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# Newsletter



## Ottawa 67's Scout Appreciation Day

On January 30<sup>th</sup>, the 101<sup>st</sup> Ottawa took part in the annual Scout Appreciation Day at the Ottawa 67's game. While the 67's lost the game against Owen Sound, the families who attended had a good time cheering on the home team. Some even took in a pre-game skate on the ice at TD Place and got to meet the mascots.



We even had a flag bearer during the national anthem.



## Beaver Tales

February contained a European flavour, and we were blessed with very European weather. If you live in the Alps that is. Our first meeting on the 2nd was supposed to be the much anticipated tobogganing at Dempsey Community Centre, but as we had yet to experience the record snowfall to come, the hills were harder than a goat's knee and the city sensibly closed the facility.

So instead we quickly arranged a meeting at the Church and played Broomball outside, where the overarching goal was to not smash any car headlamps. After a very close game during which no vehicles were damaged, we warmed our lungs up with the Little Chicken song taught to us at winter camp by the Horwack Troop, no Horlicks, no Harrock ... (Akela, help me out here), and finished off the night with a game of Octopus.

The following week, Hawkeye knocked himself out on the ski slopes, so his recollection of the snow shoe hike through Pine Grove might be a little hazy. Here's Sunshine to give a report: The Beavers got to go snowshoeing with the Cubs and they did great, especially those that this was their first time on snowshoes. Some hot chocolate helped keep the chill away and eased the greenbelt tree trivia.

The day of our European Food Night meeting saw the 24 hour snowfall record smashed in Ottawa, and not even Belgian chocolate could entice us out, so we had to wait until the following week when we combined food night with music night. We learned various folk ditties with Tic Tac and then all died of the plague when we sang Ring a Ring o' Rosies, only to be revived by eating buttercups in the meadows (a well-known cure).

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The spread of European delicacies laid on by Sunshine was second to none, and many of the Beavers tried foods for the first time, including Greek olives, French raspberry confiture, and Turkish dried apricots, all washed down with a helping of the Italian soft drink Brio Chinotto. All round it was a fantastic meeting (Hawkeye's favourite so far).

With full stomachs, the White Tails then took their Beaver Buggies downstairs to join in the racing pandemonium with the Cubs in their first linking activity, on their way to becoming Tenderpads. March will see more of these linking activities (more details to come) as well as hosting our African theme - so watch out for Zulus, lots of singing and dancing, and wild animals!!

### Cub Corner

What a fun filled and creative February! February was all about Kub Kars and even with a snow storm that cancelled the meeting just four days before the Rally – we had a special meeting on the Wednesday evening to ensure the Kars were ready for Saturday's Rally.

The Cubs worked really hard on their designs, transferring them to their wood blocks and then explaining their designs to Akela Chris Hayes who helped them cut and shape their blocks into masterpieces – everything from a basic sports car to McDonald's Fries!

Sixteen Cubs from the 101<sup>st</sup> Ottawa Pack attended the Rideau Area Kub Kar Rally on February 20, 2016 at the Jim Durrell Arena.



The Cubs first raced their Kars and five Cubs moved on to the top 27 elimination round – Tyler, Kai, Sam B, Luca and Thorne. 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 and the winners among over 80 Kars were:

- First Place Theme Car: Indira
- Second Place Theme Car: Tyler
- Fourth Place Theme Car: William
- Second Place Wackiest Paint Job: Kai
- Second Place Best Look-a-Like Car: Sam B



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Everyone had fun and we of course had the best behaved and awesome Cubs in Rideau Area!



The Cubs held their own Kub Kar races the following week at the church. The White Tails were invited to race their Beaver Buggies.



Also in February, the Cubs got outside to enjoy the winter when 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 (as well as some hot chocolate).

The Cubs and Leaders are looking forward to some great activities in the coming months: Bring a Friend night; Tour a lab at the University of Ottawa (special thanks to Cub Tyler's mom); Bowling; annual Cub Sleepover; Jungle Book Movie and the Cuboree. Watch your emails and sign up for some great outings!

### Scout Trails

The Scouts returned to the church on February 1<sup>st</sup> to catch-up on some badgework. The older youth worked on the Emergency Preparedness and some of the First Aid badges while the younger youth completed their Voyageur Leadership, Citizenship and some of the Outdoor Skills badgework. By the end of the evening lots of badges were handed out to everyone including some older ones that had been waiting for distribution since Camp Ope.



St. Aidan's held their Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on February 9<sup>th</sup>. As part of their Citizenship volunteer hours, the Scouts helped



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serve food & drinks to the patrons, cleaned up dirty dishes, returned items to the cleaning area for the leaders, and everyone had time to eat some dinner: pancakes and sausages in syrup with fruit cocktail and homemade cookies. The church volunteers appreciated everyone's help, cheery disposition and assistance at this year's event. Scouter Sara would like to give a large thanks to Max C, Noah, Damir, Sam, Ethan, Hannah, Scouters Ruth, Bill, and Shazeela from the church volunteers and myself.

The following week the youth were presented with 3 mock first aid scenarios where they had to work in rotation to provide first aid and assistance to the injured youth. They learned how to deal with carbon monoxide poisoning, insect and animal bites, ingesting poison, ice rescue techniques, water safety, stove safety, treating burns and doing simple stove repairs.



They were treated to popcorn and ice tea as snack for their hard work and rewarded with a First Aid & Safety badges at the end of the evening. Ethan also went home with some extra badges and has now completed his Voyageur Level along with Max C who will receive their badgework at our next church meeting in March.

Due to the winter storms we had to reschedule our bowling night to March 1st, along with a snowshoe hike at Mer Bleue bog in favor of a few weeks off and a short toboggan night at Dempsey Community Centre. Francois bought everyone Tim Horton's hot chocolate and donuts for those brave enough to come out after the 50 cm of snow and frigid -18C that Tuesday night.

Stay tuned we have many upcoming outings this spring along with planning for 3 spring camps and putting the final touches on our Great Lakes Jamboree trip in July 2016.

### [Scouts Volunteer at Balena Park Winter Carnival](#)

On February 7<sup>th</sup>, our hardy Scouts and Cubs volunteered at the Riverview Park Community Association's Winter Carnival at Balena Park.



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It was great day but fun for skating on the ice rink, playing games and warming up and roasting marshmallows around the campfire that the Cubs and Scouts built and maintained. The community was very appreciative of our help and they were visited by our City Counsellor Jean Cloutier, our MPP John Fraser and our MP David McGuinty.

### [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 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 at the following link: <http://voy.scouts.ca/ca/camp-opemikon-summer-programs>

### [Dates for your Calendar](#)

- March 4-6: Venturers Adirondack Adventure
- April 1: Cubs Sleepover at St. Aidan's
- April 17: Scouts Rideau Area Soapbox Derby
- May 7: Scoutrees Dig Day at Telesat Park
- May 6-8: Scouts RSVP Camp at Opemikon
- May 13-15: Senior Cubs/Scouts Camp at Murphy's Point Provincial Park
- May 27-29: Beavers Spring Camp at Foley Mountain Conservation Area
- June 3-5: Cubs Voyageur Council Spring Camp at Apple Hill Scout Reserve
- June 14: End-of-the-Year Party and Banquet at the Canterbury Community Centre
- June 17-19: Scouts Canoe Camp at Lac du Poisson Blanc
- July 9-17 : Scouts at Great Lakes Jamboree at Camp BEL near London, ON

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