

## Boy Scouts in the Simikameen Valley

While Scouting in this area eventually became part of the Okanagan South District, for the first four decades the towns of Cawston, Keremeos, Hedley and Princeton were very dependent on their own resources. Added to this mix were the mining towns of Nickel Plate, Copper Mountain and Allenby. Every one of these communities had young families. The Boy Scout program was attractive and could easily be introduced anywhere. But it depended heavily on adult volunteers. Where it succeeded most, dedicated adults emerged through the records of the various Cub Packs and Scout Troops. However most of these records have been lost (for now). On a positive note, however, the public museums of the area have occasionally received documents, photos and other artifacts about the local people, both youths and adults, who grew through this program. More needs to be archived before it is lost forever. Museums in Penticton, Summerland, Oliver and Hedley have very rich archives about Scouting in those communities. Osoyoos, Okanagan Falls, Naramata, Keremeos and Princeton have some local archives but are in need of more before the history is lost.

The Boy Scout program first showed up in the southern Okanagan area in 1909 with the establishment of a group in Summerland. This was followed by Penticton in 1911 and Naramata as early as 1914.

According to newspaper articles it then showed up in Hedley and Keremeos, also in 1914, with numerous joint activities between these two towns. In Hedley the Reverend S. Stanton assisted with the start and C. Hill was the first Scoutmaster. In Keremeos Mr Cargill was the first Scoutmaster, with Mr Armstrong assisting.

Changes happened the following year, 1915. In Hedley the organization became known as the "Local Council of Boy Scouts" under a committee of G.P. Jones, Dr H.D. McEwen, H. Jones, A.B. Stanley and F.M. Gillespie. Mr Porteous was the new Scoutmaster. In Keremeos the group received its first official charter from the national organization (preserved in the Keremeos Museum). Reverend Frank Stanton became the new Scoutmaster.

Both groups continued over the next two years, but the only documented Leaders were in 1917 in Hedley, with Stanton as Scoutmaster and Kerr as Assistant.

The next archived proof shows a Scout group in Keremeos, with the Museum in possession of a photo showing a group of Scouts returning from a camp in the Ashnola area in 1922.

In 1925 a Scout Troop existed in Keremeos, but no further details have emerged. In Cawston a Scout Troop was started but soon lost its Scoutmaster. Reverend W.E. Clementson offered his services as Camp Chief to ensure that a summer camp was offered to the boys.

A resurgence happened in 1926 when Harold Wainwright took up the reins as Scoutmaster of the Cawston troop. Keremeos was reorganized as the "Troop Council of the Keremeos Boy Scout Troop", with D.M. Sinclair and C.H. Sismey as Leaders.

In 1927 the Cawston Troop continued to exist but no further details have been archived. Nothing has yet shown up about the Keremeos Troop.

The Cawston troop still existed in 1930, but the only archived proof is an article in the Penticton Herald with a photo of the Cawston Scouts and Scouts from 1<sup>st</sup> Penticton Troop sharing a camp in Okanagan Falls.

Archives show the Cawston troop active in 1931, 1934 and 1935. In 1931 Mr Wainwright showed as Scoutmaster. In 1935 the Scoutmaster was A.S. Wainwright. No further records have been found.

1<sup>st</sup> Hedley Troop was restarted in 1937 but appears to have faltered. In 1938 "The Hedley Lone Scout Patrol" was registered with Stanley Samson as Patrol Leader. This was a unique way for a single Scout in a remote area to have access to the Scouting program.

In Princeton in 1938 an organizing group attempted to restart Scouting in that town. Representatives were Reverend P.R. Ellis, Bert Tidball and Charlie Whiten.

The Princeton Troop was active in 1939 but no further information has been found.

Scouting returned to Keremeos in 1940, but the only item archived is their Charter, which is now in the Keremeos Museum.

There are no records of Scouting in the Similkameen Valley during the war years, but a rapid period of growth was about to begin. In 1946 a Wolf Cub Pack was registered in Hedley. 1<sup>st</sup> Hedley Scout Troop was formed the following year by Fred Brent. Over the next few years this Troop established a stellar record in terms of achievement by the youths and the number of Scouts who were able to attend national and international Jamborees, in addition to active participation in large camps in the area and in the Annual Camporee with Scouts from the South Okanagan, Okanagan Boundary and Washington State.

A Wolf Cub Pack was registered by the mining families living in Nickel Plate. The first Cubmaster was John Cawston.

1948 saw 1<sup>st</sup> Cawston Group register both a Wolf Cub Pack and a Scout Troop under the sponsorship of the Board of Trade. For resource and training purposes, this group was officially attached to the large organization in Okanagan South District. Fred Brent continued to lead the Scout Troop in Hedley. The mining families living at Nickel Plate continued a Wolf Cub Pack with Morris Neville as Cubmaster. At this time the BC/Yukon Boy Scout Council hired a paid Field

Executive person for the interior of the province. Mr Jack Scrivener from Penticton was able to offer guidance for new groups in small towns throughout the area.

In 1949 1<sup>st</sup> Hedley formed a Wolf Cub Pack under the leadership of Mr K. Morrison. The Scout Troop continued to thrive under the guidance of Fred Brent. And 1<sup>st</sup> Nickel Plate Cubs continued with Morris Neville as Akela.

At the same time (1949) things were happening in the Princeton area. Planning was begun which ultimately led to the formation, in 1956, of the "Similkameen Valley District" to oversee the Scouting program in Princeton and Copper Mountain area. The initial organization showed F Bower, from Copper Mountain, as District Commissioner with W Nelson, also from Copper Mountain, as head of the "District Association". Copper Mountain Branch Legion No 195 supported the group. Copper Mountain itself had a Wolf Cub Pack and a Scout Troop. Cubmaster was Mr F Stevenson, Scoutmaster was Mr K Fahrni. The Wolf Cub Pack and Scout Troop in Allenby were under the guidance of Scoutmaster Ben Austin. In Princeton the Cubs were led by Reverend P Brownlee, while the Scout Troop was organized by F Gore and D Bryden.

In 1950 1<sup>st</sup> Cawston was still active with a Cub Pack and a Scout Troop. Fred Brent's 1<sup>st</sup> Hedley Scouts were going strong. Assistant District Commissioner Doug Southworth from SOUTH Okanagan District was tasked with supporting Scouting activities in Cawston and Keremeos. No other details have emerged.

1951 and 1952 were similar to the previous year. Hedley and Cawston doing well. The only known adult volunteer was Fred Brent in Hedley. No further details.

Records from 1953 are more extensive. Fred Brent's Scouts in Hedley were active. Princeton is known to have two Wolf Cub Packs and a Scout Troop. One Cub Pack was overseen by Cubmaster D Stuart with Reverend G Dale assisting. The second Pack had Cubmaster C Seidler, assisted by Mrs J McCullough. The Princeton Scouts were organized by Scoutmaster Ron Gillis.

1953 also showed evidence of Scouting groups in Allenby, Copper Mountain and Nickel Plate. No other details have emerged.

In 1954 the 1<sup>st</sup> Hedley Scouts were still active under Fred Brent. No details have been archived regarding other groups in the area.

1955 was the final year for the 1<sup>st</sup> Hedley Scouts as the mine shut down at this time and families moved away. Nothing archived about other groups.

1956 brought formal recognition of the "Similkameen Valley District". Keith Fahrni became President, but there are no details about groups in the area. In Keremeos, Wolf Cubs were going strong under the guidance of Cubmaster Mrs Douglas Parsons, assisted by Mrs George Schneider and Mrs Mennell (her Pack name was Bagheera. Later in this year 1<sup>st</sup> Keremeos Group

received their new Charter. It, along with some wonderful artifacts from the next few years, are in the Keremeos Museum.

Records for 1957 are skimpy. Records show Cubs and Scouts in Princeton. Cubs were under the guidance of B Logan, Graham Taylor and Cliff Caverly while the Scout program was led by Bob Logan, George Gibson, Bill Stevens, Jim Sproston and Sandy Marsel. There is an indication elsewhere that Frank McDonald took over as President briefly of the Similkameen Valley District.

The only records for 1958 show the existence of 1<sup>st</sup> Cawston Cub Pack under Cubmaster Eddie Paulsen, while in Keremeos the Cub Pack was led by Margaret Mennell.

1959 records are also scarce. 1<sup>st</sup> Keremeos had a Cub Pack under M N Schneider and Dorothy Curr. The Keremeos Scouts were led by Scoutmaster D R Leake, assisted by Dick Cawood.

1960 saw items from Cawston and Keremeos but nowhere else. 1<sup>st</sup> Cawston Cubs were led by Cubmaster Eddie Paulsen, assisted by H T Mennell. Keremeos had both a Cub Pack and a Scout Troop. Cubs were led by Cubmaster Mrs G Schneider, assisted by Mrs H T Mennell. Scouts were led by Scoutmaster Dr Leake, assisted by Ken Harker and A W Liddicoat.

In 1961 Cubs and Scouts were active in Princeton with Cub Leaders Bob Logan, Graham Taylor and Cliff Caverly. Scouts were led by Bob Logan, George Gibson, Bill Stevens, Jim Sproston and Sandy Marsel. Fred Smith was Group Committee Chair and they were sponsored by the Kinsmen.

There are no records found yet until 1965 when a Cub Pack was documented in Cawston under the guidance of Mrs Joan McNeil. There was also a Cub Pack in Keremeos with Mrs Jean Fitzpatrick.

1966 shows that there were 20 Cubs registered in Cawston with Leaders Otto Klemke, Mrs McNeil and Lawrence Johnson. Group Chair was E Hendsbee, and the Cubs met at Cawston Elementary. Keremeos had 29 Cubs led by Robert Fitzpatrick, Mrs Jean Fitzpatrick and Gordon Christenson. Group Chair was Fred Crooker. Cub meetings were held at the Legion.

There are no records from 1967. In 1968 we know there were Cub Packs in both Cawston and Keremeos, but no further details have emerged. Also, 1968 Scouts Canada introduced a new program for older Scouts (aged 14 years and up) called Venturers. It was optional for Scout Troops but was encouraged because of different interests of the younger Scouts and the older Scouts. It was minimally successful in the Similkameen Valley due to lower enrolment in the smaller towns.

1969 shows Cawston with 23 Cubs and 19 Scouts. Cubs were led by Pete Van Diemen and John Van Diemen, while Scouts were led by Will Sanders. Keremeos had a Cub Pack but no other details have emerged.

Cawston had 22 Cubs and 11 Scouts in 1970. Cub leaders are unknown but Will Sanders had returned as Scoutmaster. In Keremeos Murphy Shewchuck was the Cubmaster. There was also a Scout Troop but no further details are known. There was a brief resurgence in Hedley with a Cub Pack sponsored by the Moose Lodge and led by Cubmaster Mr Angers.

While we know Scouting existed in Cawston in 1971 we know nothing other than that Otto Klemke was Group Committee Chair. John Wills was awarded a 5 year Service Pin. 12 Cubs in Keremeos were led by Murphy Shewchuck. B A Sladen was Group Chair in Keremeos.

1972 saw a structural change which brought Princeton under the umbrella of the Okanagan South District. But the only records confirm a Cub Pack in Keremeos under the guidance of Murphy Shewchuck and Van Vandricken. Group Chair was Mrs Quadweling. In this year Murphy Shewchuck was awarded a 15 year Service Pin.

In 1973 Scouts Canada introduced a new program called Beavers. It was for youths aged 5 to 7 years. Also this year the Districts of Okanagan South and Okanagan Boundary merged. Some minor territorial adjustments were made and the new Okanagan South District covered Osoyoos, Oliver, Okanagan Falls, Penticton, Naramata, Summerland, Kaleden, Cawston, Keremeos, Hedley and Princeton. No further details emerged for the Similkameen Valley groups.

In 1974 we know Scouting existed in Keremeos with no further details. Princeton registered both a new Beaver Colony and a Cub Pack. Nothing further has been documented.

By 1975 we know that Princeton Scouting had renamed themselves. They were known as Hi-Tillicum. The Beaver Colony existed but Leaders are unknown. The Scout Troop was led by Bruce Rudolph and Dick McDiarmid. The Cub Pack, named Vermillion Forks Cubs, were led by Barb McDiarmid. The Keremeos Cub Pack was led by Murphy Shewchuck. The Similkameen Valley was now represented on the Okanagan South District Service team with Barb McDiarmid serving as Assistant District Commissioner for Cubs and Bruce McDiarmid serving as Assistant District Commissioner for Scouts. They were now the tutors for new adult volunteers in Cubs and Scouts.

A Beaver Colony was active in in 1976 Keremeos but no other details are known. Over in Princeton the Hi-Tillicum Beavers were led by Linda Angstadt, Marilyn Hearty, Barb McDiarmid, Dawn Juneau and Maria Strome. There were two Cub Packs, known as Vermillion Forks and Tillicum, with leadership including Barb McDiarmid, Vic Fehr, Debbie Cunliffe, Dennis Mills, Gary Raymond and Jim Mountford. The Hi-Tillicum Scouts were led by Bob Page, Gordon Inglis and

Dale MacDonald. At the District level Barb McDiarmid continued in her mentoring role as Assistant District Commissioner for Cubs.

The Keremeos group continued in 1977 with both Beavers and Cubs. Beavers were led by Roger Shaw, Phyllis Nelson, Steven Brodie and Louise Thompson. The Cub Pack was under the guidance of Murphy Shewchuck and Fred Nelson. Group Committee Chair was Janette Dennis. In Princeton the Hi-Tillicum Group registered a Beaver Colony, a Cub Pack and a Scout Troop. Beavers were led by Al Thornton, Monica McIntosh, Brenda Bertts and Marilyn Heart. Cub Leaders included Dennis Hills, Bob Mitchell, Jim Mountford, Martin Visser, Gary Raymond, Linda Angstadt and George Dodd. Scout Troop guidance was given by Ken Burke, Shane McMillan, Robert McCormick and Tom Steels. Patricia Graf served as Group Committee Chair.

In 1978 Keremeos added a Scout Troop to their group. Their Beaver Colony was led by Louise Thompson, C Helm, Roger Shaw and Connie Forner. Cubs were led by Fred Nelson, Murphy Shewchuck and Joe Dennis, while the new Scoutmaster was Ronald Schroeder. Murphy Shewchuck served as Group Committee Chair. Hi\_Tillicum Group in Princeton also had Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Beavers were led by Gloria Moore, Terry Ortwein and Bob Chislett. Cub Leaders were Linda Angstadt, Eric Messner, Esko Soli, Mirtin Viser and Linda Allan. Scouts were guided by Ken Burke, Willy Taylor, Robert McCormick and John Gaber. Patricia Graf continued as Group Committee Chair.

For 1979 we know that Keremeos had a Beaver Colony and a Cub Pack. No further details are known.

In 1980 both Keremeos and Princeton had a Beaver Colony and a Cub Pack. No other details.

In 1981 Murphy Shewchuck from Keremeos was awarded a 25 year Service Pin. No further details have emerged.

1982 was a good year for records. The new Scouting paid Field Executive for the Interior Region was John Pettifer from Penticton. Keremeos had Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Leaders in the Beaver Colony were Joanne Eaton, Greg Eaton, Norm Hanchuk, Darryl Hughes and Helen Hoker. Cubs were led by Rhona Schwager and Miles Stewart. Jan Hanna was the new Scoutmaster. Brian Mennell was Group Committee Chair. Hi-Tillicum also had Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Beaver Leaders included Ralph Tomlin, Lyn Smith, Jim Oakes and Terry Nichol. Cub Leaders included Gerald Cooper, Doug Harvey, Dave Cosby, Ernest Lawrence and Steve Bennett. Esko Solin was the Scoutmaster. Coleman Graf served as Committee Chair.

Keremeos in 1983 registered Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Beaver Leaders included Helen Haker, Kathy Bealle, Maxine Cornell, Ramona Kruger and Frank Haker. The Cub Pack was led by Fred Nelson, Miles Stewart, Jack U'Ren and Murphy Shewchuck. Scouts were led by Jan Hanna, with Dave Wilkinson assisting. Brian Mennell continued as Group Chair. In Princeton, HI Tillicum

continued with Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Beavers were led by Ralph Tomlin, Lyn Smith, Bob Westran and Kathy Dux. Cub Leaders were Gerry Cooper, Mike Garner, Danny Munro and Ernie Lawrence. The Scout Troop was in the charge of Esko Soli, Bill Basso and Jari Solin. John Schneider was Group Chair.

No records have emerged from 1984.

Very little recorded from 1985 in Keremeos. We know there were Cubs and Scouts. A new Venturer Group was added for the older Scouts under Advisor Dave Wilkinson. And we know that a Scouting Group existed in Princeton, but with no further details.

In 1986 Keremeos had 17 Cubs and 8 Scouts. They also registered a Venturer Group. Scoutmaster was Dave Wilkinson but low numbers suggest that he combined the Scout and Venturer programs. Cub Leaders are unknown. Princeton had 15 Beavers and 34 Cubs, with plans to restart a Scout Troop later in the year. Leaders are unknown.

Records are more complete for the next few years. At some point 1<sup>st</sup> Keremeos had rebranded themselves as 1<sup>st</sup> South Similkameen Group. In 1987 they had Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Beaver Leaders included Wendy Lebedoff, Wendy Clipton and Anita Budd. Lori Kennedy was Cubmaster, and Rosie Holmes worked with the Scout Troop. Kathy Harker was Group Chair. Hi Tillicum also had Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. The Beaver Colony was led by Eric Gregson, Rick Johnson, Cheryl Johnson and Shannon Foster. Cub Leaders included Bob Westran, Bill Aspinall, Al Foster, Lynn Smith, Dave Logan and Doug Reid. Greg Abbott was Scoutmaster. Ron Metcalfe served as Group Chair. Bob Westran was awarded a 5 year Service Pin.

1988 was similar, with 1<sup>st</sup> Similkameen showing Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Beaver Leaders were Wendy Hamelin and Nancy Allen. Cub Leaders were Gary Agar, Ian Walters, Michael Hamelin and John Haker. Scoutmaster was Rene Verschuren. Bruce Harker was Group Chair. The Group was sponsored by the Legion Branch. Princeton Hi Tillicum Beavers were led by Brian Bertrand, Shannon Foster, Tom Davis, Mark Sargeant and Sylvia Carrat. The Cub Leaders were Allen Foster, Bill Aspinall, David Clarke, Eric Gregson, Greg Plunkett and Doug Reid. The Scout Troop was led by Gerald Froese, assisted by Gerry Abbott, Ken Hanna and Paul Zakora. Group Chair was Bob Westran, and they were sponsored by the Princeton Lions Club. At the District level, Wendy Hamelin from Keremeos served on the District Service Team as Assistant District Commissioner for Beavers.

In 1989 South Similkameen continued with Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Nancy Allen was registered as Beaver Leader. Cub Leaders were Mike Hamelin, Jim Haker and Ian Walters, while the Scout Troop was under the guidance of Bruce Harker and Gary Agar. Hi-Tillicum Beavers were led by Brian Bertran and Margie Johnson. Cub Leaders were Bill Aspinall, Al Foster, Tom

Davis and Greg Plunkett. Scout Leaders are unknown. At the District level Wendy Hamelin from Keremeos continued as ADC for Beavers.

South Similkameen records from 1990 show Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Marie Marvie and Laura Cassidy were in charge of the Beaver Colony. The Cub Pack was led by Jim Haker, Nancy Allen, Robert Mennell and Brian Dawson. The Scout Troop was led by Bruce Harker and Gary Agar. David Barker served as Group Chair. The group was sponsored by Branch 192 of the Legion. In Hi-Tillicum there were also Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, with the Beaver Colony being led by Brian Bertrand, Raymond Kinlock, Peter McDonald and Tim Smith. Cub Leaders were Tom Davis and Allen Foster. Scouts were guided by Jerry Abbott, Gerald Froese, Ken Hanna and Paul Zakora. Shannon Foster served as Group Chair. Lions Club were sponsors.

1991 also has extensive records. South Similkameen had Beavers, Cubs and Scouts again, with Beaver Leaders Wayne Poloway, Laura Cassidy and Marie Marven. Cub Leaders included Nancy Allen, Robert Mennell, John Hutchinson and Brian Dawson. Gary Agar and Jim Haker were Scoutmasters. David Barker served as Group Chair and the group continued to be sponsored by the Legion. At Hi-Tillicum the Beaver Colony was led by Shannon Foster, Peter McDonald and Rene Messier. Cubs were led by Alan Foster, while the Scout Troop was guided by Paul Zakora, Harold Walsh, Gerald Froese, Paul Zakora Jr and Sandy Smith. Shannon Foster was Group Chair, while the Lions Club continued to sponsor the Group.

In 1992 the South Similkameen Beaver Colony was led by Wayne Poloway. Cub Leaders were Robert Mennell and Steve Venables, while the Scout Troop was led by Jim Haker and Brian Dawson. Joanne Brown was Group Chair and the Legion continued to sponsor. At Hi-Tillicum the Beaver Colony was led by Maureen Davidson and Connie Desbarais. Peter McDonald was Cubmaster, and the Scout Troop leadership included Paul Zakora, Paul Zakora Jr and Sandy Smith. Shannon Foster continued as Group Chair, with the Lions Club continuing sponsorship. Nancy Allen from Keremeos was awarded a 5 year Service Pin.

No records have emerged from 1993.

In 1994 a major change was made to the structure of Scouting in Canada. Group Committees and sponsors were being phased out and the District structure had been dismantled. Each Scouting Group was to appoint a Group Scouter, ideally an experienced Leader, who would communicate with Region and guide the local leaders. South Similkameen registered a Beaver Colony with Gail Thompson as Leader. Their Cub Pack was led by Robert Mennell, Darlene Jenkins and Wayne Polowsky. Scout Troop Leaders were Shawn Eaton, Bill Arnott and Glen Croutch. Jim Haker was Group Chair and Legion sponsorship continued. At Hi-Tillicum Laurence Newman and David Smith were Leaders of the Beaver Colony, while the Cubs were led by Brent Franklin, Ron Brunswyk and Stanley Smith. There is no record of a Scout Troop. Harold Walsh was Group



Chair, with Lions Club sponsorship. Paul Zakora was appointed Group Scouter under the new structure.

In 1995 South Similkameen registered only a Beaver Colony and a Scout Troop. Gail Thompson and Sharon Boisvert led the Beavers, while the Scouts were led by Robert Mennell, John Hutchinson and Adrian Todd. Group Chair was Jim Haker. The Hi-Tillicum Group existed, but there are no further details.

In 1996 South Similkameen had Beavers and Cubs but did not register a Scout Troop. Shannon Boisvert, Sharon Hughes and Shaun Francis led the Beaver Colony. Registered Cub Leaders were Shaun Francis, David Lubbers and Lillian Kyle. Jim Haker continued as Group Chair. Hi Tillicum showed a Beaver Colony and a Cub Pack, but other than Brent Franklin as Beaver Leader, no other records have shown up. Shannon Foster and Alan Foster from Princeton joined the 24<sup>th</sup> BP Guild. A Guild is a group of former Scouting volunteers who are no longer working with a specific group but who continue to function as a resource for special projects.

South Similkameen continued in 1997 with a Beaver Colony and a Cub Pack. Beavers were led by Gail Thompson, with Cubs being led by Lillian Kyle. Group Chair was Shaun Francis. Hi Tillicum had a Beaver Colony led by Cheryl McEnvoy and a Cub Pack led by Brent Franklin. There is no evidence of a Scout Troop in either town.

A minor resurgence occurred in 1998 with Beavers and Cubs continuing in South Similkameen. Lillian Kyle and Jim Murphy were Leaders of the Beaver Colony, with Lillian Kyle, Jim Murphy and Shaun Francis guiding the Cub Pack. Gail Thompson was Group Chair. Hi-Tillicum registered Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. There is no record of Beaver Leaders. Brent Franklin was Cubmaster, with Wally Aiken as Scoutmaster. Group Chair was Terry Kozlowski. Brent Franklin was appointed as Group Scouter. Gail Thompson from Keremeos received a 5 year Service pin. Jim Haker from Keremeos was awarded a 10 year Service Pin.

There are no records of a Scouting Group in Keremeos in 1999. Hi-Tillicum registered 5 Beavers, 7 Cubs and 12 Scouts. Beaver Leaders included Ruth Kozlowsky, Mark Beaupre and Cheryl McAvoy. Cub Leaders were Dave Kyle and Ray Senger, while Walter Aiken was Scoutmaster. Group Chair was Terry Kozlowski. Walter Aiken was appointed Group Scouter.

In 2000 the only record shows Jim Haker as Group Chair. Hi-Tillicum had a Cub Pack led by Rose Aiken and Brian Hued and a Scout Troop led by Wally Aiken.

No further details emerged over the next few years about Scouting in the Similkameen Valley other than Lillian Kyle from Princeton receiving a 5 year Service Pin in 2006.

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