

Special Christmas Edition 2018

# 67<sup>th</sup> Winnipeg Scout Group

presents



## CHANNEL 67 NEWS

**Beaver Scouts • Cub Scouts • Scouts • Venturer Scouts • Rover Scouts**

Dear Scouting members, parents and friends.

We sell Christmas trees. Please tell your friends.

**67<sup>th</sup> Winnipeg Scout Group**  
**presents our 54<sup>th</sup> annual**  
**Christmas Tree Sale,**  
**November 24 – December**  
**22, 2018 at River Heights**  
**Site of Corydon Community**  
**Centre, 1370 Grosvenor**  
**Avenue at Oak Street**  
**Tree-mendous prices!**

I hope you will support our tree lot and help send  
a Scout to camp.

Doug Strang, Group Commissioner  
67<sup>th</sup> Winnipeg Scout Group



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## Scout's honour: these trees are best

By Ilana Simon  
Free Press Correspondent

**K**NEE-DEEP in pine needle-flecked snow, the 67th Winnipeg Scout Group is at again.

About 40 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and their hearty parents have taken to the tennis courts beside River Heights Community Centre for their 31st annual Christmas tree sale.

"I like helping to sell the Christmas trees," said **Bob Cooper**, a 12-year-old Scout. "It's interesting talking to people and showing them the different types of trees we're selling."

Each year, approximately 1,000 Manitoba spruce, Colorado spruce, Scotch pine, white pine, Douglas fir, and balsam fir trees are sold at the troupe's major fund-raising activity. Prices range from \$16 to \$40 per tree. Christmas wreaths are also available for \$20 at the tree lot.

The money they raise goes towards the 67th Scout Group's activities, including purchase of equipment and supplies, maintenance of the Scout bus, and awards.

**Tim McManus**, 67th Scout Group chairman, believes each of the

three groups gets something different from the Christmas tree sale.

"For the Beavers (ages 5 to 7), setting up the tree lot is fun and exciting," he said. "For the Cubs (ages 8 to 10) and Scouts (11- to 13-year-olds), it's more community service and working together on a big project."

McManus attributes the success of the annual Christmas tree sale to the people who began it many years ago.

"We have developed a small market in the community for Christmas trees, and have increased the varieties and sizes of trees according to demand," he said, adding most parents enjoy getting out and meeting people from the surrounding community.

Many buyers are repeat customers who come back year to year because of good quality trees and to support the scouts, noted Scout leader **Robert Cooper**.

Also, some former River Heights residents living in other parts of the city come to their old neighborhood to support the scouts' Christmas tree sale.

The majority of the workforce at the tree lot is parents, who volun-



Scout Bob Cooper (from left) helps Tony Wozniak and son Alex pick out a tree, with help from Scout Ross Derrick.

teer six to eight hours for the sale.

But Robert Cooper, Bob's father, said the kids who do tag along with their parents enjoy themselves.

"It's very Christmassy. You help people out and spend an awful lot of time running around the tree lot," he said.

Bob Cooper echoed his father's enthusiasm.

He added that even though it's cold outside, people are in a good mood when they go Christmas tree shopping.

"These are something they put in their living rooms and decorate and put presents underneath. It's

fun," said Bob, a grade 7 Grant Park High School student who enjoys badges, camp and canoeing offered through Scouts.

Bob said he has also learned, to some extent, to distinguish between the various pine and spruce trees by volunteering at the tree lot.

The 67th Winnipeg Scout Group tree lot is located beside River Heights Community Centre at Oak Street and Grosvenor Avenue.

Hours of operation are weekdays from 4:30 to 9 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 6 p.m. until December 23.

From the *Winnipeg Free Press*, December 1995

**Happy 54<sup>th</sup> birthday, tree lot!** When it first opened in 1965, the lot operated out of a parking lot on Academy Road, but later moved to the then-called "River Heights Community Centre." The site is now part of the Corydon Community Centre, due to a 2011 amalgamation of River Heights, Crescentwood, and Sir John Franklin centres. At River Heights, the tree lot was operated on the tennis courts for many years, before moving to its current spot in the parking lot, after court surfaces were upgraded in 2014.

Over time, tree prices have risen with inflation. But, so have sales - now typically about 1,800 trees each year. This is fortunate, because the group has also grown, with membership now at about 85 youth.

The tree lot, now at the parking lot spot:



## I just bought a tree. Now what?

So, you've decided to "be real" this year. Congratulations on choosing a real tree. A real Christmas tree (from the 67th Winnipeg Scout Group, of course) is a delightful thing. However, some consideration in the installation, care and disposal of the tree will help avoid it turning into a frightful thing.

**Needles!** Needles will naturally die and fall off. Inner needles tend to drop first and can become lodged in the branches. If not removed, bunches of needles may fall out of the tree during set up and disposal. **Shaking the tree before taking it inside will reduce messiness at set-up time.**



**The Stand!** Be sure to select a stand that is stable enough to hold the size of tree you have chosen. Find a stand that holds lots of water. A good rule of thumb is one litre per inch of stem.



**Water!** To help the tree take up water, it's best to make a fresh cut straight across the trunk about an inch from the bottom, before bringing the tree inside. After cutting, put the tree in water within four hours. A large tree can absorb up to four litres of water a day, especially in the first week or two. So, keep the stand filled with fresh water.

**Installation!** If you have a tree bag, place it on the floor around the stand **before you insert the tree in the stand**. Cover the unsightly bag with a tree skirt after the tree is in place. That way, when it's time to take your 67th Christmas tree away, you can just lift up the bag and enclose the whole tree.

**Care and Safe Enjoyment!** Because a Christmas tree is a living thing, it requires maintenance to keep it looking good. Treat your tree well, and it will treat you well.

- Check the water level often and do not let the water level go below the base of the trunk.
- Occasional shaking of the tree will help the clusters of dead needles come out.
- Keep the tree away from heat sources (fireplaces, heaters, heat vents, direct sunlight).
- Inspect lights and wires and disconnect when you leave home/go to bed.
- Try to keep pets away from your tree. They have a way of making your tree unhappy.



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wish you safe and happy holidays!**

### Quotes for the holidays:

Love the giver more than the gift - Brigham Young  
There is nothing in the world so irresistibly contagious  
as laughter and good humor – Charles Dickens



# 67th Winnipeg Scout Group

## Scouting Programs for Youth

### Join Today...



#### Scouting in the heart of the city



Open the door to a range of experiences, opportunities, adventures, and friendships. We offer outdoor-oriented programs for youth **age 5 to 26** in five age categories.

	Girls and boys <b>age 5 to 7</b> gather for an hour of games, crafts and learning on <u>Monday nights</u> . Fun, friendship and the motto " <b>sharing, sharing, sharing</b> " are cornerstones of the <b>Beaver Scout</b> program. Weekly meetings: St. Aidan's (corner of Campbell Street & Kingsway)
	Based on the wolves and other characters in <i>The Jungle Book</i> , Wolf Cubs, a.k.a. <b>Cub Scouts</b> (girls and boys <b>age 8 to 10</b> ) practice " <b>do your best</b> " on <u>Tuesday nights</u> . (St. George's, Grosvenor @ Wilton) Hikes, camps, and water activities are a few of the things that Cubs enjoy.
	<b>Scouts</b> , girls and boys <b>age 11 to 14</b> , develop responsibility and leadership skills through their motto of " <b>be prepared</b> " on <u>Wednesday nights</u> (also at St. Aidan's). Canoeing, extended hikes, and camping in all seasons are a few of the adventures tackled by Scouts.
	Young men and women, <b>age 14 to 17</b> , put the "venturer" in "adventurer." Along with teamwork, fun and friendship, the outdoors is an essential part of the program and align with the <b>Venturer Scout</b> motto of " <b>challenge</b> ." Meeting time and location are determined by the membership of the Venturer Scout Company.
	Men and women <b>Rover Scouts</b> meet in a "crew," developing and managing their own program. With the motto of " <b>go beyond</b> ," Rovers also act in leadership roles with younger Scouting sections. Service to the community and the outdoors are essential parts of the program.

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