

Special Christmas Edition 2019

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Dear Scouting members, parents and friends:

The 67th Winnipeg Scout Group is pleased to announce our 55th annual Christmas Tree Sale. We're honoured that a visit to our tree lot is a Christmas tradition for many families in our community. This is our Group's main fundraiser for the year; please help us spread the word!

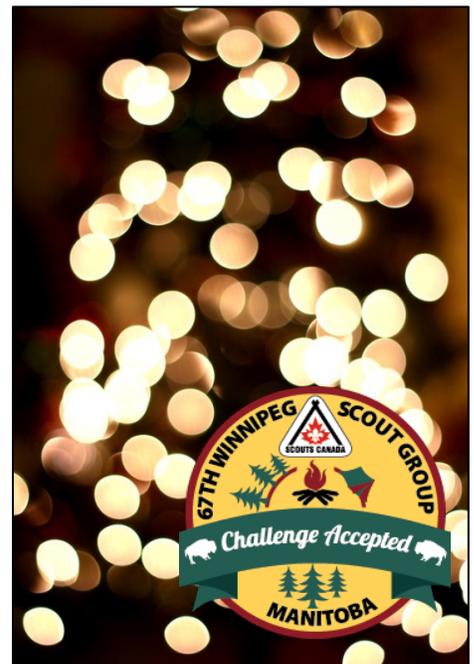
Christmas Tree Sale

- November 23 - December 22
- 1370 Grosvenor Ave. (Corydon Community Centre - River Heights site)

Tree-mendous prices!

The operations of the tree lot, just like the operations of the Group, are 100% volunteer run. I hope you will support our tree lot, and help send a Scout to camp.

Doug Strang, Group Commissioner
67th Winnipeg Scout Group



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Heritage Corner

Flash back to... the 34th Annual Christmas Tree Sale in 1998. That year, the Group sold more than 1,000 trees. We've grown, and this year we're hoping to send home 1,800 trees!



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Boy Scout leaders Larry Sheppard (left) and Tim McManus help sell Christmas trees at the 67th Winnipeg Scout Group tree lot at River Heights Community Centre.

***If weather outside is frightful,
these activities are just delightful***

Quotes for the holidays:

"Christmas is a togethery sort of holiday" said Pooh. "That's my favorite kind" said Piglet
— **A. A. Milne**

*Maybe Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas perhaps,
means a little bit more* — **The Grinch (Dr. Seuss)**

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Why do we sell Christmas Trees?

The Christmas tree lot is the main fundraiser for the 67th Winnipeg Scout Group. The Group serves the communities in the area around the tree lot, primarily in southwest Winnipeg. Currently, about 80 youth are registered to participate in the Group's outdoor-oriented programming.

Money raised from the tree sale goes towards the cost of camping equipment, supplies, and Scouting activities. Last year, the Group was able to help cover the costs of sending two Scouting "patrols" to the Pacific Jamboree in Sooke, BC and sending one patrol to the Haarlem Jamborette in the Netherlands. However, most of the money is allocated to more local operations, such as weekend camps.

If you visit the tree lot this season, you are likely to encounter a mix of parents, Scout leaders (called Scouters), and the Scouting youth themselves. In addition to raising money for their adventures, the Scouts, who range in age from five to early twenties, also develop skills, such as selling, stacking and cutting trees, and explaining the features of different types of trees.

Varieties we offer:

- Balsam Fir
- Canaan Fir
- Fraser Fir
- Manitoba Mini
- Manitoba Spruce
- Scotch Pine
- White Pine

Plus wreaths and tree bags!

Tree Varieties

To meet the wishes of the community, the Group offers a range of trees, both in terms of variety and size, as well as Christmas wreaths.

Did you know?

The custom of decorating evergreen trees for Christmas dates back centuries. The first documented Christmas tree dates to 1510 in Latvia.

According to Tree Lot Coordinator, Scouter Mary Brown, most customers have a go-to variety that they stick with year after year. Some prefer the fulsome Fraser Fir, with its long-lived needles, while some prefer the more traditional pines, or even the tall and more sparse Manitoba Spruce. As of last year, we added the shorter "Manitoba Mini" to the mix. This local tree is a great choice where a full-height tree may not work well.

All of the Manitoba Spruce and Manitoba-Minis are cut locally, making them a great economical and ecological choice. The other varieties are brought in from farms throughout North America, where growing conditions are most optimal for that particular variety.

Throughout the month-long sale, the Scouts expect to send over 1,800 trees home with Manitoba families, meaning there will be lots of variety, and lots of opportunity to support the youth in their Scouting adventures. The tree lot is open daily from Saturday, November 23, to Sunday, December 22.

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I just bought a tree. Now what?

So, you've decided to "be real" this year – congratulations! A real 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, be sure to 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!



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Did you know?



Last year, youth from the 67th Winipeg Scout Group **travelled the world** – from the Netherlands to Vancouver Island, and many camps closer to home.



Join the adventure and open the door to a range of experiences, opportunities, and friendships.

You can register for Scouts year-round. If you're not sure if Scouts is for you, you can **try a meeting** before you register. Email our Group at 67thWpg@gmail.com for more information.

We offer outdoor-oriented programs for youth **age 5 to 26** in five age categories.

	Girls and boys age 5 to 7 gather for an hour of games, crafts and learning on <u>Monday nights</u> . Fun, friendship and the motto " sharing, sharing, sharing " are cornerstones of the Beaver Scout program. Weekly meetings are at St. Aidan's (corner of Kingsway & Campbell Street).
	Based on the wolves and other characters in <i>The Jungle Book</i> , Wolf Cubs, a.k.a. Cub Scouts (girls and boys age 8 to 10) practice " do your best " on <u>Tuesday nights</u> at St. George's (corner of Grosvenor & Wilton Street). Hikes, camps, and water activities are a few of the things that Cubs enjoy.
	Scouts , girls and boys age 11 to 14 , develop responsibility and leadership skills through their motto of " be prepared " on <u>Wednesday nights</u> 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, age 14 to 17 , put the "venturer" in "adventurer." Along with teamwork, fun, and friendship, the outdoors is an essential part of the Venturer Scout program, and aligns with the Venturer Scout motto of " challenge ." Meeting time and location are determined by the membership of the Venturer Scout Company.
	The Rover Scouts (men and women age 18 to 26) meet in a "crew," developing and managing their own program. With the motto of " go beyond ," 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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