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

Newsletter



Beaver Tales

While the Beavers only had three meetings in December, they were still jam-packed with lots of cool activities. First, they wrapped up their cultural nights with a focus on creating a country of their imagination. Complete with nature.



And even a flag that each Beaver created to make one giant Beaver country flag.



And stories of its own.



The following week, the Beavers had their Christmas/Holiday party and took some time to practice singing their Christmas Carols.

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This was important practice for the following week when they went to visit the senior residents at the Perley Rideau Veteran's Home.



The Beavers sang four carols: Rudolph, Jingle Bells, We Wish you a Merry Christmas, Deck the Halls, and Silent Night. The Veterans really loved seeing their young smiling faces and hear their voices sing songs they knew from their childhood.



After singing so great, the Beavers sat down with the Veterans there and made a Christmas ornament or card craft with them and to leave with them. This was a very special visit for the Veterans just before Christmas and they all said how much they enjoyed it. We hope to do it again next year.



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Cub Corner

A short December (and a short December Cub newsletter) saw 2018 come to a successful close, ready to move on to exciting adventures in the New Year. The Cubs got their Christmas craft hats on for the first meeting of the month and made some fantastic wooden creations, and then showed off their individual skills and talents at the show and tell meeting held in the second week.



With the third week moved to the Sunday night, a visit to the Cumberland Heritage Museum was planned, but with holidays approaching and the weather a little on the cooler side, the turnout was sparse - although the lights and atmosphere no less magical.



A review of the year with all the Cubs gave us some good insight into activities for the next few months.



They particularly enjoyed the camp at Legewade and the paddling and aquatic skills we learned there.



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They were very proud of their progress on the path of Personal Achievement Badges, and we will likely see more great effort on that front as we head into January.



Scout Trails

The Scouts began December recovering from their winter shelter camp with a visit to the Perley Rideau Veterans Home. There they helped the seniors with their monthly Bingo game by sitting and talking with them, finding their numbers, etc. The Scouts do wonders for the morale of the residents at Perley Rideau and this is important community service for them.

During the second meeting, the Scouts were split in two groups. One stayed at the church to work on much needed knife permits. Scouter Mike came in to teach them the safe and proper way to handle a pocket knife.

We hope all our 101st Cub Scouts and their families had a wonderful holiday break, and we look forward to another successful scouting year in 2019. There's plenty to too forward to!



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They practiced everything from opening and closing their knives, passing them to another person, how to hold and handle it, cutting rope and twine, and finally whittling a small piece of wood. At the end of the night, all of the Scouts there earned their knife permits.



Meanwhile, a group of older Scouts went to Coyote Rock Gym for some rock-climbing. This was a lot of fun and some of the Scouts did REALLY well.



Most of the Scouts stuck with bouldering (staying lower to the ground, without ropes) but managed to climb up over one of the challenging walls. Of course, in the last 10 minutes before the parents arrived, they all wanted to try the ropes again!



The Scouts ended the month with their Christmas/Holiday party. It was a potluck and there were many yummy treats to share just before the holidays.



Venturer News

The Venturers did some planning during December. A couple big events are coming up that required them to plan for like the All Sections Winter Camp, the Adirondacks Adventure, among others.

The Venturers also went one meeting shopping to buy gifts for less-privileged youth in Ottawa. They spent their own money to buy gift cards and other things for Christie Lake Kids, a local



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charity for inner city youth in need of some social and outdoor activities.

After that, the Venturers had their Christmas/Holiday party at the church. As you can see, there were many treats as they spent most of the night playing chess.



They even checked out Venturer Josh's cello.



Cub Leaders Needed

The 101st Colony is in need of one or two new Cub Leaders. Share this experience with your child or do you know a cousin, uncle/aunt or grandparent that would be a great role model? We cannot do it without our volunteers and our Cub Leaders need help. Please see Sunshine/Scouter Francois.



All Section Winter Camp

Our highly anticipated annual All Sections Winter Camp is scheduled for the weekend of **January 11-13** at Camp Opemikon on Christie Lake near Perth. This is the first weekend after we return from Winter Break. This is the only such camp during the year when all of the youth get a chance to be together at a camp. For those who signed up, expect directions, a map of camp and packing list the first week of January.



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Dates for your Calendar

- **January 12-14, 2018:** All Sections Winter Camp at Opemikon
- **January 19:** Rideau Area Winter Beaverie at Greely Legion
- **February 2:** Scouts Day at the Ottawa 67's
- **February 23:** Rideau Area Kub Kar & Scout Truck Rally
- **March 1-3:** Venturers Adirondack Adventure
- **March 2-3:** Beavers White Tail Sleepover at Aviation Museum



"Rubbing sticks together was a great idea.
After 40 minutes, I'm so warm I don't need a fire!"



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