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# Newsletter



## Scoutrees 2014

Scoutrees helps the environment, is a community project and important fundraiser for our Group.

**Pledges are due May 5 for Beavers and Cubs and May 6 for Scouts and Venturers.**

**Dig Day (tree planting) is on May 2 at 10:30am at Dossetter Park on the corner of Swain Avenue and Dossetter Way.**

## Beaver Tales

The Beavers ended the month of March with a really fun bowling night with the Cubs. This is always a meeting we look forward, even though some Beavers can't seem to finish a game in an hour.

In April, we had a cooking night with the Beavers making their own mini pizzas. Yum! While waiting for their pizzas to cook they smelt various spices and foods and tried to guess what they were. The cinnamon was the favourite while the hot sauce the least.

That was followed by a transportation themed meeting to prepare for a field trip with a ride on the O-Train. While some Beavers had been on the O-Train before, this was the first time for most of them. Between the bridges, tunnels and stations, they were very excited!! Some of the adults were too!!!



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### Cub Corner

The Cubs spent two meetings in April learning how to build the 101<sup>st</sup> Ottawa Scouts group website. Each Six was in charge of building one or two webpages. They started by expressing a Cub star theme in a tableau. We captured the tableaux in photos, which the Cubs then uploaded to the webpages. They then added more pictures and composed short descriptions and captions to finish the pages. These pages will help let everyone know what cubbing is all about.



The Cubs learned how to use the computer tools to build the site, as well as how to compose photos and captions. They did a fantastic job. If you haven't done so already, check out the new pages on the website!



Also in April, we learned about the Canadian government and what exactly an MP is. The best way to learn is by doing so we hosted our own debates on the menus for our upcoming spring camp. After each debate, all the Cubs voted to decide on the menu. We expect all the plates to be licked clean at camp as a result of this democratic menu-making process!

All of this was in preparation for a special meeting on Parliament Hill on March 28. Our Pack will be meeting with the MP for Ottawa South, David McGuinty, who invited us for a tour of Parliament Hill. The Cubs will also get a chance to chat with Mr. McGuinty and ask him questions. It should be a very interesting and special evening.

The Cubs are looking forward to a very busy May. We will have our annual sleep-over at the church, the swim-up/leap-up ceremony as well as our spring camp, park clean-up and Scoutree-planting.



It starts with Scouts.



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## Scout Trails

The Scouts have had a busy April. We started off April 1 by going for a hike along NCC Dewberry Trail and split up the youth into 2 groups to walk 5-7 km along 2 different loops with a full daypack in preparation for the Rideau Challenge in May.

April 8<sup>th</sup> was a very busy night for Damir, Jordan, Samuel, Scouters Kristel, Shazeela, and Tad as they worked at the BAC roast beef dinner at the church serving dinner to 100 ticket holders, cleaning dishes and providing assistance to parishioners as part of their community service.



The regular meeting followed at the Ottawa Library, Elmvale Branch as information packages were distributed to all leaders and youth for the Rideau Challenge. Leaders sorted youth into two patrols- Bronze & Silver; arrange a shopping list; reviewed the packing list for day packs only as gear and tents will be kept in the leader car until they arrive at HQ campsite at Roger Stevens Drive & Flood Road on Saturday afternoon.

**Kingsley Armoury** dropped by the church on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Daniel Kingsley and his apprentice, Josh provided instruction on knife safety, knife care, a brief history of leather making, tanning practices of the past 1000 years, and his background of making medieval armour & leather products like

knives, axes, shields and sheaths. The youth and leaders were then provided with Scouts Canada knives to keep then sewed a leather pouch using waxed dental floss and stamped their initials & picture on the pouch. It may seem odd to use dental floss yet if the knife is removed the pouch works as a water carrier in a survival kit.



SCOUTS CANADA

## Scotiajamb2015

There were 2 fundraisers for our youth heading to Nova Scotia this July. We participated in the Canterbury Garage Sale on April 12<sup>th</sup> raising \$198.75 between the 4 participating youth and a canteen at the Rideau Area Soapbox Derby on April 19<sup>th</sup> & some items on April 22 raising an additional \$232.75 for another 6 youth.



The Rideau Area Soapbox Derby Rally took place on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> letting us take our revamped car out of hibernation to race at Terry Fox Athletic Facility against 5 other cars from various area groups. Throughout the morning,



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our car finished in first place in over 8 heats except for one. In the end we went home with 2 well-deserved trophies: **1<sup>st</sup> Place Trophy & Coolest Car 2015** which will be added to the display case at the church.



This past week, **Ottawa Riverkeepers Association** ran a packed evening showing the group a movie about water pollution along the Ottawa River, how we can continue to keep our waterways clean and various means of pollution that exist in our everyday world. The youth then broke up into 2 workstations learning about soil erosion; stopping chemicals and everyday items from heading into our sewage system leading to the rivers; and finally compared themselves to a sturgeon that can grow to 154 cm in length over their lifespan of 100 years.



This week we do our environmental cleanup along the Rideau Canal pathway along both Queen Elizabeth Drive and Colonel By Drive as part of both *Great Shoreline Cleanup & Cleaning the Capital* campaigns to track things we collect on data sheets before returning to the organizers to receive our crests in early May, which can be traded at SJ '15.

Finally, we have a busy two months ahead before we wrap up for the year on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

### [Venturers News](#)

The Venturers have been preparing this weekend's RSVP Camp at Opemikon. Have fun!

### [End-of-the-Year Party set for June 9](#)

Our annual party to end the scouting year, hand out awards to the youth, and recognize our volunteers is set for **Tuesday, June 9 at the Canterbury Community Centre**. This year we hoping to have a guest speaker come in and some entertainment thanks to some very motivated Leaders. Stay tuned and mark your calendars!

### [Swim-Up and Leap-Up Ceremony](#)



Soon the White Tail Beavers and 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Cubs will be making the swim-up or leap-up to the next level in scouting. This is an important event in the life of a Scout.

**When: Tuesday, May 5 at 6:30pm**  
**Where: St. Aidan's**

**What to do to prepare: Learn your new promise. Have your new uniform shirt from the Scout Shop.**



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### [New 101<sup>st</sup> Ottawa Website](#)

Have you checked out the 101<sup>st</sup> new website?  
What are you waiting?  
<http://www.101ottawa.com>

### **IMPORTANT - Early Registration for 2015-16**

Early registration for the 2015-16 scouting year (September 2015 to June 2016) is very soon!! Every year, those who register early save the hassle of registering in the fall and also save \$20 off the regular registration fee.

The early registration fees are:

**Beavers, Cubs & Venturers: \$180**

**Scouts: \$230 (the extra \$50 is to pay all dues at the beginning of the year)**

Registration forms will be provided starting in May. The deadline for registering early and taking advantage of the reduced fee is June 26.

**Parents, please note that we cannot guarantee your child's spot in the Fall if you do not register early.**

### [Upcoming Dates for your Calendar](#)

- May 1-3: Venturers RSVP Camp
- May 2: Scoutrees Dig Day
- May 3: Scouts Rideau Challenge Preparation Hike
- May 8-10: Cubs Spring Camp at Foley Mountain Conservation Area
- May 9-10: Scouts Rideau Challenge
- May 22-24: Beavers Spring Camp at Foley Mountain Conservation Area
- June 5-7: Scouts Voyageur Council Spring "Survivor Camp" at Opemikon
- June 12-14: Scouts Canoe Camp at Lac-du-Poisson-Blanc
- July 11-17: ScotiaJamb 2015 at Camp Nedooae in Nova Scotia



" We're roughing it - - - no WIFI. "



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