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**LETTER FROM SCOUTS CANADA
CLARIFICATION REGARDING THE CHILDREN'S FITNESS TAX
CREDIT**

TO BE SUBMITTED WITH YOUR SCOUTS CANADA RECEIPT

March 31, 2009

To Whom it May Concern:

Scouts Canada has followed up with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) regarding the eligibility of our programs for the Children's Fitness Tax Credit. Scouts Canada believes the criteria for eligibility have been met and we are advising our members to claim 100 per cent of the membership fees paid for participation in Scouts Canada as eligible for this credit.

Our programs are ongoing (they take place from September to the spring each year), they are supervised, and suitable for children as described under "prescribed programs of physical activity." More than 50 per cent of Scouts Canada activities offered to children include a significant amount of physical activity that contributes to cardio-respiratory endurance, plus one or more of: muscular strength, muscular endurance, flexibility, or balance. Ongoing activities offered, to name a few, include hiking, camping, canoeing, running games, outdoor orienteering, wall climbing, archery, white water kayaking etc. As such, we are advising our members to claim 100 per cent or the full cost of a child's membership in Scouts Canada for the 2008 tax year.

Tax receipts from Scouts Canada for the 2008 tax year did not contain a line item on the receipt indicating the eligible portion of fees. It is our understanding from the CRA that the original receipt submitted along with this letter confirming eligibility of fees will be accepted.

Thank you for your attention.

J. Robert (Rob) Stewart
Executive Commissioner & Chief Executive Officer
Commissaire général et directeur general