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Newsletter

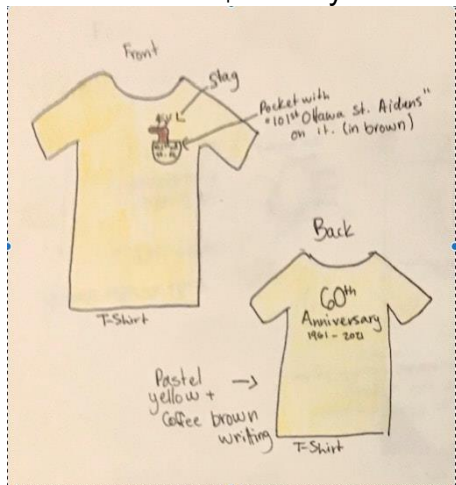
60th Anniversary Design Contest

2021 marks an important milestone for the 101st. It's our 60th anniversary. To help mark it, we ran a crest and t-shirt design contest and the volunteers voted for their favourite designs.

Congratulations again to Beaver Tommy Lincoln for his winning crest design. We are in the process of getting these crests made and each member will get one as a keepsake for their campfire blanket.



Congratulations to Venturers Indira Marier, Sofia Laconi, Chloe Rosenbloom and Luca Pepe for their winning t-shirt design. We are getting a mock-up made and will be selling these at cost: \$16 for adult sizes and \$13 for youth sizes.



Scout Popcorn Campaign

Our second fundraiser of the year launched on April 15th and runs until June 15th. All parents were emailed the details and most also received a package in their mailbox to assist with their sales. The group keeps 45% of all sales. Our new supplier this year is Pappa Jack Popcorn located right here in Ottawa.

Direct online sales through

www.scoutpopcorn.ca can be shipped to anybody in Canada. Make sure they pick the right group/section/member so we can get the 45% from the sale. Products usually ship within 2 weeks of ordering. Online sales close on June 15th

Or, you can **collect your orders** (with payments) and submit them by June 1st or 2nd for a group bulk order and we will save on shipping. This perfect for family or friends here in Ottawa.

These fundraisers are important as they account for over half our group revenues to be able to deliver great programming for the youth.

Top sellers in each section will get to pie the Group Commissioner in the face!

Thank you for your support!!!

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Beaver Tales

Well, we got 7 weeks of in-person meetings since mid-February and the Beavers fell back to virtual meetings for April. The good news is that we keep getting pretty much full attendance each week as we try to keep the Beavers engaged – never easy with 5 to 7 year olds.

That meeting, we also talked about dinosaurs – and found out how much Beavers love dinosaurs of all shapes and sizes.

After the April Break, the Beavers started on the Great 8 Challenge – 8 weeks of a new challenge each week. The first one was to cook something using ingredients they had at home. So we made a yummy mug cake. Super easy to make and several Beaver said they wanted to make one every single day!!



Before the first meeting of April, the Beavers were given a challenge to walk around their neighbourhood and fill one bag of trash they would find on the ground. Well, all Beavers participated, some filling more than one bag. What a great

contribution to the “taking care of the world” as part of the Beaver promise.



The next week's challenge was to build a temporary shelter at home using only what you have like blankets, rope, furniture, a tarp, etc.



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There were some pretty creative shelters – all of them with the necessary comfy pillows, blankets and stuffed animals.



In May, we will continue our Great 8 Challenge to earn our cool composite crest.



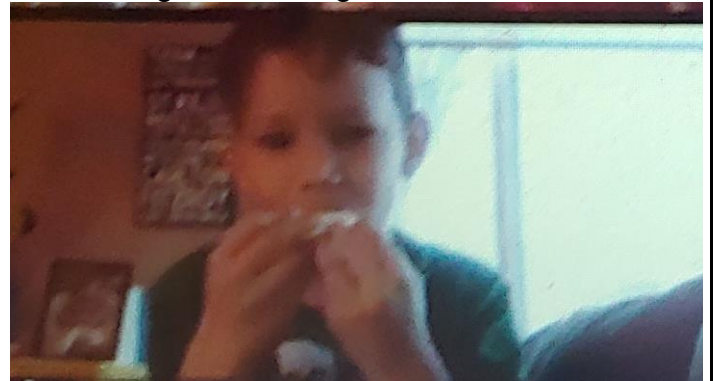
Cub Corner

Anyone else feel like a yo-yo going from in person meetings back to virtual meetings? No? Just Akela? Go figure.

Once again the Cubs have picked up the challenge and turned the planned Easter Egg Hunt into a virtual Easter Egg Hunt. Cubs were asked to set up 5 Easter eggs – either plastic or paper – in a room in their home, photograph it, and send it in. The Pack then had to find those eggs! Kudos go to Emma – who put a yellow egg on a yellow wall and stumped us – and Pip – who used wooden eggs outside in the grass! I think we're still looking for one of them. Great job Cubs!



There was also the Chubby Bunny game. Cubs had to stuff marshmallows in their mouths, say Chubby Bunny and not spit the marshmallow out when they spoke. Kudos go out to our reigning champion – Dan. His top score was 7 marshmallows. Many thanks to all the Cubs for not choking this evening.



We took the second week of April as our “March Break” and the Scouters recharged to get themselves through to summer.



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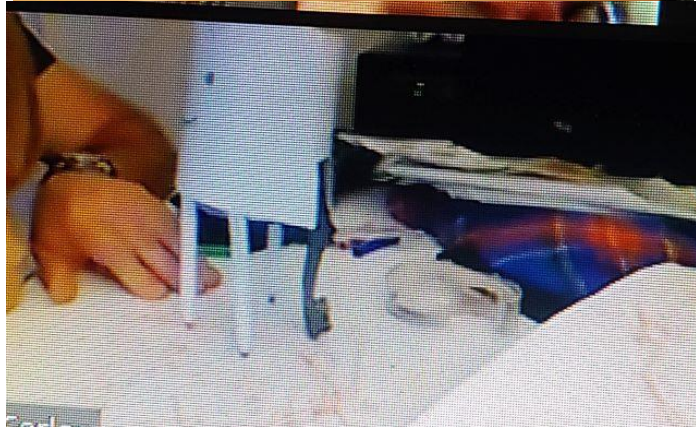


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The third week of April found us building Robots! Vibrobots built on an existing motor from a game controller, or electric toothbrush were the name of the game! The Cubs came up with some fantastic little creatures!



We also started the Great 8 Challenge put to us by Scouts Canada and Les Stroud – Survivorman. Knowing we had already created very yummy pizza packets at our Winter Camp in February, we eased into the Far-Out Feast with Armpit Fudge and discussed how you could change the taste with mint, vanilla, cookies, or putting it on waffles and having it for breakfast!

I think it's safe to say that Armpit Fudge will be a make again. Now if only the Cubs would let me hand over the GORP making!



This was also supposed to be the week that the Lair Points were calculated to see what colour Akela would dye her hair. Since she can't go to the hairdresser, Lair points can still be earned! Lair points are based on participation, both virtually and in person and who remembers to bring dues. Lair points can also be earned by being helpful, patient, respectful and showing some leadership initiative.



The last week of April found Yellow Lair's Liam and Alexander throwing trivia questions at us before we started Challenge #2 of the Great 8.

Cubs were challenged to make a shelter out of a bedsheet and two shoelaces, and whatever they happened to have

around the house to help them out. A great job was done by all!



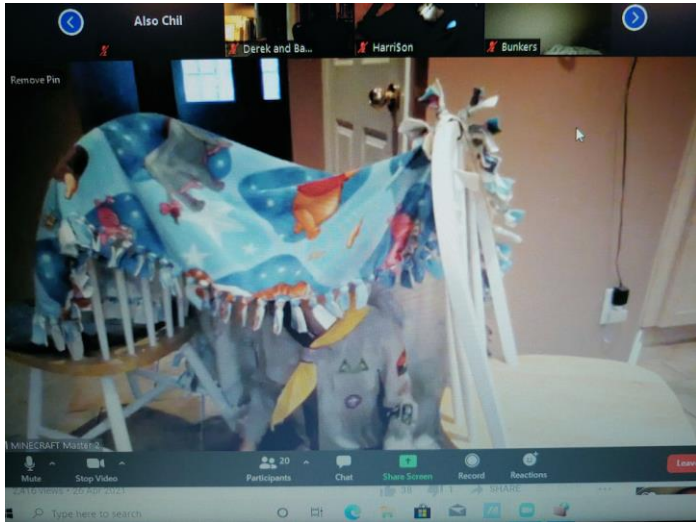
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The Cubs also decided that having a “campout” might be a cool thing to do in our backyards / balcony / living rooms / basements. More information on that as it comes up.

No clue what May will bring, but we got this Cubs!



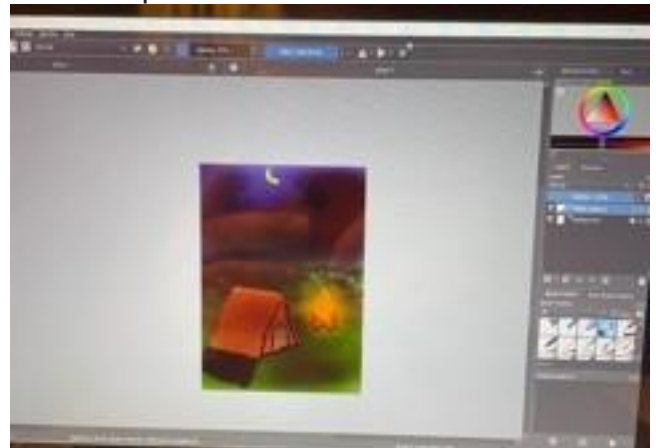
Scout Trails

Well, it's back to virtual meetings like everybody else for the Scouts. Despite this, they continue to show up each week, enthusiastic and in fact participating fully in the meetings. What a Troop!

The first week of April was hosted by Bat Patrol Leader Henry who taught the Scouts how to make french toast. So, we had the meeting from each Scout's kitchen as they followed along Henry's instructions. Of course, French toast anytime tastes great.



After a much needed week break (especially for the Scouters), we got together for some artistic drawing – something Wolverine Patrol wanted to do. The Scouts had time to make two masterpieces during the meeting. Some used paper and pencil or marker while others used their computers to make a work of art.



We also started our Great 8 Challenge. This is 8 weeks of different challenges each week hosted by Survivorman Les Stroud. The first week was called Far Out Feast. The Scouts were challenged to make at home a meal using a



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cooking method they had never used before and/or an ingredient they had never worked with. Every single Scout did the challenge and some made some really tasty looking meals – and no family died in the process of eating them.



The most innovative cooking methods and ingredients were Dax who made grilled cheese using a hot knife.



Some had never used the BBQ before or cooked on a griddle or in a cast iron pan. A few made falafels from scratch, some cooked steaks or salmon on the BBQ or made a ham lunch in tinfoil or made “smash burgers”.



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And his brother Van who first tried using a hot brick and then cooked an egg on the toaster and ate it with dog kibble. He said it tasted pretty good.



The Scouts continue their Great 8 Challenge and into the first weekend of May have to build a temporary shelter using only stuff they find in their backyard.

Spring 2021 Group Activities

Given current restrictions, planned activities for the spring are being postponed until later in June or possible July. Once the situation is clearer, Scouters will confirm whether some of the planned events like the All Section Day Camp or the Family Year-End Awards Picnic will happen or not. We have postponed tree planting to the Fall.



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

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<http://www.101ottawa.com/>



And a shout out to Scout Jacob, who took up the Scouter's challenge to do something for the environment and pick up trash in their neighbourhood. During April Break, Jacob cleaned up his school yard – great job!



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