

The Chil Report



Climate Change Challenge

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Hello, my name is Scouter Stuart, also known as Scouter Chil and I am your Climate Change Ambassador. And as you plan for this coming year, I am asking you to help your youth meet Scouts Canada's Climate Change Challenge.

Climate change is all around us. We have all heard the many stories in the media and observed many of the bizarre weather effects Climate Change has been linked to.

The effects of Climate Change will continue to impact our daily lives.

This is an important topic and we can play a role in educating our youth about Climate Change.

To assist you in your role, Scouts Canada has developed a comprehensive Climate Change Program that:

- educates our youth about Climate Change
- provides opportunities for our youth to take action on Climate Change.

About the Program

The Climate Change Program is:

- Fully Integrated into Scouts Canada program structure. This is not a 'one time' program initiative.
- Focused On Education And Action. It informs about the causes and challenges of Climate Change and gives actions that

our youth can take to make a real difference.

- Relevant Programming. This is an example of how the Scouting program is relevant to today's trends and issues while using our practices and methods.
- Innovative – Cub and Scout online calculators
- Presented in easy to use "JUMPSTART" format, and available on the Scouts Canada web site.

Resources

Jumpstart Programs

If you have never used any of the Jumpstart programs, these are great either as a complete program or as a starting place to tailor to your own. I have attached the Jumpstart Program along with this newsletter.

Climate Change Resource Book

Contains additional resources not included in the Jumpstart Program. It can be purchased at your local Scout Shop or **please feel to borrow mine.**

The Energy Sleuth Game

An on-line energy calculator for Cubs or Scouts to see how much energy they can save.

For Cubs go to:

http://www.scouts.ca/energy_audit/cubs/

For Scouts go to:

http://www.scouts.ca/energy_audit/scouts/

Additional On-line resources

Scouts Canada has additional resources and links on its website at:

<http://www.scouts.ca/inside.asp?cmPageID=477>

Me, your Climate Change Ambassador

I am here to help you in any way that I can. I have many other resources and ideas available to help you use the program or understand the issues. I can be reached by email at stuart@equirex.ca

And what do the youth get out of it?

Fun

The program is not boring! It is fun

Pride

The youth can feel proud about doing something good for their planet

A Really Cool Crest

On completion of the challenge, the youth will have earned the Climate Change Challenge Crest

Will you take the Challenge?

