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

Newsletter



Beaver Tales

Seems like December came and went in a flash. Maybe it did, but the Beavers sure had some fun times with an outer space theme that took up our first two meetings.

It involved doing things like making constellations using yarn – both using each other or on paper.



They also made spaceships and lunar rovers with lego. It seemed every Beaver loves lego.



Even a couple Leaders and a Scout – Sofia who came to help out at meetings – love lego too.

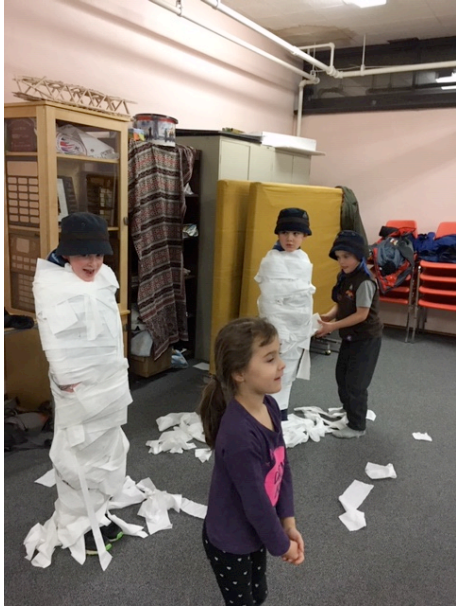


The Beavers ended December with a Christmas/Holiday party. There was a lot of tasty treats and thank you to the parents who brought something to share to the meeting. The first things gone were candy, cookies and chips...no surprise there.

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But before the Beavers could eat, they wrapped up some presents in the form of three Lodge Leaders.



Toilet paper makes good wrapping paper. They then got to unwrap their presents, but of course needed to clean up the mess afterwards.



Looking forward to more fun in January.

Cub Corner

December! We started the month off with a Howler planned meeting. They agreed they wanted a movie night, with popcorn and juice. When asked what movie, they decided on The Princess Bride. With Thanks to Scouter Sunshine for loaning us the projector. Akela set up the movie, Bagheera brought an extra sound system and we all enjoyed the show.



To make it even better, most of us showed up in pajamas and onesies.



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The second week of December saw us doing a Show and Tell. Everyone brought in something to share and speak to the group about. We heard about vacations and video games, hockey, ringette, Pokemon Cards. Some of our Cubs made books, and cars and video game gear. We had magic tricks, information on animals, and buildings, food and paper airplanes.



And our ever talented Dan played the ukulele for us. Thank you Dan!

Our last meeting in December was a Cookie Exchange – there would be cookies to eat and we all know that Cubs can eat cookies! The Cubs made it known that we needed some outside time though. Gotcha covered! We needed to pre-emptively work off those cookies anyway.



Rosie and Olivia from Purple Lair set up a small obstacle course for us in the side yard of the church. We had to skip rope in the snow, jump through hula hoops – in the snow; hula with the hula hoops – in snowsuits and answer a skill testing question. All of this makes us one step closer to the Winter Fitness Badge!



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We then went inside for some cookies and milk. Many thanks to every Cub (and Parent) who brought in treats to share! Everything looked SO GOOD! We hope everyone had enough to eat.



We also had a great time cheering on Hathi as she made us a skipping rope with her new machine! The 101st Cubs are now the proud owners of some brown and gold skipping ropes! Thank you Hathi!

What an amazing 4 months we've been through together! We look forward to seeing everyone back on January 7 when we have to get ourselves ready for the Winter Camp.



Scout Trails

The Scouts started December with some community service. They visited the Perley Rideau Veteran's Hospital to help out with bingo for the residents.



They spread out to assist the residents with keeping track of the numbers called and call out for bingo! Our Scouter Dave became the caller for the night. Thank you Scouts for helping.



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The next week they were supposed to go to the Splash Wave Pool but unfortunately, it was closed for renovations. So, they ended up back at the church and did some planning for the winter and played some games.



The Scout Leaders look forward to more adventures in winter and crossing their fingers for lots of snow for winter camp.

The Scouts ended the month with a Christmas/Holiday party with lots of food. And if there anything Scouts know and love to do, it's eat and eat and eat some more.



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Venturer News

Again in December, the Vents didn't sit still much - except when there was food of course.

We started with a long hike at Mer Bleu. The Vents set out at a very brisk pace, soon leaving us leaders behind to enjoy the quiet evening. They even had a mascot along with them (a black lab who was as eager as they were). They were so quick that they startled the local beaver, who quickly scurried off; they also found a new trail to explore while waiting on their leaders.

The next week we did a walk downtown to see the beauty in the light show on Parliament Hill.



It was quite crisp, so called for a follow up visit to the local hot chocolate store.



Finally, the Vents were inside for a night. They celebrated a mini holiday party with good friends, some trivia games, and the requisite snacks.



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All Section Winter Camp

Our highly anticipated annual All Sections Winter Camp is scheduled for the weekend of **January 10-12** 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.

Dates for your Calendar

- **January 7 & 8:** First meetings of 2020
- **January 10-12, 2020:** All Sections Winter Camp at Opemikon
- **February 1:** Rideau Area Winter Beaverie at Stanley's Maple Farm
- **February 22:** Rideau Area Kub Kar Rally
- **April 4:** Beavers White Tail Sleepover at Aviation Museum



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