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# Newsletter



## Scoutrees 2017

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

**Pledges are due May 2 for Beavers and May 3 for Cubs, Scouts and Venturers.**

**Dig Day (tree planting) is on May 6 at 10:00am in Riverside Drive on Shoreline Drive.**



## Beaver Tales

In April, the Beavers started out the month with a science night hosted by Echo and Diane Lagace. Both are Scientists and they taught the Beavers about DNA. The Beavers did two cool experiments on DNA.



They also made one out of licorice and marshmallows – and yes some of the Beavers tried to eat them instead.



The week after, the Beavers headed to Walkley Bowl with the Cubs. They had a really great time and some Beavers even bowled a better game than the Leaders.



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The week after bowling, it was Thunder's turn to host a meeting on birds. What was amazing is that the Beavers learned all sorts of neat things about birds they did not know before. We rounded out the month with our spring hike on Dewberry Trail in the Mer Bleue Conservation Area. It was a damp hike but the Beavers got to see some birds along the hike too.



### Cub Corner

Knowing how to survive long enough to get rescued is a critical skill when you find yourself in a tricky situation. Cub Leaders use these skills every Tuesday night, but in slightly tougher situations with only a limited set of supplies, what would be the most critical items to have with you? In the first meeting of the month, the cubs in their lairs were asked to put their thinking caps on and work as a team to choose from a selection of objects in order to ensure their survival in the desert after an airplane crash, and it was inspiring to see the creativity at work. They all covered the basics, including warmth, food and water, but when some selected a compact disc as one of their five "essential" items, we feared that the maturity level had dropped a notch – until they showed how it could reflect sunlight to create a signalling device. Their genius knows no bounds.

The survival skills learned from week one were put to good use as in the third week when we embarked on a treacherous journey from the Church Hall to Weston Park, skillfully navigating

the rugged terrain and encountering the wild inhabitants of Elmvale Acres. Despite these perils, the youth were able to remain calm under pressure, and in the process learned the skills of navigating and map-reading using landmarks, the sun and a compass. It was fortunate that provisions were provided at our destination; otherwise we may never have made it back.



In-between all the survival stuff, the Cubs had a fun bowling night. Competition and comradeship was high as they all cheered each other on, while still trying to beat out their fellow Cubs in the next lane.



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We ended the month with the Yellow Lair running a meeting on Bagheera's Hunting Grounds - the part of the Jungle Map focused on the environment.

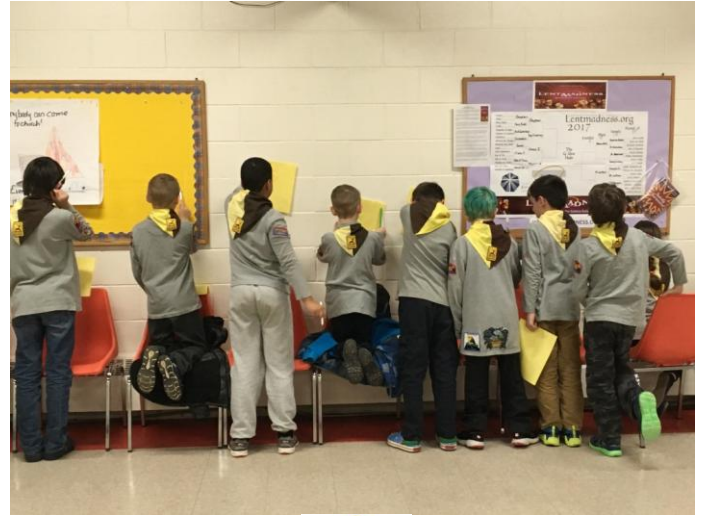


The youth played an exciting game of "Kick the Can" in the rain, took part in an quiz on climate change and learned some interesting facts, and worked together to make their own creations out of recycled material.



As we look forward to May, there are some exciting times ahead - our Dig Dig for Scout Trees is on May 6th raising funds for the group, we'll be heading on a guided tour of Parliament Hill, cleaning up the park and most important - our eldest Cubs will be moving up to join the Scouting Ranks for 2017/2018. Details about our Summer Camp will be coming out soon, so

please watch your email. See you all next month!



### Scout Trails

The Scouts started April with a fun Sock Hop Party organised by the Venturers. A little reluctant at first, they eventually moved away from the refreshments and participated in the Macarena, the Time Warp and other party favourites. It was a great chance to practise their moves for the RSVP camp in May.



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The fun continued that week with a sleepover at the Church Hall. After setting up their tents in the basement they survived the sleepover by making their own Survival kits and eating popcorn while watching *Survivorman* and *Behr Grills* on the big screen. In the morning they had a hearty Scout breakfast with pancakes and sausages ready to start work on dismantling the Soapbox Car and starting on the repairs.



The seat, brakes, wheels, steering ...what didn't need work! A big Thank you to Alex and Stacy Janes who worked hard over the Easter weekend to finish what was started and make the car roadworthy. Despite the wet weather Ansel, Alex and Ethan found the car safe and easy to operate during the test drive. Alex and

Ethan gave the car a fresh paintjob and the 101<sup>st</sup> were ready for the races.



The sun came out for race day and after some more test drives the nail biting competitions at 32km/hr started.



All the hard work was worth it when the 101<sup>st</sup> came home with two of the four Trophies. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Trophy and Trophy for Best Car Design.



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April also included an intergalactic battle at Laser Quest where the Youth showed the Scouters a trick or two. Back at the Church, with Sam, Adrian and Nick having earned their knife permits, Scouter Mike was able to show everyone the basics of whittling with a project for a wooden woggle. The youth loved it and we're looking forward to seeing some incredible finished pieces.



The last week the group joined the Ottawa Orienteering for some instruction at the NCC trails behind the Nepean Sportsplex.



Some of the youth were so keen it was hard for the leaders to keep up!! It was a wonderful warm evening and a great way to start the spring outdoor adventures.



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**Venturer News**

April was a month in which the Venturers danced, served, cheered the Sens, and planned for their May canoe trip. First, the Vents planned a linking activity with the Scouts that was a little outside the box. Both Sections will be attending the RSVP camp at Ope the first weekend of May. An important part of the camp is the Saturday evening dance which features songs with an Ope dance twist, such as Rock Lobster, Time Warp and others. So why not host a sock hop with the Scouts? The Vents decorated the lower hall, arranged snacks and lined up a DJ, Rover Graeme. A lot of fun was had by all, learning the new dance steps - even the Scouters joined in!

Venturers Dana, Kendra, Sam and Stephan with Scouters Bill and Dan served at the St. Aidan's roast beef dinner - seating guests, serving water, juice and coffee, running plates of food, serving the desserts, and of course helping to clean up. Volunteering at Church dinners are a great way to further strengthen the relationship with the parish community, and the Vents received a very nice letter of thanks from the dinner organizer



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Debbie Trickey. The Vents did a fantastic job, and their character and friendliness shone through. And the roast beef dinner reward at the end was super as well.



One Wednesday evening, the Vents played road hockey, and then watched the Sens take on the Bruins. No photos exist but Scouter Bill plays an awesome game in nets! While there is no road hockey badge, we did meet some objectives of the Canadian Path - physical activity, community service (spirit), and values and beliefs (cheering for one's hometown).

Dana and Kendra, with Scouter Bill recorded even more community service hours this past weekend by participating in the Ope work weekend. About 80 Venturers and Rovers with Scouters spent the weekend painting, repairing, and freshening the facilities at Ope in preparation for the spring and summer camp programs. Dana and Kendra will both be on staff at Ope this summer, along with recent 101<sup>st</sup> Venturer 'grads' Aidan and Graeme. If your child

is at an Ope summer camp, and sleeping in a freshly painted Cub field cabin, you can thank a Venturer!

May will bring two camps for the Vents; RSVP and canoe camp the long weekend. Can hardly wait!



### **IMPORTANT - Early Registration for 2017-18**

Early registration for the 2017-18 scouting year (September 2017 to June 2018) opens on May 1<sup>st</sup>!! Every year, those who register early save the hassle of registering in the fall and also save \$30 off the regular registration fee.

The early registration fees are:

**Beavers, Cubs & Venturers: \$200**

**Scouts: \$250 (the extra \$50 is to pay all dues at the beginning of the year)**

Returning members have a 3-week window before registration opens to new members. The deadline for registering early and taking advantage of the reduced fee is June 30.

Register online at <https://www.myscouts.ca> and paying by Interac or credit card.



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### 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 9 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.**

### End-of-the-Year Party set for June 6

Our annual party to end the scouting year, hand out awards to the youth, and recognize our volunteers is set for **Tuesday, June 6 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!



### Dates for your Calendar

- **May 6:** Scoutrees Planting (Dig Day)
- **May 5-7:** RSVP Camp at Opemikon (Scouts and Venturers)
- **May 13:** White Tail Beavers Sleepover at Aviation Museum
- **May 19-21:** Venturers Canoe Camp
- **May 26-28:** Beavers Spring Camp at Legewade
- **June 6:** End-of-Year Banquet at Canterbury Community Centre
- **June 9-11:** Cubs Spring Camp at Voyageur Provincial Park
- **June 16-18:** Scouts Canoe Camp at Lac du Poisson Blanc



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