



## 101<sup>st</sup> Ottawa (St. Aidan's) Scouting Group

# Newsletter

### Christmas Appeal – Mitten Tree

Many thanks to all those who contributed hats, mitts and socks to the Christie Lake Kids (CLK) organization and women's personal care items to The Well. The clothing for the CLK was distributed in advance of a camp they held for youth in mid-December and their pre-Christmas holiday party. The staff at CLK was very appreciative of the gifts – as you can see from the photo - and felt that the gifts were especially meaningful as it was youth providing gifts for youth. In total, more than 50 hats, toques, and pairs of mitts and socks were collected from the 101<sup>st</sup> Ottawa. The brightly coloured and decorated gift boxes from the Cubs were also a big hit!



A large number of shampoo and conditioner bottles, containers of hand cream, along with hair brushes, tooth brushes and other personal care items were provided to The Well. This organization serves women, and their children with a variety of services in Centertown. There is always a pressing need for these personal care items as when money is tight, these items are not a priority. While it is impossible to address all the needs in our community, these gifts for women, and youth will help make the winter cold a little less biting, and Christmas a little brighter. Thank you again for your participation and generosity.



### Beaver Tales



We have very busy Beavers at the 101<sup>st</sup>! They are very keen to learn and have fun. In December, we started out the month with a chilly but fun "Flashlight Scavenger Hunt". Thanks to Bubbles and Tic Tac for putting that activity together for the brave Beavers who came to Weston Park that night. Spending time outdoors is a major part of the Scouting program.



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The next week, the Beavers had a Holidays Party with games and a Yule Log treat. It was a good opportunity to practice our Christmas carols for our visit to the Pearley Rideau Veterans Health Centre the following week with the Cubs. The Beaver Leaders were very proud of how well the Beavers did and sang their carols.



Coming up in January, we'll focus on winter camping, play board games and finally build and race our Beaver Buggies.

**Cub Corner**



The Cub Pack started off December meetings with a holiday party. We made huge painted "graffiti" murals, which was a continuation of our graffiti meeting in September.

Afterwards, the Cubs decorated (and ate!) Christmas cookies. It was easy to tell that the Cubs really enjoyed these creative (and delicious) activities because for the first time in

recent Cub history, the room was actually perfectly quiet as the Cubs concentrated on their designs! To finish the meeting, the Cubs took turns in Akela's seat and reading stories from the Jungle Book.



For our second December meeting, we learned some basic first aid skills from volunteers from St. John's Ambulance. The Cubs learned how to recognize and treat simple wounds, sprains, fractures and hypothermia. They practiced using their neckers as a triangle bandage to wrap hand wounds, head wounds and to make slings-ask your cub to demonstrate how to wrap a knife cut on your palm. We will be continuing our first aid training in January.



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Our last meeting in December was our annual visit to Perley Rideau Veteran's retirement home. For this visit, we linked with the Beavers. We divided into two groups and then joined the Veteran's in an activity room. We started by singing some traditional holiday songs and in one group, two of our Cubs, Kenny Kurita, and Samuel Blauer, accompanied some songs on the piano.



We then enjoyed a snack with the residents and the Cubs and Beavers helped the residents with a holiday picture frame craft. As always, the residents loved meeting the kids and many of them were interested in finding out what scouting is all about these days and then telling the kids stories about what scouting was like when they were young.



For our first meeting in January, we will be badge testing -if your Cub gets bored over the holidays, that's a great time to suggest they work on badges. We will also be preparing for our winter camp at Opemikon. From all the Cub Leaders, we wish you a safe and happy holiday season and we're looking forward to seeing you all in the New Year!



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**Scout Trails**

The Scouts started the month of December with a joint pre-winter camp with the 3<sup>rd</sup>-year Cubs (See the story on the next page).

Meanwhile back at the church, the Scouts have been working on rebuilding their Klondike sleds. This means replacing wood pieces, putting back on the skis and remaking the sides.

Undoubtedly, many Scouts are very interested and keen to have the opportunity use tools and build something. The Leaders are guiding them to work more as a team. One is almost finished and should be ready for the Rideau Area derby on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Winter Scouting  
Ahead**



#CultureOfAdventure

The Scouts then had a party at the church which consisted of some new games they had never played before and some food. The last meeting was a snowshoe hike on the Forestry Trail in Pine Grove Conservation Area. It's amazing we have such easy access to a peaceful and wonderful snowshoe hike just minutes from the city lights. The Scout Leaders would like to wish all a Happy Holidays and see you in January for our winter camp preparations and a bottle drive.

**Venturers News**

With Christmas approaching, and school assignments piling up in December, our programming time in this particular month is always challenging. In support of the Christmas

Appeal, the Venturers pooled their money and hit the stores at Billings Bridge to contribute hats, mitts, hair brushes, razors, toothbrushes and headbands. The final boxes from our spring clothing drive that contained winter clothing have been dropped off at The Well. Because of a shortage of storage space, community service organizations will often only take 'in-season' clothing. So, when the Venturers conducted their Good Turn Week clothing drive early last spring, the clothing was separated into more than 20 boxes of clothing by season. So, the items you gave last spring are still helping people in the community!

The Venturer Christmas party was held earlier this week, where they all played Secret Santa. Among the books, music, and baked goods handed back and forth, was an unusual gift of a sandwich. The gifter was quite inventive in the sandwich ingredients and the giftee apparently loved it! In all likelihood, the sandwich did not survive long enough to make it under any Christmas tree.



Snow is here,  
snowshoes ready!



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With fingers crossed for snow (with apologies to those who have to shovel), January will be snowshoeing and outdoor winter skills month. The Venturers will be heading off to Lake Placid NY the last weekend of February for the annual Adirondacks High Adventure, which is a snowshoe hike (full day to a summit or two!), and a chance to enjoy the mountain environment. Before that though, the Vents are looking forward to a weekend with the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts at Ope for the 101<sup>st</sup> All-Sections Winter Camp.

**Cub-Scout Pre-Winter Camp**

The third-year Cubs kicked off December with a linking camp with the Scouts at Baxter Conservation Centre. They had an energy-packed weekend. On Friday, everyone got unpacked and then headed outside for some wide games. The weather was cool but clear-perfect for running around in the dark playing manhunt, capture the light stick and king of the mountain.



We spent most of Saturday outside. We had two workshops presented by Scouter Peter from the Centre; the first was on outdoor survival skills and the second was on orienteering.

The Cubs and Scouts worked together in teams, building emergency shelters and campfires. It was interesting to see all the different designs the teams came up with and very impressive that all teams managed to get a good campfire going despite the damp weather. During the orienteering, the teams learned how to use maps and compasses and all teams found their waypoints- although some teams learned that going extra fast was not necessarily the best strategy since it meant missing waypoints and having to repeat!



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On Saturday evening, we had a campfire run by the Scouts, followed by more wide games. The following morning was pack-up, make-your-own trail mix, and a Scout's Own.



Throughout the weekend, the Cubs got to experience another new activity: cooking! Although Cubs help out with clean-up after meals, Scouts also do all their own cooking. The third year Cubs benefited from the mentorship of the Scouts and each of them had a cooking shift. Throughout the weekend, the Scouts made the Cubs (and Cub Leaders!) feel welcome and helped them adapt to the new expectations at the Scout level. New friendships were forged and everyone had a great time- thanks Scouts!

### First Meetings of 2015

We will start up again after our usual two week break during the Holidays. Beavers and Cubs will restart on January 6<sup>th</sup> and Scouts and Venturers will restart on January 7<sup>th</sup>.

### All Section Winter Camp



Our highly anticipated annual All Sections Winter Camp is coming up the weekend of January 9-11. This is the only such camp during the year when all of the youth get a chance to be together at a camp. Confirmations and payments are due ASAP to secure your spots to Group Commissioner Francois Marier. Only a few spots left so hurry!

### Happy 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Beaver Scouts

This year marks the 40th Anniversary of Beaver Scouts in Canada. Beaver Scouts is the start of something great; it opens the doors to all adventures of Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venturer Scouts and Rover Scouts.



It's hard to envision Scouting without the Beaver Colonies, but 50 years ago they didn't exist! Thankfully, Scouters in Winnipeg, Manitoba decided it was time to include younger members. On November 15, 1974 Beavers were made an official program of Scouts Canada.

The 101<sup>st</sup> Ottawa Beaver Colony started in the late 1970's and has been going strong ever since. This year, we have 24 girls and boys in our Colony, all very busy Beavers looking for to share adventures and fun with their friends.



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**Thank You Bagheera**

Thank you to Cub Leader Bagheera (Frank Deehan) for your service to the Pack and to Scouting. Bagheera and his family has moved to Copenhagen and we'll certainly miss him. Especially his son, Harrison Deehan, who has been a member of the 101<sup>st</sup> for the last 4 years when he started out as a Brown Tail Beaver. Good luck to you!



**Say Thanks to a Leader**

How can you thank that volunteer who really goes above and beyond? Scouts Canada has a simple way. By going to the website below and filling out the form, the volunteer will get a certificate of commendation for their service to scouting as well as a flash for their uniform. Everyone like to be recognized and anyone can fill out the online form. All you need to know is the volunteer's full name (you can ask any other leader), the group's name (101<sup>st</sup> Ottawa), the Area (Rideau) and Council (Voyageur).

<http://www.scouts.ca/thanks/>



**Camp Opemikon Summer Camp Jobs**

**Venturers:** all summer jobs at Opemikon are now open for application. The deadline is January 9, 2015. Go to the following website for more information:

<http://voy.scouts.ca/ca/staff-job-descriptions-and-postings>

**Hiking Boots Buying Guide**

Boots make a great practical gift, take a look at this article to ensure you're giving the boots that will be perfect for your Scout! Go to:

<http://boyslife.org/outdoors/guygear/19580/hiking-boot-buying-guide/>



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**Canadian Path – Call for Youth Talent**

Scouts Canada is offering a great opportunity for members to help us deliver the new revitalized program, the Canadian Path. That's right, we are calling on all members within the Voyageur Council to apply to this great initiative. You will be participating in video productions, photoshoots, online promotions, and other fun activities.

We're looking for Scouts and Scouters of all ages. From Beaver Scouts to Rover Scouts and beyond, we want our members to join in the fun and spread the word about the Canadian Path. Whole Sections and Groups are also welcome to apply as we will be requiring onsite footage of Sections running the Canadian Path. This is a great chance for your Group or Section to implement activities and resources from the Canadian Path, so download the application form and apply.

**Application Requirements:**

- Completed application form
- High resolution photo
- All completed application forms and photos must be sent by email to: Emily Jamieson, Director of Communications [emily.jamieson@scouts.ca](mailto:emily.jamieson@scouts.ca) with the subject line stating, 'Call for Talent'

**Dates for your Calendar**

- January 6 & 7 - First meetings of 2015
- January 9-11: All Sections Winter Camp at Opemikon
- January 31: Scouts Klondike Derby
- February 22: Cubs Rideau Area Kub Kar Rally and Scouts Truck Rally
- February 28: Winter Beaveree
- May 2: Scoutrees Dig Day
- May 8-10: Cubs Spring Camp at Legewade
- May 9-10: Scouts Rideau Challenge
- May 22-24: Beavers Spring Camp at Legewade
- May 29-31: Cubs Rideau Area Spring Camp
- June 5-7: Scouts Voyageur Council Spring Camp



New Year's Fireworks  
Scout Style  
Happy New Year!



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