



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

Newsletter



Goodbye 2020!

2020 is coming to a close and what a year it's been! We continued to adapt and offer great programming for the youth as best as we could. Thank you to our dedicated volunteers who persevered and returned in September, Thank you to the parents who stuck with us and trust us with your children each week. 2021 is going to be a good year and if anything, we will do our best and be prepared as Scouts should do.



Beaver Tales

The Beavers three meetings in December were all outdoors – no virtual meetings for this small bunch of hardy and busy Beavers! We started out with a hike. We intended to go to the Mer Bleu boardwalk but it was closed so we doubled back and went to P21 just up the road. While the Beavers hiked this same trail in September, it's twisty, winding and even path is a fun one.

The week after, we met at the church and it was the return of our beloved Bubbles. The Beavers were very happy to see him back again. The Beavers – most for the first time – played a slightly modified version of bocce ball. And

thanks to Tic Tic, practiced some basic knots. Some of them really got the hang of it fast.



The following week, we were back at the church again in -15 degree weather. We moved around as much as we could, sang some Christmas carols and warmed up with some hot chocolate and timbits.

We wish all of the Beavers a very happy Holidays and see them back safe and sound in early January.

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Cub Corner

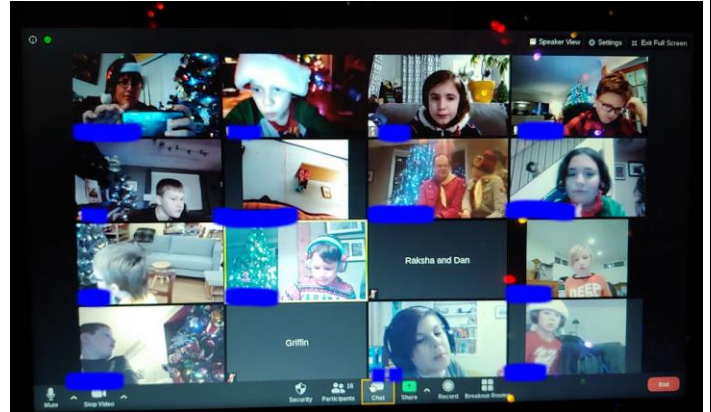
The First week of December found us virtual learning how Howlers Derek and Alexander earned their Boating Licenses (Pleasure Craft Operator Card) this past summer!

Good presentation, some good leadership skills shown by both Cubs and I'm sure there are a few of us -cough like Akela cough cough – who have been inspired to attempt this themselves!

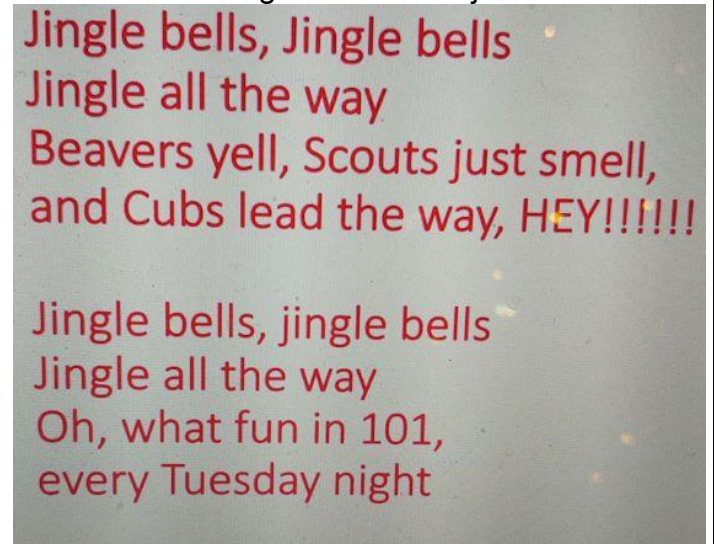


Our second meeting was the Cub's choice - Hike at Pine Grove Trail! A total of 4.4km was hiked by our intrepid Cubs. Akela is constantly amazed at how awesome our Cubs are and how much they enjoy being out and about in the world.

Our last meeting in December was our virtual Festival of Lights. Cubs were invited to come dressed in their best PJ's with a nice hot chocolate and some cookies that they didn't have to share!



We have some talented Cubs who serenaded us with their violins and pianos. And a big Thank You to Derek for rewriting Jingle Bells with a Cub centric arrangement. Great job Derek!



From all the Cubs and Scouters of the 101st Ottawa Cubs, however and whatever you're celebrating this season, may your holidays be merry, bright, safe and full of joy. Happy Christmas and Merry New Year!



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Scout Trails

The Scouts started December definitely on a high after the day camp at the end of November. They were keen to keep going with the weekly outdoor meetings and every time we ask them whether they want a virtual meeting, the overwhelming response is NO!

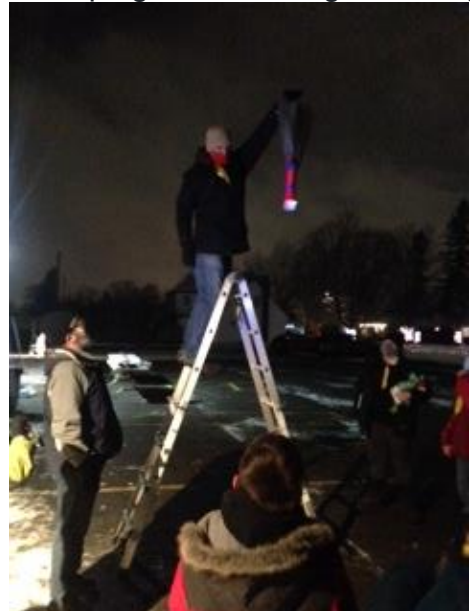
Our first meeting was a hike over at P18 on Anderson Road. It was dark, but the moon was peeking through the clouds and we walked a total of about 6KM. We even ran into the Venturers twice on the trail.



The following week was a really fun meeting. Chris, one of our Patrol Leaders, had proposed to the Scouts a night of building "lunar or martian landers" out of recycling materials.



Each patrol built three landers of differing designs and they all had to hold an egg inside. They were then dropped from the top of a step ladder by Scouter Paul to see if the egg survived. We had not heard the Scouts so excited, whooping and hollering for a long time.



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We ended the month back at the church again, on likely the coldest night of the fall so far for a trivia night. Several Scouts came prepared with trivia questions on various topics like scouting, dinosaurs, music, video games and Star Wars, and the get them moving in the cold, they had to run and touch the church wall to answer the question. We ended with a nice hot chocolate and timbits – and they ate two boxes of them!



The Scout Leaders wish all of the Scouts a very happy and safe Holidays and see you for more adventures in 2021.

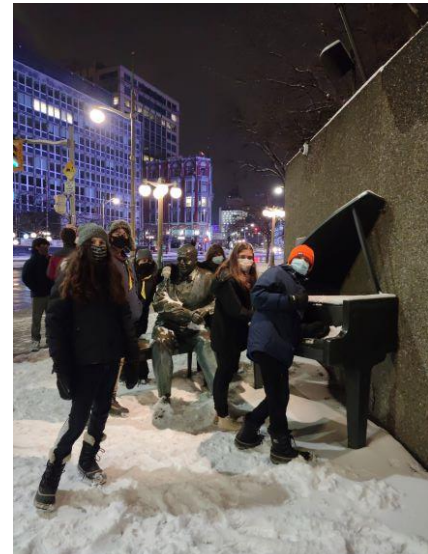


[Venturer News](#)

Well December was a fun month for the Venturers, as the moderate weather allowed us to be outdoors quite a bit. At the beginning of the month, the Vents went hiking on a nearby trail where they ran across the Scouts - twice!



The next week, we assembled downtown to go for an urban hike and look at the Christmas lights.



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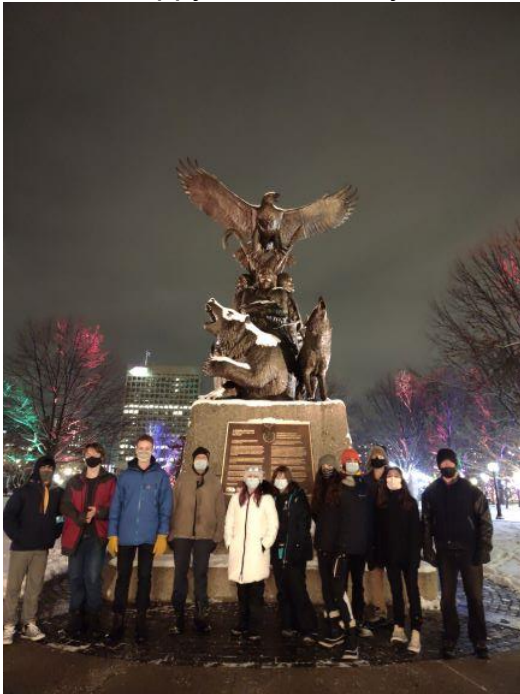
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The youth enjoyed each other's company, played in the snow on Parliament Hill and took time to catch up with each other.



At the end of the meeting we gathered under the lights in Confederation Park to wish our own Scouter Bill a Happy 80th Birthday.



We gave Scouter Bill a card created by Venturer Indira and signed by the youth, as well as birthday wishes from previous Venturer Company members and a photobook of past Scouting memories, organized by Scouter Ruth H.

Happy Birthday
to a wonderful
Scouter Bill

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2020

We send to you beautiful wishes on this very happy day. We would like to thank you and let you know how appreciative we are for bettering our scouting movement as well as our personal scouting journeys. We wish you all the best on this special day and may you continue to mark our lives and movement with your incredible enthusiasm and brilliance.

Thank you once again for sharing your passion with us and allowing us to experience the beautiful outdoors.

With love of love, the great group 2020



It was very moving and we appreciated the opportunity to let Scouter Bill know how much he means to us.



We finished up the month with a virtual movie night, in which we watched an Indiana Jones film from the comfort of our couches.

We would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and are looking forward to seeing you back on January 6, 2021.



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Registration for 2021 Scouting Year

Due to the pandemic, Scouts Canada extended all youth memberships from September 1st to December 31st, thus avoiding the need to register and pay for Fall 2020. There is also a free trial for new members for Fall and we have 4 new members who've joined us.

Registration for the 2021 Scouting Year is open and will cover the period of January 1st to December 31st.

The registration fee is \$230 for the year and the 101st only gets \$15 of that amount as we aim to keep registration fees low and rely more on fundraising.



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

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