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

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Trillium Foundation Grant Event with John Fraser, MPP for Ottawa South

The 101st Ottawa was pleased to welcome Ottawa South MPP John Fraser to a Beaver/Cub meeting on February 10th where he presented Group Commissioner Francois Marier (Sunshine) with a plaque commemorating our grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. With \$8,900 from the Foundation, we have been able to buy new snowshoes, tents, kitchen shelters, camp grills, lanterns and a wide range of cooking utensils and other camping gear. We also received funding for the Venturers and senior Scouts to take White Water canoe training last spring and for Scouters Shazeela and Mike to take wilderness first aid training. Mr. Fraser visited on a busy and loud evening; the Beavers were enjoying bring-a-friend night and the Cubs were finishing their Kub Kars.



We showed our MPP a selection of the gear that was purchased with the grant, and he spoke to the Cubs about the importance of community service. He and Sunshine then cut the celebration cake,

and all in attendance enjoy a piece of the balloon-decorated cake!



Our purchases from this grant are now complete, and we have new equipment for each of the Scouting sections. We greatly appreciate the support of the Government of Ontario through the Foundation for enabling us to buy this new equipment that will help create new Scouting adventures and memories in the spring that is just around the corner, at Scotia Jamb this summer, and in the years to come



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We even got a Tweet:

[John Fraser @JohnFraserOS](#)

Please to join the 101st Ottawa scouts this evening @ St. Aidan's to celebrate their trillium grant <http://ow.ly/i/8AWk4>

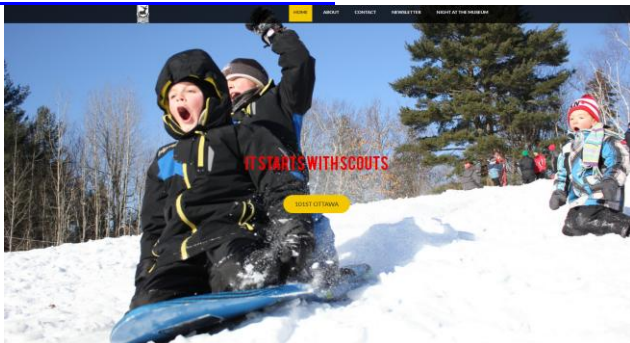


Ottawa South News ran a story: <http://www.ottawacommunitynews.com/news-story/5344573-grant-helping-to-build-memories-one-snowshoe-trip-at-a-time/>

Scouter Dan McCarthy submitted a story for the March issue of Vistas (see page 9): <http://vistas-news.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Vistas-March-2015-PDF.pdf>

[New 101st Ottawa Website](#)

Yes, the 101st now has its own website. Thanks to Cub Leader Kaa (AJ Blauer) for creating it in the first place. It's still a work in progress as we upload more information, photos and other useful things including issues of our monthly newsletter. <http://www.101ottawa.com>



[Beaver Tales](#)

The month of February for the Beavers means making the most of this real Canadian winter. We started the month with a night of tobogganing at Dempsey Community Centre. An easy meeting to organize but the Leaders heard the Beavers say things like: "this is so much fun" or "this is the best meeting ever!!".



The following week was a special Bring a Friend night and we had many friends come to check out the adventures. They played a couple games and made a Valentine's Day craft.

We were back outdoors the following week with the Cubs snowshoeing at Pine Grove Trail. It was gorgeous night and for some Beavers, it was their first time on snowshoes.

We ended the month with a meeting dedicated to animals in the winter. The Beavers learned about behaviour and camouflage and tracks left in the snow. They even got to see a specimen of a red fox and a snowy owl up close that we borrowed from the Museum of Nature.



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Cub Corner

For the Cubs, the beginning of February was all about Kub Kars. The Cubs honed their designs, transferred them to their wood blocks, and then explained their designs to Akela Chris Hayes, who helped them cut and shape their blocks. Next, the Cubs sanded, glued and painted to bring their designs to life. Finally the wheels were carefully installed and the cars were ready to race.



16 cubs from the 101st Ottawa Pack attended the Rideau Area Kub Kar Rally on Feb. 21 at the Jim Durrell Arena. The Cubs first raced their cars and three of our Cubs, Ansel, Teddy and Kenny, made it into the semi-finals. After the racing, the Cubs all voted for their favorite cars in the three design competitions; wackiest paint job, best car look-alike and best theme car. Kieran took home

second prize for his car in the wackiest paint job category and Kyle and Ryan were first and second in the best theme car category. Way to go Cubs! All Cubs will have another chance to race their kars in March during a regular meeting, when we will also invite the White Tail Beavers to pit their Beaver Buggies against the Kub Kars.



Also in February, the Cubs got outside to enjoy the winter for two meetings. In the first we linked with the Beavers for a snowshoe hike through Pine Grove forest. It was a cold but clear evening and we enjoyed the snowy trail, as well learned about some of the trees in the forest. We also took the opportunity to invest this year's Keos; Erin and Ansel. Keos are senior Cubs who help the White Tail Beavers learn the ways of the Cub Pack and make their transition to Cubs easier.

In our second outdoor meeting in February, we went sledding at Dempsey community centre. There is nothing better to beat the winter blues than flying down a hill on a sled with your friends! In March, the Cubs will be working on their star requirements, racing their Kub Kars, and learning some hip hop moves at a dance workshop.



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Scout Trails

The Scouts had a really busy February and only spent one meeting indoors at the church. We started off with a night of tobogganing at Dempsey Community Centre. Always fun. The following week, the Scouts went downtown and checked out the ice sculptures at Winterlude then skated on the Rink of Dreams at City Hall.

The following week was a meeting on a Thursday with a guided tour of the National Gallery of Canada. The Scouts were given a scavenger hunt challenge by the Leaders inside the Gallery and then outside through the Byward Market. However, given the cold weather, we didn't spend as much time outside and warmed up with a beaver tail and hot apple cider.



The last week was back at the church for a night of designing badges for ScotiaJamb and some planning.

We took the opportunity to recognize Scouter Bruno Della Valle, who not only received a Certificate of Commendation for Service to Scouting but also the Medal for Good Service. Congrats Scouter Bruno for making a difference!



Venturers News

The Venturers have been busy preparing for their trip this weekend's trip to the Adirondacks. Check out the article below from the Ottawa South News:

Grant helping to build memories, one snowshoe trip at a time

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Photos will be snapped, memories will be made and adventures will be had when 10 Alia Vitas and Elainevale Acres went and their Scouting leaders snowshoed to the top of a mountain at Lake Placid, N.Y. later this month.

Much of their equipment will be in large part due to the purchase of snowshoes and now were thanks to an \$8,900 grant the 101st Ottawa Scouts received from the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

"In being able to buy all this material in the period of one year really allows us to expand the range of activities that we're going to undertake and plan more adventurous adventures," said Dan McCarthy, who leads the 14- to 17-year-old Venturers in the unit.

The 101st Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers have not lost any time in putting the money to good use since they received the grant in February 2014.

To mark the financial contribution, Ottawa South MPP John Fraser visited St. Aidan's Anglican Church in Elainevale Acres where the 101st meets to greet the members with a shaggy and see the equipment on Feb. 10.

The grant paid for about 20 pairs of snowshoes, 15 new tents and general camping gear such as stoves, candles and lightweight pads, which are all shared by the 85-member unit, as well as whatever canoe training for older Scouting youth and wilderness first aid training for leaders.

"That basically allowed us to renew our winter training itinerary and we raised a number of tents that were literally 15 years old," McCarthy said.

"It's the sort of purchase that we would never afford to do in our purchase."

"The other thing it allows us to do is, in previous years if we wanted to go snowshoeing just on our regular Wednesday night, we'd have to borrow the snowshoes, cobble them together from snowshoes that people had in their garage or rent them," he said.

The grant also allowed 15 Venturers to participate in wilderness canoe training on the Pisawawa River last year. This training will give the youth the experience to plan a summer trip that would allow them to tackle a more challenging river, McCarthy said.

The funding also included 3000 for leaders to learn advanced wilderness first aid.

"It would allow us to take on a more adventurous activity and ensure that we can do it in a safe fashion by bringing those (specially trained leaders) along on the trip," he said.

More recently, about 50 kids, youth and Scouting leaders in the unit took their own snowshoes to Camp Opekacon near Maberly, Ont. where they took turns hiking along trails and enjoying the outdoors.

The equipment will make all the difference during the Venturers' weekend getaway to Lake Placid Feb. 27 to March 1, said McCarthy, an Alia Vista resident who has been a leader with the 101st Ottawa Scouts for 17 years, since his sons were young.

Watching the "young members' eyes light up at the sight of the newly purchased tents was a highlight for

McCarthy, who today is a Venturer adviser. Camping is the preferred activity among the young members of the group. "I think because they just outdoors (and) there's a sense of adventure, particularly for the younger children," McCarthy said. "It takes them out of their comfort zone in some respects. Regardless of the season, they want to get outdoors."

ADAM POWERS

Venturers with the 101st Ottawa Scouts enjoy the view from the summit of Cascade Mountain at Lake Placid, N.Y. in February 2014. The group purchased new snowshoes and hiking poles, which were used during the trip, with an Ontario Trillium Foundation grant.

Scouts Volunteer at Balena Park Winter Carnival

On February 1st, our hardy Scouts (and Cubs) volunteered at the Riverview Park Community Association's Winter Carnival at Balena Park. It was cold day but fun for skating on the ice rink, playing games and warming up and roasting marshmallows around the campfire that the Scouts built and maintained. The community was very appreciative of the Scout's help and

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they were visited by our City Counsellor Jean Cloutier and our MP David McGuinty.



Below are some photos that appeared in the Ottawa South News on February 5th:



[Opemikon Summer Camps Registration Now Open](#)

Camp Opemikon's Summer Camp Programs are available to Everyone! Scouting and Non-Scouting Members are welcome!



Camp Opemikon offers awesome outdoor fun for boys and girls, ages 7 to 16. Our residential programs range from introductory camps for first time overnight campers to specialized camps in backpacking, paddling, and wilderness canoe trips. Swimming, paddleboats, archery, hiking, crafts, pioneering, rock climbing, ropes courses, campfires, Carnival and OPE Idol talent nights are all here at Camp Opemikon!

You can now easily register online and bus transportation to and from camp is available. Register before April 30 and get a \$25 Early Bird discount. More information is available at the following link:

<http://voy.scouts.ca/ca/camp-opemikon-summer-programs>



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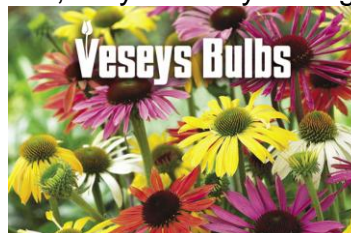
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Reduced Registration Fee now in place

As of February 1st, the registration fee for new members joining to the end of this scouting year has been reduced to \$100. This is a great time for any member to Bring a Friend to join the scouting adventure. Below is our posting in the Vistas Newspaper's Community Calendar for February 2015:

The 101st Ottawa Scouting Group is for boys and girls ages 5-18 years old and meets at St. Aidan's Anglican Church on Hamlet Rd. We offer exciting, safe and fun programs to help shape tomorrow's leaders and offer an experience kids get nowhere else. As of February 1st the registration fee will be reduced for all new members. Contact Group Commissioner Francois Marier at 613-521-1807. We are also in need of new Leaders.

Now, they are selling Vesey's flower bulbs and seeds. Do you garden or know someone who does? They seek out one of our Scouts (the Leaders can direct you to them) to place an order and support them. They keep 50% of the amount they sell and that goes towards their trip. But, they are only selling until April 8th.



Choosing the Best Headlamp



There are so many choices when it comes to headlamps. Check out the article below to learn more about what goes into making the right decision.

<http://www.outdoorgearlab.com/Best-Headlamp>



Scouts heading to Nova Scotia Jamboree this Summer

Our Scouts and Leaders going to Scotiamb 2015 this July are busy fundraising. They did another stint bagging and seeking donations at Sail on three dates in late February. They all did very well and raised lots towards their goals. Thank you to Gerry Dumoulin, the Assistant Manager at Sail for supporting us.



Upcoming Dates for your Calendar

- May 2: Scoutrees Dig Day
- May 8-10: Cubs Spring Camp at Foley Mountain Conservation Area
- May 9-10: Scouts Rideau Challenge
- May 22-24: Beavers Spring Camp May 29-31: Cubs Rideau Area Spring Camp
- June 5-7: Scouts Voyageur Council Spring Camp at Opemikon
- June 12-14: Scouts Canoe Camp at Lac-du-Poisson-Blanc



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