

BARBADOS BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION

MEMORANDUM

FROM: Lt. Col. Owen Springer - Deputy Chief Commissioner

TO: Assistant Chief Commissioners, District
Commissioners, Leaders in Charge of Groups, Members
of the National Executive

DATE: February 12, 2009

SUBJECT: Founder's Day Service & Parade

Founder's Day Service will be held this year at [The Garfield Sobers Sports Complex, Wildey, St. Michael at 3:30 P.M.](#)

The Chief Scout, His Excellency Sir Clifford Husbands, GCMG, KA, Governor General of Barbados will be attending this Service, as well as the President of the Barbados Boy Scouts Association, Mr. L.V. Harcourt Lewis, GCM, JP, Members of the National Council and other distinguished guests.

On this occasion there are no Queen or Chief Scout Awards to be presented.

Dr. the Hon. Esther Byer-Suckoo, the Minister with responsibility for Youth, Family and Sports, will be addressing the Founder's Day gathering.

VOB and CBC have been invited to broadcast the service "live" as we celebrate our 97th anniversary of National Scouting.

In the interest of presenting the Barbados Boy Scouts Association to the schools and public of Barbados, the Ministry of Education has been invited and has agreed to grant permission to the non-scouts males in their schools to participate in the Founder's Day service. These boys will present themselves directly to the Gymnasium for the 3:30 service in their school uniforms accompanied by Adult supervision. This is a promotional and recruitment act which will also seek to challenge and empower the males in the Schools.

After the Church service, these boys will be permitted to join in the Parade and march with the Scouts along the route to the designated area for dismissal.

The Founder's Day Service and Parade will be held under my direction as Deputy Chief Commissioner and Committees have been appointed to assist in the successful execution of the Service. Your full co-operation is expected.

FOUNDER'S DAY APPOINTMENT

The Chief Commissioner and I will be travelling to attend The Interamerican Summit in Colombia and will be returning a few days before the Founder's Day Service and Parade. Please take note that during the period February 23 – March 09, 2009, the Chief Commissioner will be appointing Mr. Anthony Archer, the Deputy National Training Commissioner and District Commissioner of the Bridgetown District to the position of Assistant Chief Commissioner (ag) with specific responsibility for the continued preparation of the 2009 Founder's Day Parade and Service. I am expecting that you will give him your fullest co-operation.

Details for the Founder's Day Service and Parade are set out below.

In order to spend a shorter period at the Gymnasium on March 07, 2009, Leaders are encouraged to have those Cubs and Scouts in a state of readiness for the Parade especially those persons appointed to carry their respective flags by arranging for some sessions on smartness.

SATURDAY MARCH 07, 2009 AT 9:00 A.M.

The Colour Party under the command of Mr. Hamilton Cumberbatch, D.D.C. and Mr. Henderson Williams, A.D.C. will rehearse at The Gymnasium on Saturday 07 March, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. All boys carrying the respective colours are asked to be present and be punctual.

A National appointed Team of Scouts will carry The National Flag.

The Northern District will carry The World Bureau Flag.

The Southern District will carry The Cuboree Flag.

All Flags and Colour Belts must be taken to rehearsals in a clean state and they should be used at the rehearsals.

All Commissioners, Leaders and Scouts who are involved in the Service, i.e. the Ushers, along with those persons receiving the colours are expected to be present at the rehearsals for their respective briefings at 9:30 a.m.

PERSONS IN CHARGE OF SPECIFIC COMMITTEES

USHERS COMMITTEE:	Mr. Cedric Mayers & Venture Scouts
CONTROL OF TRAFFIC & PARKING:	Mr. Sylvanus Clarke and Team
ALLOCATION OF SEATING:	Lt. Col. Owen Springer, D.C.C.

FOUNDER'S DAY SUNDAY MARCH 09, 2009

All Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venture Scouts and Leaders are asked to assemble in the Car Park within the Carter's Complex on Wildey Main Road, St. Michael at 1:45 p.m.

THE PARADE

Over the past years there has been an increased delay in having this parade formed up on time, both at the start and then immediately after the Service. It has been noted that this delay is caused primarily by leaders sharing fellowship with other leaders at this time, as well as boys not being located at the conclusion of the Church Service. In order to arrest this situation, the following procedure has been put in place.

The parade will march en route by Districts.

COMMISSIONERS IN CHARGE OF THE PARADE

The following Commissioners have been appointed to the respective positions for the Founder's Day Parade.

Founder's Day Co-ordinator 2009	-	Mr. Anthony Archer, ACC (ag)
Parade Commander	-	Mr. Richard Arthur, ACC
Parade 2 IC	-	Mr. Steven Sobers, S.L.
ICO Guard of Honour	-	Mr. Courtney Shepherd, ADC
ICO Colour Party	-	Mr. Hamilton Cumberbatch, DDC
2 IC Colour Party	-	Mr. Henderson Williams, ADC
ICO Beavers	-	Mrs. Rosaline Bend, ACC

AT THE CARTER'S COMPLEX WILDEY, ST. MICHAEL.

All District Commissioners or their designate will form up their districts at the allocated place by 2:00 p.m. You are to use the required number of detachments to facilitate easy control on the streets.

The Detachments are to remain in place for the salute, which will be taken after the service.

The respective District Commissioners will inspect the Parade in Districts at 2:15 p.m.

At 2:20 p.m. the District Commissioners or their designate will hand over their districts to the Parade's 2 IC, Mr. Steven Sobers.

At 2:25 p.m. the Parade's 2 IC will hand over the Parade to the Parade Commander Mr. Richard Arthur, ACC. who will step off the Parade under Police Escort at 2:30p.m. en route to the Gymnasium.

The Parade will advance in columns of six (6).

A Guard of Honour, drawn up with Scouts will be in place for the arrival and inspection of the Governor General and Chief Scout. This Guard of Honour will be under the command of Mr. Courtney Shepherd, A.D.C.

ALL BEAVER SCOUTS SHOULD REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE GYMNASIUM AND BE SEATED IN THEIR ALLOCATED AREA BY 2:30 P.M.

DURING THE CHURCH SERVICE

Leaders are requested to sit with their boys in order to control the excessive talking and moving around. Boys should use the bathrooms located downstairs and not those that are located behind the platform as it forms a serious distraction for those on the ground floor who are following the Church Service.

No parents will be allowed to sit with the BEAVER SCOUTS this year. All uniformed Beaver Scouts will sit together in the designated area.

AFTER THE CHURCH SERVICE

Again the District Commissioners or those Commissioners as assigned will form up their districts immediately after the Church Service. After the Parade has been formed, the Parade Commanders will assume command as the Chief Commissioner prepare to take the Salute in the vicinity of COURTESY GARAGE, Wildey, St. Michael as the parade makes its way to the CARTER'S COMPLEX for dismissal.

Beaver Scouts are not mandated to march as part of the parade. However, the option is open for them to join the parade ONLY if in the judgment of the respective Beaver Commissioner or District Commissioner, they can make the trip without it being burdensome or the said Beaver becoming a casualty.

If there is a Beaver Scout Detachment marching en route to the Carter's Complex for Dismissal, then this detachment must consist of **BEAVER SCOUTS ONLY**. Parents of the Beaver Scouts are asked to join the detachment designated for parents.

OTHER UNITS ON PARADE

In an effort to expose the boys from the Primary Schools to Scouting, the Ministry of Education has agreed to have them participate, by invitation. In this regard, all boys in uniform, from the various schools will join the Parade and march, AFTER THE SERVICE to Carters Complex for dismissal.

ATTENDANCE

District Commissioners are to appoint responsible leaders who will record the numbers in attendance on the prescribed form. The count should be done at or around 2:15 p.m. The Form should then be delivered to Miss Edwena Armstrong, A.C.C. before the commencement of the Church Service.

OFFERING

District Commissioners are to arrange for the collection of the Offering from their districts and have it secured by designated leaders.

This Offering should then be presented when the evening's offering is being collected at the Service.

CHUMS AND RECRUITS

These boys are permitted to take part in the Parade provided that they are wearing their School Uniform; HOWEVER, they must be placed in a separate detachment and should not be mixed with the uniformed groups.

PROSPECTIVE BEAVERS

Provision has been made at the Gymnasium for stands to be allocated for prospective Beavers drawn from the Primary and Nursery Schools. These Prospective Beavers must wear a plain yellow shirt, or alternately if the school's activity wear is a yellow shirt with the school crest, then that is acceptable.

Parents of all prospective Beaver Scouts are solely responsible for them before, during and after the service.

NO UNIFORM LEADER WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE PROSPECTIVE BEAVER SCOUTS.

PARENTS

Again, there will be provision made for parents to take an active part in the Founder's Day Service. Parents will be formed in detachments and will be permitted to march with the Parade AFTER THE SERVICE.

UNIFORM

For this and all services, the Official Scout Uniform is to be worn. Female leaders are reminded that **SKIRTS ARE TO BE WORN. NO PANTS WILL BE ALLOWED.** Flesh colour or charcoal shaded stockings along with low enclosed black laced shoes are also included in the uniform for Female Leaders, including Female Commissioners.

Awards should be worn on this occasion.

I have been noticing in recent times that some of the female leaders are wearing their berets most inappropriately. These berets much sit neatly on the head. Please make sure that your hairstyles make allowance for this to be done.

JEWELRY

Females are reminded that very small Ear Bobs, wedding and engagement rings along with watches are allowed.

CELLULAR PHONES

Please note that cell phones are not to be worn as part of the Uniform. All Cell Phones, if in your possession, should be turned off in the Gymnasium before and during the service.

It is very disrespectful to have a cell phone ringing on your person during the Parade or the Church Service.

PARKING

Parking will be permitted at the Gymnasium only in designated areas. Please cooperate with all parking attendants.

MISCELLANEOUS

Transportation

Groups are requested to make their own transportation arrangements.

Leaders are asked to advise parents NOT to remove boys from the Parade. Persons must not walk next to the boys during the march.

Recognizing that there is a Parents' Detachment, all adults who are desirous of being part of the Parade should follow behind the Parade. The FULL PARADE is expected to be at Carter's Complex, Wildey, St. Michael for the Official Dismissal.

The Scout Hymn will be sung at the Service. Leaders are again reminded to spend some time refreshing the memories of the scouts or teaching the words and tune of this song.

NO SWEETS, NO GUM, NO EATING IS ALLOWED IN THE GYMNASIUM.

I am appealing to the Leaders of the Movement to ensure that your Cub Scouts, Scouts and Venture Scouts exhibit the type of behaviour at the Service that will give credit to the Barbados Boy Scouts Association. I am looking forward to a very good attendance and exemplary conduct.

N.B. THERE IS TO BE ABSOLUTELY NO ASSEMBLY OF LEADERS OR SCOUTS IN THE CAR PARK OF THE GYMNASIUM WHILE THE SERVICE IS BEING CONDUCTED.

Please be reminded that during the period of absence of the Chief Commissioner and I from the island, all queries relative to the Founder's Day Service and Parade should be directed to Mr. Tony Archer, ACC (ag).

Good Hunting,

Barbados Boy Scouts Association

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Lt. Col. Owen Springer,
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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