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Newsletter



Scoutrees 2019

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

Dig Day (tree planting) is on May 4 at 10:00am at Shoreline Drive and Rainforest Drive in Riverside South.



Beaver Tales

The Beavers April started with some meetings devoted to healthy living and eating. This included learning about how much sugar are in drinks,



Making a healthy snack and other activities.



They even got to practice some yoga poses.



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We were supposed to go bowling with the Cubs but instead went on a lovely hike.



Yes, there was still snow on the trail in mid April but that was a good thing as there was less mud and water instead. The Beavers and Cubs came across many bird feeders and got to put out some seed thanks to Tic Tac who brought some.



Let's say our Beavers love to get outdoors.



It was a really fun hike and we hope to do it again soon.



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The week after was intended to be hockey night at St. Aidan's, but the rain meant we had to limit the time we spent outdoors. But they still got to do a relay race and play a bit of road hockey.



We ended April with some field games at Weston Park.



Loads of fun games like catch the stick, capture the flag and flag tag.

May will be our last month of meetings and includes the swim-up ceremony, park cleanup and our very popular spring camp at Foley Mountain.



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Cub Corner

S.T.E.M. (Science, technology, engineering, and math) has been the buzzwords for the Cub Scouts this month. In the beginning of April we completed our three meetings focused on space exploration.

Throughout this segment, the youth experimented with pop bottle Rockets, water circulation cooling systems, pressurized air, and the manoeuvrability of objects in outer space. We completed our S.T.E.M. meetings with an awesome and well attended trip to the new Science and Technology Museum.



Midmonth, the youth participated in an Ultimate Lair Challenge, where they had to work together in a group on a series of activities, challenges, and puzzles put together by Rikki Tikki Tavi.



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Despite a last minute change of plans, we had a wonderful linking activity with the Beavers.



We all went on a hike and enjoyed the great outdoors.



The Cub Scouts participated in Leadership Training, to further their understanding of key leadership and scouting principles such as

integrity, communication, work ethic, confidence, humbleness and teach ability. We spent quite a bit of time on communication and effective listening, and in the end all the participants were awarded their leadership badge to be displayed on their uniforms. Perhaps they can use the sewing skills they learned at winter camp to actually get them on their uniforms!



We finished the month with a most excellent and yummy meeting organized by Bagheera. Each lair made their own pizza and learned about the science behind pizza while waiting for their snack to bake. They turned out quite well, and the youth enjoyed tasting what they had made.



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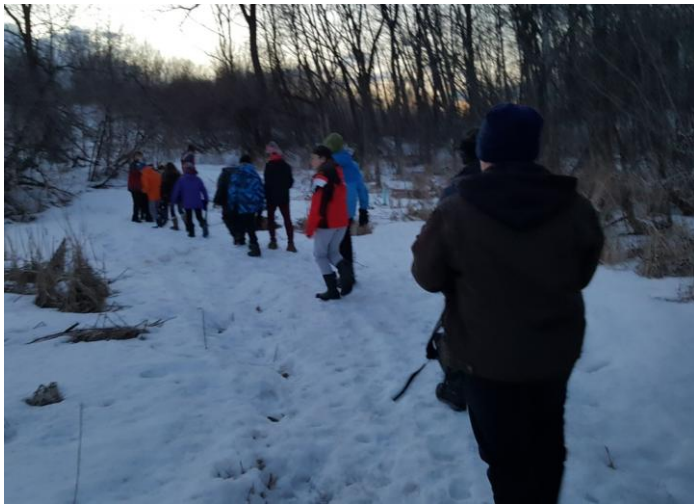
Looking forward to May we will have leap up ceremony to bid adieu to our third years while welcome and Tenderpads coming up from Beavers, some community service with the shepherds of good hope garden, our Cuboree, and other adventures.

Hope to see Cubs on Saturday for our tree planting day!



Scout Trails

The Scouts started off April with a hike on some of the trails off Anderson Road in Mer Bleu. There was still a lot of snow on the ground and winter-like conditions, but that did not deter them. Any excuse to get outdoors is a good one for the Scouts.



In April, we had five Scouts take part in the annual Paddle Night organized for youth across the Council.



They spent a couple of hours at a local pool learning about paddle strokes, canoe rescue and safety.



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It was great practice for our planned canoe camps this spring.



Also in April is the annual Rideau Area Soapbox Derby. Each year, the 101st participates. We have taken home the 3rd place in the races trophy for two years in a row and the Coolest Car trophy for four years now.



We had three teams of drivers and pushers. There were seven cars from Troops in the Area and some great driving by everyone.



Our drivers, Edoardo, Max and Luca made us proud but unfortunately our car was not very fast and got eliminated after the preliminary heats.



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We also lost out this year to another Troop on the Coolest Car award but promise to work on the car for next year.



In mid-April, the Scouts and a couple Venturers went to McCarthy Woods for an orienteering activity run by the Ottawa Orienteering Club.

They were given a map of the woods where they would find markers to check in and see how many they can do – there were over 20 of them. Even the Scouters had fun with it.



The Scouts then met at the church the following week and invited the 3rd year Cubs for a murder mystery night. This was organized by two Scouts: Indira and Sofia who did a great job of creating a murder scene, the suspects who were the Scouters of course and each Patrol then worked together visiting three rooms to get clues and interview the suspects. All patrol eventually got it right and it was great fun.



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They got to hang out with the 3rd year Cubs coming up to Scouts, played manhunt and a great game with a rope.



The final activity of the month was a practice hike for some of the Scouts taking part in the Rideau Challenge in May. We hiked part of the Rideau Trail on a lovely Sunday morning covering 8KM (one third what they will hike).



May is going to be jam packed with 3 camps, a major hike and leaping up for the new Scouts coming up from Cubs.



Venturer News

The Venturers had a busy month with varied activities. St. Aidan's held a special roast beef dinner as a fundraiser to replace the roof. Raising the \$60,000 needed takes a lot of effort and the Venturers were there to volunteer to serve the dinner and help cleanup.



They even got to chat with Mayor Jim Watson and Councillor Jean Cloutier.



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Later in the month, the Venturers took advantage of some fine weather and went on a hike.



The big event for April was the Opemikon Work Weekend. Some of the Venturers spent the weekend at Ope painting one of the cabins. This is an annual camp for Venturers that allows them to give back to a place many of them have spent a lot of time at and have very fond memories of that time.



It was tiring and long but very rewarding and satisfying to see the Venturers giving back. Great job!!

With May now upon us, the Venturers are focusing on the RSVP Camp at Ope with the Scouts the first weekend of May. Usually a blast with a dance, campfire and chocolate fondue, no less.



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IMPORTANT - Early Registration for 2019-20

Early registration for the 2019-20 scouting year opens on May 1st!! 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 fee is \$215. It will increase to \$245 on July 1st.

Returning members have a 2-week window (until May 15th) 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.



Summer Camp at Opemikon

Camp Opemikon offers summer camping programs for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venturer aged youth. Camps includes crafts, swimming, hiking, canoeing, campfires, theme weeks, and so much more. A truly memorable summer camp experience. Information is now available at: <http://voy.scouts.ca/ca/camp-opemikon-summer-programs>

Year-End Banquet

Our annual Year-End Banquet is set for Tuesday, June 11th from 6:00-8:00pm at the Canterbury Community Centre. Cost will be \$5 per person to attend. Each section will reflect on the year gone by, give special awards to the youth and we will recognize our volunteers without whom, nothing would be possible. See you there!!

Dates for your Calendar

- **May 3-5:** Scouts & Venturers RSVP Camp
- **May 4:** Scoutrees Dig Day
- **May 11-12:** Scouts Rideau Challenge
- **May 24-26:** Beavers Spring Camp
- **May 31-June 2:** Cubs Council Camp
- **June 1-2:** Scouts Spring Camp
- **June 7-9:** Cubs Seeonee Camp & Venturers Canoe Camp
- **June 11:** Year-End Banquet at Canterbury Community Centre
- **June 14-16:** Scouts Canoe Camp



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