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101st Ottawa (St. Aidan's) Scouting Group

Newsletter



Scoutrees

In a normal year, we would have launched our Scoutrees pledges fundraiser at the beginning of April and be planting trees the first Saturday in May. Unfortunately, Scoutrees is cancelled for this year. But see below the great story from Scouter Jean Stewart, one of our Venturer Advisors from our past tree planting activities:

“This whole area used to be filled with beautiful old trees, many of which were Ash. They were home to wildlife, and forts for kids. (Now Venturer) Max played there since before he was a Beaver. They also provided much shade to the nearby playground, and were sadly missed when the area had to be levelled due to the impact of the Ash Borer Beetle. A smaller area was fenced in and the regrowth started. Slowly. It got a very welcome kick start from our very own 101st, who planted there on one Scout Tree planting day.



The youth (and adults) brought much love and every day we can see the results of their care. Slowly but surely, there are strong trees growing. They are helping the area, ensuring that the ground doesn't bog, providing shelter and homes to the wildlife in the area, and will soon provide some shade again to the neighbourhood playgrounds.



This kind of runs parallel to our current state. We WILL grow again.

Thank you to all who helped make this cycle grow.”



Beaver Tales

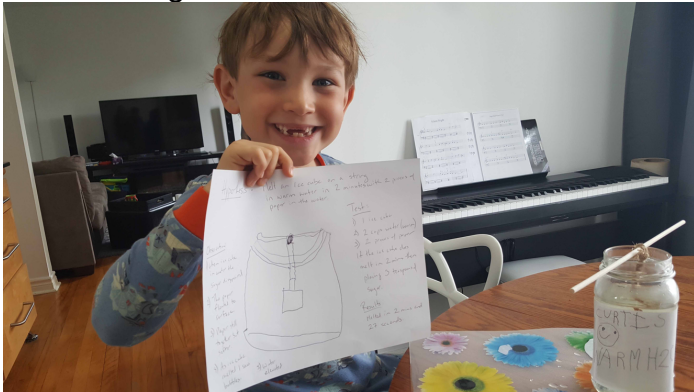
Hello Beavers and parents! First, the Leaders wanted to say that they very much miss coming to weekly meetings with the Beavers. They miss all the fun games, songs, crafts and activities we do. But especially, they miss seeing the Beavers each week for our special hour together.

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Fortunately, technology allows us to meet virtually and still see each other a bit. The Leaders have now held three virtual meetings with the Beavers. Most of our Beavers are keen to be working on badges and they get to show us the work they doing at home. We also got to sing some songs together and even tell some jokes – some were very funny, while others were a little imaginative.

Some of badges earned so far include Curtis who earned his Creative Beaver and Scientific Beaver badges.



Gabriel S. earned his Chef Beaver badge. Esteban earned his Pet Care badge and Duncan earned his Chef Beaver and Technology Beaver badges. Great work!!

Our White Tail Beavers have also been hard at work completing their requirements for their North Star Award that we still hope to award this year. These Beavers are doing great things in their community and we will showcase some of them next month. Beavers Ethan, Duncan and Griffin all completed requirements they needed for their Outdoor Activity Skills. And Gabriel V. is growing lettuce to donate to the food bank while Griffin built a bird house to put in a local park.



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Finally, we have had to unfortunately cancel many of our remaining activities but some are not cancelled completely. We will still hold a Swim-Up Ceremony for the White Tails Beavers going up to Cubs later this year. We also will still hopefully be able to hold a year-end banquet of some sorts depending on how the situation evolves. Hopefully, come the Fall, we will be back to scouting together in person and able to go camping and hiking. We may even get to it this summer, who knows! But, for now, stay safe and healthy Beavers.



Cub Corner

Well now, what an interesting April this has been. We are still practicing social distancing but that's not stopping some of us from getting stuff done.

Cub Benson has been busy finishing off his Emergency Skills OAS Levels 1 and 2. Congratulations Benson!

Cub James has been working on his Science Badge – he tried the Mentos in a carbonated beverage experiment and a few Skittles experiments. Messy, but fun! He has one more project to complete before he gets his badge.

Cub Andrew took part in the CN Tower Virtual Climb in support of the World Wildlife Fund as part of his Seeonee Award. He raised \$200 and climbed the 1776 steps of the CN Tower in 148 trips up (and down) his home's staircase.

Cub Jack built a beautiful shelter for his family's recycling bins.



Cubs Derek, Benson and James completed the Safety Scavenger Hunt that Hathi organized! Thank you Hathi and great job gentlemen!



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Cub Casey has earned his Earth Badge! He built a birdhouse, learned the tracks of some of the animals in his neighbourhood and learned the Principles of Leave No Trace! Great job Casey!

It's Official, Orange Lair has won the Lair Award for this this year. Each Lair was given points based on attendance, uniform, participation in off site activities, shoes and dues. Orange Lair won with 78 points. They got to choose what colour Akela would dye her hair this spring. Though Akela was not able to get to the hairdresser's, she followed through with her promise. Hello green hair and congratulations to Derek, Jack, Liam, Harrison and Casey!



We've had 3 meetings on the video conferencing platform ZOOM, and they seem to be going well. Our first meeting was just a check in to see how everyone was doing. Boy was it nice to see so many Cubs!

Our second meeting we were hoping to play Kahoots – an online trivia type game site – but that requires everyone playing to have 2 screens which isn't feasible for everyone so we improvised and had a good time anyway.

Our third Zoom meeting was a discussion on Internet and Online Safety. A whopping 17 of you showed up take part in that. THANK YOU! It was so nice to see some of you for the first time in SEVEN WEEKS!

Coming up in May is Virtual Knots and a Virtual Astronomy Meeting!



Scout Trails

Our Scouts were the first to adopt virtual meetings and those continued right through the month of April. They included a meeting organized by Fox Patrol to replace the in person one that got cancelled. The Patrol, led by Indira as the Patrol Leader, met virtually in advance and planned a Kahoot for the rest of the Scouts. If you don't know what is a Kahoot, it's a website that allows you to create a virtual quiz game. The Patrol focused on scouting skills and the Scouts had fun with it.



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The Scouts got treated to a demonstration of how to do 3-D printing by Scouter Dave, who actually has a 3-D printer. Aided by Scout Chris, they showed the programs available to create a model and then the process to follow in order to print something. It was very interesting and certainly kept their attention. Scouter Dave is printing a cool medallion with the scouting symbol and the 101st on it for each Scout as a memento. Thanks Scouter Dave!

The Scouts ended the week some fun online games organized by Scouts Henry, Sofia and Eli. It was a hoot!



Spring Scouting & Covid-19

Currently all scouting activities are cancelled until at least May 31st at the earliest. This includes in person meetings, camps and other activities.

Unfortunately, this means we've lost some more great activities like the Scouts Rideau Challenge Journey and the Cubs and Beavers spring camps.

Stay safe everyone and keep the scouting spirit alive!!



Saying Thanks to a dedicated Scouter is easier than you might think...

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