking our own food and learning some winter Scouting skills like firelighting in the snow.

Since none of our Scouts have done any winter camping yet, I **insist** that each Scout bring their winter boots and sleeping bag to a meeting before the camp.

The boot needs to have a removable liner (like a snowmobile boot) so that when the boot gets wet it can be dried out. Otherwise boots that get wet will freeze overnight and it may not be possible to put them on again.

If your sleeping bag is not warm enough, you can use two (one inside the other) or use blankets as well. We have some extra sleeping bags and can probably solve most problems, but I need to see these critical pieces of equipment so I can be sure that all Scouts will be safe at camp.

We will leave from St. Simon's Church on Howard Street at 8:00am Saturday. We will return to the church at about 1:30pm on Sunday.

The cost of the camp is \$25 for food and the site. If money is a problem please talk to Scouter Keith. We want everyone to be able to go to all our camps.

We need at least one parent to drive up to camp and one to drive back. Please let Scouter Keith know if you are able to drive one way or the other.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Scouter Keith (information below).



