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It starts with Scouts.

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Scouts Canada, Greater Victoria Area, is an organization of 1500 youth and adults serving all communities in the Capital Regional District. We have scheduled our **2018 Apple Day** fund-raising drive to take place over two Saturdays in September - Saturday, September 22 and 29 between 9 AM and 4 PM. We are proposing 2 dates this year to assist our groups in booking their favorite collection sites. Some municipalities will see Scout members out on Sept. 22 and others will see them on Sept. 29.

The drive consists of a few strategically placed sites in every municipality, each with a small number of youth and adult members at the site seeking donations to further Scouting's programs. Passers-by are asked to support Scouting and Camp Barnard and are thanked with an apple, a tag and smile. The funds that we raise go directly to Scouting's youth programs and to Camp Barnard in Sooke, a facility which is enjoyed by members of Scouting and many other local youth groups.

Merchants and property owners affected by this fundraiser are contacted prior to the date for permission to use their storefronts. If you have questions or concerns regarding this event, please contact Apple Day Coordinator Grace Seabrook at appleday@victoriascouts.ca or 250 592 5747.

Scout Apple Day has consistently raised over \$20,000 annually, 50% of which has gone directly into programs that support our young Scouting members in their growth and development; the other 50% supports maintenance and development at Camp Barnard.

We hope that your office and municipality will once again permit our presence on your streets for this important fundraiser.

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