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[Movie Morning at Bytowne Cinema](#)

On March 26th, we did something we haven't done in a while – we held an all sections movie morning at the Bytowne Cinema. Thanks to Cub Leader Kaa, we had the whole place to ourselves for free! And there was copious amounts of movie theatre popcorn.



We had some 40 youth and Scouters attend to watch The Jungle Book (2016 version) on the big screen. What fun and a huge thank you to the owners and staff at the Bytowne.

Remember folks – go see a movie and support our local independent cinemas.



[Beaver Tales](#)

March started out still very much in the throws of winter. So, we wanted to get in one last tobogganing night. We went back to our local hill at Dempsey and the Beavers had a grand time as usual.



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They worked hard to get back up the hill with icy conditions but worked together to do it.



The Beavers ended the month with a hike at a new spot – or at least one we have not gone to in many years – Pleasant Park Woods.



The week after, we restarted our indoor meetings at the church with a meeting dedicated to building and decorating our Beaver Buggies. This and race night, which was the week after March Break is always very exciting for the Beavers. The thrill of seeing their Buggy racing beside the others down our custom track. And while the Beavers did not come in first in each of their races, it is usually a favourite meeting.



The weather was colder and the ground and standing water was frozen, so a perfect early spring hike.

What a great month for the colony as we now look to spring time activities.



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Our second meeting in March was our traditional Robot Recyclables meeting! Cubs were asked to bring in recyclable material and build a robot. Robots would then battle each other using 20 sided dice.

Cub Corner

The Cubs started March out by celebrating the ever wonderful and tasty pancake. Akela issued a Gourmet Pancake Challenge and asked the Cubs to make pancakes for their families. Not just regular pancakes though, there had to be a gourmet aspect – add sprinkles, or fruit, bacon, or chocolate chips, s'mores or peanut



butter. Anything went really! Thank you to all the Cubs who participated! I hope you all did the dishes afterwards!



Our first March meeting was some indoor games. Two rounds of Guess the Pokemon – where Cubs had to ask questions of each other to guess the Pokemon on their own back - and some Zip Zap Zop before we had to go home! That meeting zoomed by.



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Each Cub rolled 3 times and the highest score was the winner! We had some fantastic robots! And there is always someone who makes themselves into a robot. Great job Robot Russell!

Great big HUGE thank you to Kaa, as she arranged an All Sections Saturday Morning at the Cinema for us! Of course we had to watch *The Jungle Book* (2016). We also absolutely HAD to eat popcorn. For breakfast. Thank you to all the Cubs who came out. Very proud of you for being on best behaviour that day.

The third week in March brought March Break, so no meeting! WOOHOO!

First week back from March Break meant Kub Kar Cutting! And sanding. And sanding. And sanding. We must be ready for the Kub Kar races on April 5!



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Our last meeting in March was Part 2 of Kub Kar Cutting! It didn't go so well – the band saw blade broke. But, our Cubs rolled with it and those cars that needed cutting were painted and will race that way. There are some fantastic paint jobs out there and we're looking forward to the actual race next week!



Scout Trails

We went back to indoor meetings the first week of March and held a knife safety and permit night. The first year Scouts got to earn their knife permit, which meant they learned how to safely use a pocket knife and with their permit they are now allowed to bring their pocket knife to future camps. Older Scouts got a good refresher and we got to do some much needed planning and we got to invest Scout Christopher, the newest member of our troop.



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The knife permits was perfect timing for our day camp we held on March 5th at Baxter Conservation Area. We had perfect day outside and the Scouts did a lot of whittling with their knives. Thanks to Scouter Bill who came to help the first year Scouts earn their last missing permit – their match and fire permit.



The Scouts really enjoyed making holes in the ice of the Rideau River to try some ice fishing – most for the first time. Thanks to Scouter Paul who brought ice fishing gear and minnows. While we did not catch anything so no fish for lunch – but the Scouts had a delicious lunch cooked on the campfire.



We went on a hike around the conservation area before a great day ended and parents picked up.

The Scouts really look forward to more time to spend outdoors.



The following week, we went back to another favourite spot and activity of the Scouts – laser tag at the “new” Lasermaxx. We played two rounds of laser tag and who knew that Scout Gavin was such a sharp shooter as he won both rounds. It was great fun. Thanks to Scouter Miranda for organizing.



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Each Scout got to handle a different sword or wear a helmet or armour and Mr. Dark talked about the history and use behind that weapon, helmet or armour.



The Scouters were very impressed with how much the Scouts knew already and they were very engaged throughout the entire presentation. Thank you very much to Mr. Dark.

After March Break, we were back at the church and Scout Andrew's dad, Mr. Dark came to take the Scouts through more than 2000 years of history of weapons and armour.



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A few Scouts even got to “test” out the armour.



We ended the month with a hike at the trails off P20 on Anderson Road. The forecast freezing rain held off while we hiked at a very brisk pace set by the Scouts and we had to tell them to slow down a couple times. We covered about 4KM in less than 90 minutes and let's say the Scouts were all pretty tired at the end.



Venturer News

This month has been a bit challenging for Vents to get together. In the time they were together, they did some great planning and have filled the schedule with ideas from now to June, including done volunteer activities, camps and a day trip out of town. Venturer Sam also planned a debate between the Advisors and Venturers, which allowed us all to flex our mental muscles and think a little more deeply about important social justice issues. Next month, we hope to get back to our normal rhythm and back to spending some time together.

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A DEEP AROMATIC BLEND
X WITH A STRONG X
CAMPFIRE SONGS FINISH



Scout Coffee Year-Round Fundraiser

Scouts Canada has brought back the Scout Coffee fundraiser as a year-round one. If you really love coffee – and may consider yourself a “coffee snob”, then you’ll love this. We’ve partnered with Equator Coffee Roasters in Almonte to sell fair-trade, organic coffee.

There are various roasts, sizes and even bundles available. And shipping is available to anywhere in Canada.

Go to www.scout-coffee.ca

At checkout, click on support local scout group and type in 101st Ottawa and select the youth section you want to support. 35% of proceeds come back to the 101st.



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Thank a Volunteer Today!

Did you know that the 101st has 21 dedicated Scouters and volunteers? Some of them have continued to volunteer even after their own children have left the program. Some of them have been Scouters for 35 and 45 years! And some of them volunteer behind the scenes like Sara Walker our Treasurer and Richard Lincoln our Registrar. Without them, the 101st would not exist. 2020 and 2021 have been years of a lot of ups and downs for them. If you can spare 5 minutes, click on the link below and thank a volunteer today. To help you fill out the form, the 101st is part of Voyageur Council. Thank you!

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

Upcoming Events:

- April 22-24: Venturers Opemikon Work Weekend
- April 30: Beavers Spring Beaverie
- May 6-8: Scouts RSVP Camp
- May 14-15: Scouts Rideau Challenge Journey
- May 13-15: Cubs Spring Camp
- May 27-29: Beavers Spring Camp
- June 3-5: Scouts Spring Camp #1
- June 17-19: Scouts Spring Camp #2
- June 17-20: Venturers Canoe Camp



Scouts Helping Ukraine

Visit this link to see how Scouts in Canada and around the world are helping the humanitarian crisis facing the people of Ukraine.

<https://www.scouts.ca/news-and-events/news/2022/03/scouts-canada-supports-the-scouts-of-ukraine>



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