

December 2015



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# Newsletter

## Christmas Appeal – Mitten Tree

Many thanks to all those who contributed hats, mitts and socks to the Christie Lake Kids (CLK) organization and gift bags which were delivered to Centre 454 (a homeless drop-in centre) and to The Well (a women's shelter). The donations were delivered to all three organizations and the staff was very appreciative of the gifts. They especially were encouraged and felt that they were meaningful as it was youth providing gifts for youth.



In total, more than 50 hats, toques, and pairs of mitts and socks and 35 gift bags were collected from the 101<sup>st</sup> Ottawa.



The generosity of all our families at this time of year was very heartfelt and our Venturers even spent a meeting shopping at Billings Bridge Mall to fill their nicely wrapped gift boxes. Great job!!!



## Beaver Tales

The Beavers December started with a talent show where several Beavers showcased their talents – music, martial arts, jokes and magic tricks – all brought together by Hawkeye as a great Master of Ceremonies who even penned a song for the event. Most Beavers thought it was pretty funny.

The Beavers then went Christmas caroling with the Cubs at the Perley Rideau Veteran's Health Centre. This has become an annual event for us and highly appreciated by the residents who enjoy seeing the young and smiling faces. The Beavers did great signing four carols and then made cards with the residents so spending time one on one with them.

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At their last meeting of 2015, the Beavers had a holiday party with games, songs, lots of cookies and treats and even got a new crest from Bubbles. The Beaver Leaders have had a great time this past Fall and look forward to Winter and Spring time shenanigans and learning fun.

### Cub Corner

The Cubs had a very busy month of December. The first meeting in December we invested our new leader, Mang. We had Mr. Harold Black from the Heron Road Food Bank speak to the Cubs about the realities of people needing to use food banks. The Cubs also practiced their songs for the caroling with the Beavers.



The Cubs joined the Beavers for their annual visit to the Perley Rideau Veteran's Health Centre on December 8<sup>th</sup> to sing Christmas carols with the residents. We divided into two groups, sang some traditional songs along with

readings of *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* by Indra Marier and Tyler Lagace. Tyler and Samuel Blauer also put on a brief piano recital for the residents. The evening ended with the Beavers and Cubs making Christmas cards and having some treats with the residents.



As always the residents, Cubs and Beavers loved this event.



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The last meeting of 2015 the Cubs were super excited for the upcoming holidays. Cubs and their parents were arriving with their hands full of gifts for those in need – bags of groceries for the Heron Road Food Bank; socks, hats, mitts, scarves for Christie Lake Kids and gift bags for Centre 454 and The Well. We invested two new Cubs - Mason & Langdon and officially invested Sam R. as a Secondar for the Blue Six.



The Cubs played board games, competed at decorated gingerbread people (prizes for most festive & most festering, depending on the quantity and application of green & red icing) and ate Scout popcorn. We even had Cubs test for some badges.



Raksha, Rusty (Beaver Leader), Caitlin, Kieran and Grace Allo delivered over 25 bags and boxes of food to the Heron Road Food Bank on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. On behalf of the volunteers and families at the Heron Road Food Bank “Thank You” to the Cubs and their families for the donations.

Our first meeting in January will consist of badge testing and preparing for our winter camp at Opemikon, while the Sixers, Seconders and Keos will participate in a Sixer Council Meeting to plan activities for the following Cub meeting.

If your Cubs get bored between now and the meeting on January 5, 2016, they can always work on some badges! We wish you a safe and happy holiday season and we look forward to seeing you in 2016!



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### Scout Trails

The Scouts began December by putting the final plans together for their pre-winter camp by finalizing their menu, grocery shopping and sorting out their equipment list between the junior and senior youth.

We went camping December 4th weekend at Baxter Conservation Area. The first years slept in the River Cabin all weekend while the second and third year youth slept in tents on Friday night at a nearby campsite. They got to spend some time with each other playing football, hiking in the woods, and shared campfire on Saturday night. Venturer Casey and Scouter Tad came along to provide advice on shelter building to the senior youth on Saturday morning, hung out in the cool shelter made by the younger Scouts and taught them the survival skill of building traps for rabbits. No animals were caught or harmed as we were on a conservation area.

The 6 senior youth slept in the two shelters they made in a wooded area by keeping warm with straw brought by Scouter Jean and lots of pine branches covering the windy spots.



Everyone had a blast and slept well as overnight temps were 5°C despite being near the Rideau River. This camp gave everyone a chance to earn requirements towards the Pathfinder level and Chief Scout Award.



The following meeting we reviewed the camp, discussed linking activities for the upcoming All-Section camp at Opemikon to do with Cubs and Venturers. The senior youth finished their badge work towards Chief Scout while the others



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completed badge work for Computer and Photographer badges.



The final meeting of the year was a fun night out for 7 youth to swim night at Splash Wave Pool on December 17th. Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and looking forward to seeing everyone on January 6 following the break.

### First Meetings of 2016

We will start up again after our usual two week break during the Holidays. Beavers and Cubs will restart on January 5<sup>th</sup> and Scouts and Venturers will restart on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

### All Section Winter Camp



Our highly anticipated annual All Sections Winter Camp is now full for the weekend of January 8-10. This is the only such camp during the year when all of the youth get a chance to be

together at a camp.

### Ottawa 67's Scout Appreciation Day

This is a family event and you can attend the entire event or just the game for the same low price of \$13 per person. Our Beavers and Cubs have confirmed they are attending. Payment is due no later than January 12th as tickets must be purchased in advance as a group.

WELCOME TO  
**HOCKEY CITY**

 **SCOUT APPRECIATION**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30  
SKATE 10 - 11 AM • MEET & GREET NOON - 12:30 PM

COME FOR A SKATE,  
STAY FOR THE GAME  
AND MEET & GREET  
RILEY THE RACCOON,  
BIG JOE AND SPARKY

**\$13**  
FOR JUST

 **VS**   
1 PM

Hot chocolate and coffee provided + your ticket purchase gets you a 67's participation badge!



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### Dates for your Calendar

- January 5 & 6 - First meetings of 2016
- January 8-10: All Sections Winter Camp at Opemikon
- January 30: Ottawa 67's Scouts Appreciation Day at TD Place
- February 20: Cubs Rideau Area Kub Kar Rally and Scouts Klondike Derby
- April 30: Scoutrees Dig Day
- May 27-29: Beavers Spring Camp at Foley Mountain Conservation Area
- June 3-5: Cubs Voyageur Council Spring Camp at Apple Hill Scout Reserve

New Year's Fireworks  
Scout Style  
Happy New Year!



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