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[Beaver Tales](#)

The Beavers second month was partly devoted to our annual investiture ceremony. This is when the Beavers say their promise and receive their tails and badges for their uniform. We have three lodges this year, each with a Lodge Leader:

- The Moose lodge with Rhys as the Lodge Leader
- The Orca lodge with Dylan as the Lodge Leader
- The Polar Bear lodge with Owen as the Lodge Leader

During our first meeting, the Beavers spent getting prepared for our investiture ceremony the following week.



The Beavers were very keen to say their promise and receive their tails. Thank you to all the parents who came, some with little future Beavers. After the formal part of the ceremony, the Beavers were rewarded with a cake thanks to Bubbles.



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And of course, Beavers love cake!



The following week, the Beavers linked up with the Cubs for our Fall cleanup of Canterbury Park. Our group sponsors the park and the two sections fill our obligation to clean up the park twice a year.

It was a beautiful but dark evening, but the Beavers were ready with their headlamps and flashlights and teamed up to pick up a lot of garbage. Most had full bags of trash and the treat after all their hard work was a mug of hot chocolate and a couple cookies.



Our last meeting of the month was the annual Halloween party. Yes, it was a week early, but the Beavers came well-prepared with their costumes. We had everything from super heroes to witches, Harry Potter and so many more.



Cub Corner

We started October by returning to a favourite activity. October 1 was Apple Day! Quite a few Beavers, Cubs and Scouts spread across the Elmvale Area to ask for donations for the 101st



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Ottawa Group. Stuck in the depot, Akela could only see the happy faces of those returning with full donation tins. Great job Cubs! With your hard work (and your parents too, we know they helped) you managed to raise over \$3000 to help fund our Pack, the Beaver Colony, the Scout Troop and the Venturer Company (they were the ones in blue counting the money.) This money will be used to buy and fix equipment, help pay for some of our Winter Camp at Opie, and to buy those Apple Day Crests that we're all looking forward to!

Our first meeting in October was All about Teamwork and The Floor is Lava. Cubs had to work in their patrols to flip their "boats" in the parking lot without having anyone fall off.



Their second activity was having to get their Lair across the Lava using only "tiles" - one for each Cub, and then one spare. Gotta say, once the Cubs knew what they were going to do- they went at it! Great job Cubs! Week 1 of the Dragon Trail Quest is done!



Our second meeting in October was centred around Water – Week 2 of the Dragon Trail Quest. So we took a hike down to the Rideau River. Sadly, all of our water testing kits had gotten damp and were unusable, we'll need to restock for the next time we hike near water. Everyone still had a chance to touch the river.



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We went over hiking safety and water safety and learned a few interesting facts about Canada's lakes and river. We also learned that we need to hike to the speed of the slowest hiker, as once again Akela – and this time Kaa – were left at a crossroads with no directions. Neither of them minded as this location was a safe space for everyone to learn what to do and what not to do. Cubs learned that in such a situation, you stay still and Hug a Tree. Or a Kaa if you have one handy. Cubs also learned what an Emergency Blast sounded like. They proved they wouldn't leave Kaa and Akela behind again on the return trip. Although the calls of "Akela, follow the light!" could be taken a few ways.

The third week of October brought us to our traditional Canterbury Park Clean Up and Playground Inspection. The park itself was a little dirtier than normal, we took care of that. Then it was time for everyone's favourite part – cookies and hot chocolate! Thank you Scouter Sunshine for providing those!



Then of course, came the second best part – Playground Inspection! We are pleased to report

that the playground is in good shape – particularly the swings. This week took care of the Earth Challenge for the Dragon Trail Quest

Oddly enough, there are only 4 Tuesdays in October this year, so our last October meeting we took care of the Wind Challenge – we sang! This was a great time to teach the Cubs some Campfire songs. It's also a great idea because Akela would like to build up a songbook to hand out to the Cubs. This is a great way to fill it up! Old favourites like Baby Bumblebee, Purple Stew and Pizza Hut, joined forces with Ging Gang Goolie and This Land is Your Land – which we just learned.



Then of course there was the There Ain't No Flies on Us battle that we took down to the Beavers. Thank you for playing along Beavers, it was appreciated.



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Scout Trails

October was another busy month for the Scouts. It started with our investiture ceremony. We first had our investiture ceremony, which we usually hold at a spot on the shore of Dow's Lake in the Dominion Arboretum. We invested first our Troop Leaders, then Patrol Leaders, followed by the Assistant Patrol Leaders and finally each patrol one at a time. Thank you to the parents who attended and to the Scouts for taking part.



The following week was a preparation meeting for those going to camp that weekend as well as a planning meeting for the others. That camp is called Brotherhood Camporee and made its return post-pandemic. This is an annual camp of Canadian and American Scouts that alternates between Ontario and New York State. This year, a dozen of our Scouts headed to Wellesley Island State Park just across the border from the Thousand Islands Bridge.



Our campsite was right on the shore of the St. Lawrence River – it was a beautiful site. This camp has an opening and closing ceremony and loads of drop-in activities, including archery, bb guns, military display, among others. A very popular activity is badge trading, which several of our Scouts love.



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At our next meeting, we welcomed Scouter Bill, one of the Venturer Advisors to help the Scouts learn knots and put them to good use by lashing sticks together.



After some practice, the Scouts worked in their patrols to build a chair using a minimum of four sticks lashed together and strong enough to carry a member of their patrol from one end of the room to the other. We had some interesting designs but all worked out.



The Saturday night was capped with a huge bonfire with a live rock band. What fun!



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The last meeting of the month was going over pocket knife safety and the new Scouts got to earn their knife permit.



Venturer News

Much of October focused on preparations for Rovent - a capstone medieval-themed camp for Vents that takes place at Camp OPE. Meetings were focused on costume shopping, making shields (for the flour fight), making of menus, grocery shopping and equipment gathering.



Rovent took place the weekend of October 21-23. The weather was beautiful and the youth had a great time meeting other Venturers and participating in all the activities. A feature is the "flour battle" where bags of flour are launched at each other using catapults. Yes, you read that correctly!



The end of the month, the Vents sat together and put together a schedule until after Christmas and outlines some big adventures they will be starting to plan for in the second half of the year. Stay tuned - more adventures to come!



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