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# Newsletter

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## [60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Article in Local Newspaper](#)

You may have seen this newspaper. Thanks to Scouter Dan McCarthy for drafting this and finding some great old pictures too. It's worth a read to see where we came from.

<https://riverviewparkreview.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/RPR-FINAL-FOR-WEB-Dec-2021.pdf?fbclid=IwAR2WXIES2u9ykVYYDE4AYHwycCYAYEVKoQNAuOzFrZNFNGw011hc8rl4GG8>



## [Beaver Tales](#)

Two meetings for the Beavers to report on in December. First, we went on a hike in the snow trying out a new trail. We explored the network of trails at NCC parking lot P19 on Leitrim Road. The Beavers got to try out compasses and learn how the work by finding north and then answering the questions of which direction we walked from and which direction are we heading in. Thanks to the parents who joined us, even though it was probably more of a workout than they anticipated.

Our last meeting of 2021 was spent outdoors at the church where each of our lodges got to practice putting up a tent.



Let's say, many Beavers were a little rusty but some had the right idea of where the poles are supposed to go and how to attach a fly. After a quick game of "Leader Says", it was time to fill our bellies with hot chocolate and cookies.



Acorn, Bubbles, Sunshine and Tic Tac want to thank all the parents for signing up with us and really look forward to more fun and adventures with the Beavers in 2022.

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**Cub Corner**

Only two meetings in December, but the Cubs made the most of them.

The first meeting had us Reviewing what we enjoyed about the Fall session of Cubs, and planning ahead for the Winter Session. So good to see that most of the Cubs enjoyed the activities we've run. Looking ahead, they're very excited to go sledding and to do an Escape Room and go to the movies. We'll have to see what we can do about getting those done.



Our second meeting in December was our Festival of Cookies. Cubs were encouraged to bring in their favourite dessert to share. Can you ever have too many cookies? Man, it felt like we had WAY too many cookies! To work up an appetite for cookies, Cubs walked the meditative labyrinth on the far side of the church, played two versions of Cub Cub Wolf, Zombie tag, and

made an imaginary pizza with ALL SORTS of strange toppings on it.



We all had a great time. Then it was time to chow down! Thank you to everyone who participated and shared food.



See you all in January for lots more Fun and Adventures!



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Scout Trails



Well December meetings came and went so fast. We started off with a brisk hike on the network of trails at the corner of Walkley and Ramsayville roads. It was a beautiful clear night with a light dusting of snow and just below the freezing mark – a sharp contrast to the often awful weather we hike in.

The Scouts also did some important community service on December 4<sup>th</sup> by volunteering at the Holiday Skate event sponsored by Councillor Jean Cloutier and the Canterbury Community Association. Our Scouts worked through three shifts from early morning to afternoon and distributed hot chocolate to the public and manning a couple firepits to warm people up.



Mayor Jim Watson came to pay us a visit and everyone were very appreciative of the effort put in by the Scouts in volunteering their time.



Our second meeting of December was dedicated to spark the imagination and ingenuity of the Scouts. They built “recyclable robots” out of recycle material they brought from home.



We had some pretty interesting designs and backstories to each robot and the Scouters named winners for most ingenious, most practical, best looking, and most creative.



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They also organized a couple riveting games of musical chairs which was hotly contested by those taking part.



Our final meeting was a nice and relaxed holiday party at the church. The Scouts brought boardgames to play and it appears that chess was a popular choice.

The chips, pop and homemade doughnuts courtesy of Scouter Paul who brought his portable deep fryer. Yes, you heard us – homemade doughnuts! They did help to sustain the Scout's bottomless appetites.



We also did a Secret Santa gift exchange where each Scout brought a gift with a value of less than \$5. They drew numbers randomly and got the gift with that number. Then, the trading and bartering started and everyone seemed to come away happy. The Scout Leaders are really looking forward to further challenging the Scouts to develop their outdoor skills in 2022 and promise some fun-filled adventures too.



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**Venturer News**

Where did December go? No matter the month, Venturers are always active. After enjoying bowling, they headed back outside to enjoy the Rink of Dreams and a stroll downtown. It was wonderful to feel the energy of the city.



The following week was a fantastic end to the year, with an evening at Level One, which is like a restaurant and game room in one. The Vents took full advantage – playing multiple games between enjoying the food and drinks. Their bubbiness was infectious, leading us “adults” to try a few games as well. While things may look bleak today, hopefully we can all get back to activities like that in 2022.



On a more personal note, we wish a truly heartfelt congratulations to Max, Edgar, and Heather, Ansel and James. These youth have been with the 101<sup>st</sup> as long as they can. Some of them started off as ~5yr old Beavers, had

adventures with Bucky and the Wolf-head, have gone to countless activity days, camps and Jamborees, and even climbed the Adirondacks all with Scouting friends.



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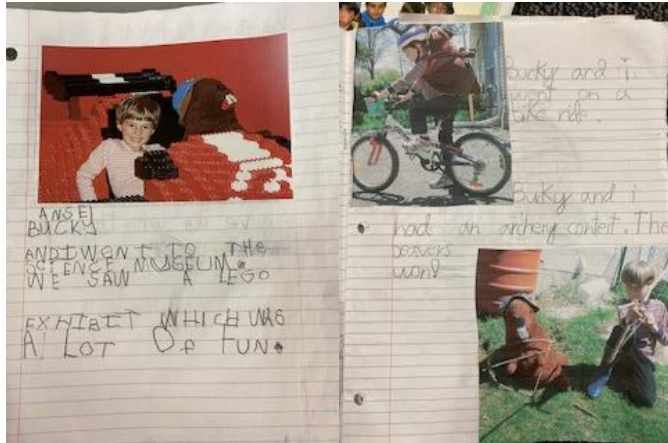


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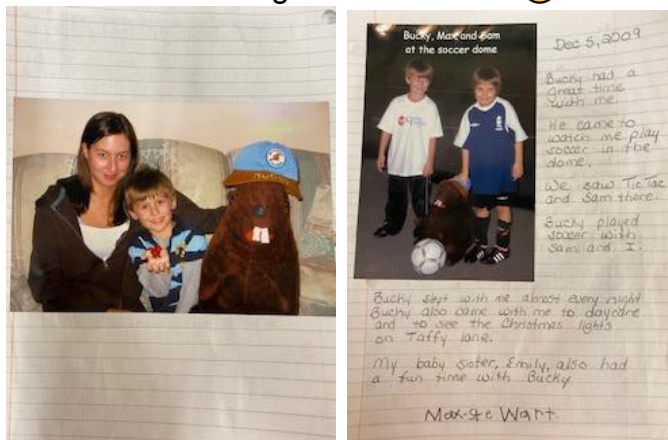
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Opemikon is a 2<sup>nd</sup> home to them. They have learned and grown into amazing adults and have now officially aged out of Venturers. We are incredibly proud to have had the chance to see them along their life journey. We have learned a lot from them, and with them.



Many years ago, when my son Max was a Beaver, he told me outright that one day he would become a Vent. Even then he recognized the impact Scouting had on him. More recently he told me that he felt that he has learned far more from Scouting than from school. While he almost never misses Scouting, I reminded him that he should still go to his classes 😊



This will also be my last full year as a Scouting leader. As my son is leaving, I too will allow my life to shift directions (though you may still see me, you know anytime I'm "needed for ratio" or for anything exciting ha ha!). Like my son, I have learned tremendously from this adventure. I have had the opportunity to do exactly as I'd hoped many years ago, and that was to be with my kids in their life adventures. Among the skills, I have also learned patience and, even more importantly, how to be a better parent and human being. I am eternally grateful – Scouter Jean Stewart (Venturer Advisor, former Scout Leader, Cub Leader, Akela, and Beaver Leader)



To all those parents out there – unless you join too, and revel in doing the Funky Chicken at a campfire with your son or daughter or other kids, you have NO idea what you're missing. I know we will miss this adventure.

### Registration Information

Registration is open for 2022. New members joining us this Fall will have 2022 included in their registration fee so do not need to register for January. Returning members will need to register to continue scouting in January. Our registration fee for 2022 is \$235.

Go to: <https://www.myscouts.ca>



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## Scout Coffee Year-Round Fundraiser

Scouts Canada has brought back the Scout Coffee fundraiser as a year-round one. If you really love coffee – and may consider yourself a “coffee snob”, then you’ll love this. We’ve partnered with Equator Coffee Roasters in Almonte to sell fair-trade, organic coffee.

There are various roasts, sizes and even bundles available. And shipping is available to anywhere in Canada.

Go to [www.scout-coffee.ca](http://www.scout-coffee.ca)

At checkout, click on support local scout group and type in 101<sup>st</sup> Ottawa and select the youth section you want to support. 45% of proceeds come back to the 101<sup>st</sup>.

**Single Products**

<p><b>CAMPFIRE ROAST</b> Dark Roast</p> <p>Do you yearn for the comfort of a warm campfire? This dark roast coffee with its smooth, clean and simple blend is the one for a great start to your day.</p> <p>\$18.99 340 g Whole Bean \$18.99 340 g Ground <b>\$36.99</b> 908 g (2 lb) Whole Bean</p>	<p><b>MISTY MORNING</b> Medium Roast</p> <p>This long-time fave blend is so good, it'll brighten your day, whether you're in the great outdoors or having a cup of this yummy medium roast at home.</p> <p>\$18.99 340 g Whole Bean \$18.99 340 g Ground <b>\$36.99</b> 908 g (2 lb) Whole Bean</p>	<p><b>S'MORE COFFEE</b> Medium-Dark Roast</p> <p>This medium-dark roast is a delicious warm blend that tastes just like a hug in a cup. A must-have for a hike, a coffee date or a treat. It also makes for an excellent host gift.</p> <p>\$18.99 340 g Whole Bean \$18.99 340 g Ground <b>\$36.99</b> 908 g (2 lb) Whole Bean</p>
<p><b>TRAIL BLAZER ESPRESSO</b> Espresso Medium Roast</p> <p>Seize the day with this sweet, smooth, and silky espresso blend, whether you're about to hit the trail or begin a busy day!</p> <p>\$18.99 340 g Whole Bean <b>\$36.99</b> 908 g (2 lb) Whole Bean</p>	<p><b>KNOT CAFFEINATED</b> Decaf</p> <p>You will not be disappointed when sipping this delicious, naturally processed decaf. It's really hard not to love this coffee, even if you do not like caffeine or know how to tie a figure-8 knot.</p> <p>\$18.99 340 g Ground</p>	<p>Scout coffee is fair trade, certified organic and roasted right here in Canada.</p> <p>This Fundraising opportunity begins <b>October 15</b> and will run <b>year-round!</b></p> <p><b>35%</b> of the sales goes back to local scouting groups and over <b>5%</b> directly supports the <b>No One Left Behind (NOLB)</b> fund.</p>

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## Thank a Volunteer Today!

Did you know that the 101<sup>st</sup> has 21 dedicated Scouters and volunteers? Some of them have continued to volunteer even after their own children have left the program. Some of them have been Scouters for 35 and 45 years! And some of them volunteer behind the scenes like Sara Walker our Treasurer and Richard Lincoln our Registrar. Without them, the 101<sup>st</sup> would not exist. 2020 and 2021 have been years of a lot of ups and downs for them. If you can spare 5 minutes, click on the link below and thank a volunteer today. To help you fill out the form, the 101<sup>st</sup> is part of Voyageur Council. Thank you!

**Beavers:** Gustavo Rodrigues (Bubbles), Rob Samulack (Tic Tac), Amanda Jamieson (Acorn), Francois Marier (Sunshine)

**Cubs:** Cynthia Dark (Akela), Jennifer Love (Hathi), Daniel Barrington (Chil), Angelica Haggert (Kaa)

**Scouts:** Dave Yarker, Paul Schock, Tom Lagace, Kerry Chalmers, Shazeela Mohammad, Miranda Corbett, Francois Marier

**Venturers:** Ruth Humphries, Jean Stewart, Bill Woodley, Ruth Marier, Scott Bradley

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



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