

JUNE 2020



101st Ottawa (St. Aidan's) Scouting Group

Newsletter



Scouting in the Fall 2020

Thank you again to all youth, Scouters and parents who continued to join weekly virtual meetings this past spring. We've heard many good things.

First, the good news is that Scouts Canada has extended all youth membership to December 31, 2020. This will allow youth to participate in scouting in the fall without the need to register. There will be a registration for 2021 and details will be provided once we have them.

However, it will be important for you to confirm whether your child will be returning in September. Sections Scouters will reach out in August asking whether they will be returning. Those moving up sections, will be contacted by their new Section Scouters.

Scouts Canada is currently consulting on draft guidelines for returning to some in-person scouting activities in the Fall. It seems like these will only be outdoor activities with certain precautions put in place. Some camping will also be permitted. All Scouters and parents are welcome to provide feedback. Once we have more details of the actual guidelines, those will be communicated to you.

Thank you again and see you soon.

Visit: <https://www.scouts.ca/programs/scouting-at-home/overview.html>

Beaver Tales

The Beavers wrapped up their meetings the last week of May and we reported on those in the last issue of the newsletter.

We had a lot of Beavers earn badges during the last two and a half months of virtual meetings. We also had six White Tail Beavers earn their North Star Award. Again congrats to:

- Pip Barrington
- Max Cramer
- Griffin Foulkes-O'Flaherty
- Duncan McKegey
- Gabriel Villeneuve
- Ethan Wawryk

All six of them had great North Star Award community projects, like Griffin who put up his birdhouse he built in a local park and is quite proud of it. We are sure they will make excellent Tenderpad Cub Scouts.



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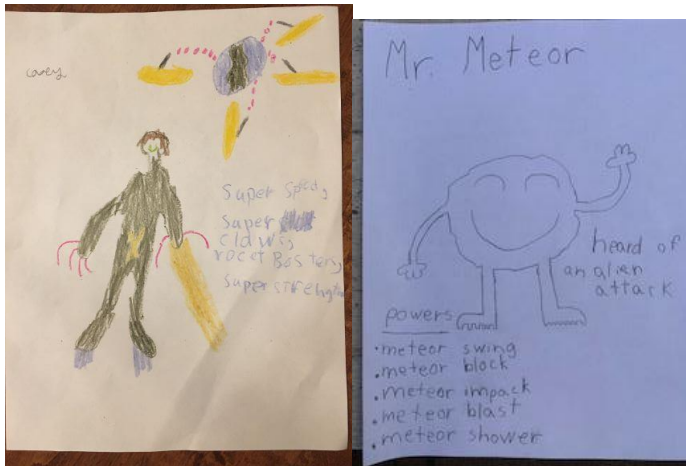
Wishing all the Beavers a safe and fun summer and we can't wait to see you in the fall – in person from the looks of it. Bucky misses you!



Cub Corner

Well, we've made it to June somehow. YAY US!

May's Virtual Astronomy Night got a few Cubs their Space Badges! We had quite a few Aliens visit our Pack to introduce themselves. Great job Cubs!



Our first meeting in June, we welcomed 3 young Tenderpads – Ethan, Pip and Duncan – and their Malak - and we shared with them what we enjoyed about Cubs and what we really could do without. Unfortunately Rain and Mosquitos are beyond our powers to control, but we'll do our best to go camping and have campfires as often as we can.

On the first Sunday in June, Raksha and Akela hosted a Lair Based Cub Escape Room. The Scouters had tried this Escape Room a few weeks before and managed it in 30 minutes. Blue Lair succeeded in 38 minutes, Green Lair in 40 minutes and Black Lair had a time of 45 minutes! Great job everyone!

Our last “official” meeting in June brought us to our “Banquet” meeting. Everyone was told to bring a Mug Cake and we handed out our Traditional Awards and our Non-Traditional Awards.

Badge Collector Award went to James. He's collected a LOT of Badges this year, and is ready to try for more.

The Turtle Award goes to Henry – for coming out of his shell. He was so shy on his first day, and he ended our last March meeting by giving a wonderful presentation on his Lego. So proud of him.

The Pack Mule Award goes to Derek because he's always willing to help haul every load – even going up and down that hill at Opie. The Mind like a Steel Trap Award goes to Sam – he always has an interesting fact related to what we're working on.

The Ingenious Award goes to Dan – he always has something homemade to contribute to our adventures.



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We have five traditional awards that we hand out each year. This year's recipients are:

- **Best New Cub:** Harrison Holmes
- **Most Improved Cub:** Cameron Burrows
- **Most Consistent Effort by a Cub:** Jack Holahan and Casey McKegney
- **Cub of the Year:** Andrew Dark
- **Lair (Six) of the Year:** Orange Lair
 - Jack Holahan (Sixer)
 - Derek Lagace (Second)
 - Liam Gable
 - Harrison Holmes
 - Casey McKegney

Our Seeonee Award recipients this year are:

- Gavin Brennan
- Andrew Dark
- Jack Holahan
- Samuel Smiderle
- Jacob Schock
- Dante Pepe who will be finishing up his Project during the summer. We look forward to awarding him his Seeonee Award at our August Ceremony.



Great to see some of things the Cubs have done for the community service project.

Congratulations go out to all of our Cubs. You've all grown so much in the last year – not just in height! Your Scouters are so very proud of you and happy to see you all becoming such wonderful people.

So ends our regular time in Cubs.

Akela will be running Cub meetings during the summer. Those Cubs – or Beavers, or Scouts, or Ventures, or Scouters! - who are interested in participating in a Summer virtual program, please contact the Cub Email at cubs.101stottawa@gmail.com Akela is planning on running weekly, Tuesdays around 7pm starting June 16.

You are welcome to join in anytime. So far plans include a scavenger hunt, planning a backyard camp out and doing the Water Badge. If we don't see you this summer, we hope to see you in September.



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Scout Trails

The Scouts wrapped up the year with their last virtual meeting on June 3rd. It was a bittersweet moment as the Scouts were happy to see each other online but lamented the fact that they could not really see other in person.

The Scouters named the recipients of the annual Scout awards for this year. They are:

Best New Scout: Sophie Humphries and Christopher Yarker

Most Improved Scout: Henry Smith

Scout of the Year: Indira Marier

There were cheers and even a few tears!

We also officially handed out the Chief Scout's Award to our FIVE – yes FIVE – recipients this year. This is really unprecedented. They are:

- Edoardo Cammalleri
- Sofia Laconi
- Indira Marier
- Luca Pepe
- Chloe Rosenbloom

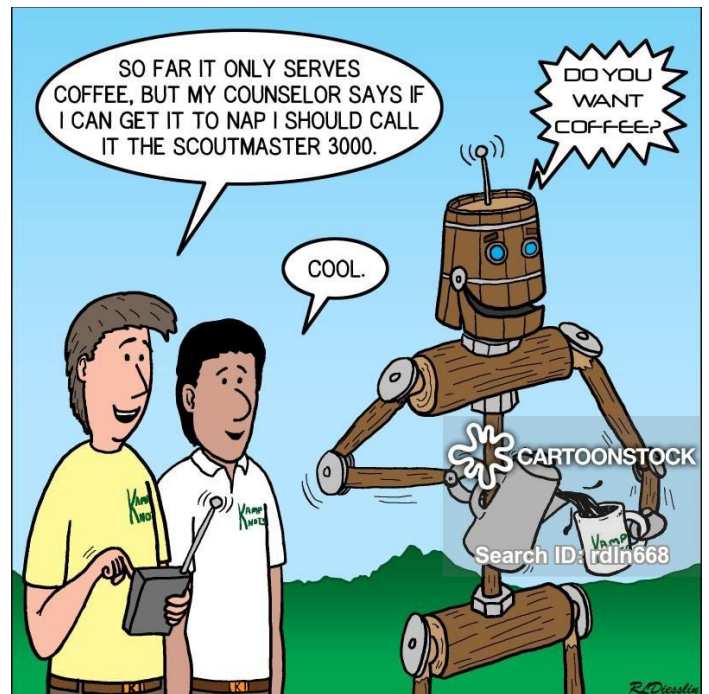
Congrats to all of the Scouts, who earned a whopping 15 personal achievement badges, which is fantastic considering we have not given one of these out in two years!! Amazing what the pandemic isolation could do when you through them a challenge to earn at least one badge. Have a great summer Scouts and take care.



Saying Thanks to a dedicated Scouter is easier than you might think...

<http://www.scouts.ca/thanks/>

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