



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

Newsletter



Balena Park Winter Carnival

Each year, the Riverview Park Community Association puts on a Winter Carnival at Balena Park. It's a great chance to get on the ice for some skating, enjoy some games, hot apple cider, meet neighbours and of course enjoy the campfire put on by the 101st Scouts.

This year we got lucky as the carnival happened just before the freezing rain started. Scouters Ruth, Francois, Bill and Rikki Tikki Tavi came out and supervised Cubs Andrew and Sophie, Scouts Heather, Nick, Mathieu and Indira who built and maintained the campfire. They also handed out sticks and marshmallows to people attending the Carnival. Thank you.



Beaver Tales

February was a month when the Beavers spent more meetings outdoors than indoors. Three out of four meetings were outdoors enjoying the great Canadian winter!

But we started the month with a baking night. Thanks to Hawkeye who organized it, the Beavers made chocolate chip cookies. It was a bit of "controlled chaos" but they got their ingredients mixed and baked them within an hour to allow to sample them at the end of the meeting. They were delicious!



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This was followed by skating at the new Tubman's Sens Rink. Good thing it's covered and refrigerated because it was very mild and raining that night. The Beavers had a blast and for some, it was their first time on skates!



The following week, we headed to the toboggan hill next to Dempsey Community Centre – a favourite of the Beaver Leaders. It was a beautiful night with fresh snow and hot chocolate to top it all off.



The month ended with a snowshoe hike at Pine Grove trail. It was a gorgeous night with stars and a bright moon. The Beavers were pretty tuckered out from a hike in the woods. The White Tail Beavers were given their new tails to start them on their Northern Lights Quest so they can earn their North Star Award.



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Cub Corner

The shortest month of the year was jam-packed with scouting adventures for the Cubs, with the Kub Kar Rally held at St. Thomas the Apostle Church on the last weekend being the main event.



A record turn-out for the 101st was testament to the pride and team-spirit we have this year in our Pack, and it is great to see how the youth have developed as a collective group over the time they've been together.



All the Cubs' fantastic hard work and artistic creativity during the previous weeks was on display, and while we didn't make the winner's podium for speed, Denis-Guillaume took home second place in the "Wacky Paint Job" design category, Mason won third place in "Best Look Alike", and Cubs Isabelle, Matthew, Tristan and Dante made it to the fastest 27 Kar race off. The real winner though was great day we spent together enjoying the excitement of race day festivities.



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While it was fun to finish creating our Kub Kars, we also spent two awesome meetings this month away from the Church hall; one skating at the newly built and very impressive Jim Tubman Chevrolet Sens covered rink at the Canterbury Recreation Complex, and the other swimming at the Deborah Anne Kirwan pool.

Both activities were well attended and a great opportunity for the pack to let loose a little and expend some energy, and it's safe to say the Scouters had as much fun as the youth away from the Church. Akela also managed to sneak in an educational aspect to the swimming session, where we all covered a few of the outdoor adventure aquatic skills and earned badge levels 1 and 2.

Next month is a short one due to March break, but we begin it with building robots from recyclable materials – so make sure you save your egg boxes and plastic bottles (we already have plenty of artificial intelligence to go around). Here's looking forward to some warmer weather!



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Scout Trails

The Scouts began February with a great tobogganing party at a local hill for the first meeting of the month. It was a wonderful winter escapade with lots of fun had by all. Many thanks to Scouter Ruth for bringing the hot chocolate that warmed everyone up after quite a few frosty runs!



The following Sunday was the Balena Park Winter Carnival Campfire where Nick, Matthieu, Indira and Heather helped Scouter Bill set-up and maintain the fire for the afternoon. Cubs Sophie and Andrew helped the Scouts to hand out marshmallows for roasting.



On Tuesday February 13th the Scouts volunteered at the St. Aidan's Pancake Supper at the church. A number of the parishioners as well as the organizers expressed their sincere gratitude for the Scouts many helping hands at this annual event. And the Scouts enjoyed their own pancakes and sausages with fruit cups and cookies in the church basement in between shifts.

The next meeting was spent doing some preliminary popsicle stick bridge planning and catching some of the newer Scouts up on the skills for their knife, axe, and stove skills permits. The older youth came up with some super ideas for future meetings and events and held a vote to pick the favourite activities which will be put on the spring schedule soon.



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On Family Day a few Scouts came out to attend the Ottawa 67s Game versus the Kitchener Rangers and were able to partake in a special post-game skate on the rink. It was a riveting third period as the 67s got one last shot into the net just as the clock hit zero; while the goal didn't count it was a very exciting play!



The last meeting of the month was held back at the church for the first of several sessions to

build the 101st Scouts entries for the Rideau Area Bridge Building Challenge at the end of March. There are several key specifications for the bridges so lots of teamwork by the patrols is involved to ensure the designs meet the criteria.



Venturer News

The Venturer highlight of February was the annual weekend trip to beautiful Lake Placid, New York for the Adirondacks Adventure. Over the month, hundreds of Venturers and Scouters from Voyageur Council will hike and snowshoe peaks around the fabled town. This year, 4 Vents and 3 Scouters from the 101st participated in this event. Crossing the US border Friday evening, the group found their motel in Upper Jay, NY. A quick grocery stop ensured essentials for breakfast and lunch would be available, including the all-important Poptarts!



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Saturday morning dawned cold and overcast - about minus 20 at the trailhead to summit Cascade Mountain. The trail winds for nearly 3 miles up the mountain through dense woods and begins to open up to impressive views near the top. The trail was well-packed for the most part so the Vents carried their snowshoes and strapped on their microspikes. We stopped for a rest every 20 minutes or so, and ate lunch in the trees below the summit.



Cascade is 'bald' on top - as a result the wind is ferocious! And cold - estimated wind chills in the -40 range. We only stayed on the summit long enough to take a few pictures.



The downside to a well packed trail is that it was very icy in places - making the descent a little tricky (and painful) in places. Sliding down long stretches is a great option for a 16 year old Vent; less so for the 50 odd-years Scouter! 5 hours after the start, we were back at the trailhead, having bagged our first peak. A quick change of clothes and we were off to Lake Placid for sight-seeing, souvenirs and pizza.



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On Sunday, the group drove to the historic Adirondack Loj to the trailhead for the hike up Mount Jo. A few in the group were nursing stiff and sore thighs from Cascade. Now Mt. Jo at 3,500 ft is considerably lower in elevation than Cascade but (there's always a but!) to this author, the trail was considerable steeper, in places resembling an elevator shaft. The Vents were up to it, and aided by our microspikes, we stood on the summit 90 minutes later.



The snow was falling again we took the long trail back - more steps but not as treacherous! After drying out in front of a blazing fire, we headed back to Lake Placid.

We finished the weekend with lunch and free time in the town, and as the snow continued to fall, the Vents drove back to Ottawa, with two mountains bagged! And Challenges met.



[Welcome Rikki-Tikki-Tavi](#)

In February, we officially welcomed a new Cub Leader, Scouter Cindy who is joining the 101st from another group with her son Andrew.

She will be known as Rikki-Tikki-Tavi (the mongoose in the Jungle Book) to the Cubs. We are happy to have you join us!



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Summer Camp at Opemikon

Camp Opemikon offers summer camping programs for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venturer aged youth. Camps includes crafts, swimming, hiking, canoeing, campfires, theme weeks, and so much more. A truly memorable summer camp experience.

Information is now available at:

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

Dates for your Calendar

- **March 23:** Scouts Sleepover at St. Aidan's
- **March 24:** White Tail Beaver Sleepover at Aviation Museum
- **March 28:** Scouts Bridge Building Competition at Rideau Park United Church
- **April 22:** Scouts Soapbox Car Derby
- **May 25-27:** Beavers Spring Camp at Legewade
- **June 12:** Year End Banquet at Canterbury Community Centre



"Yes, I do know how to light a fire with two sticks... Provided one of them is a match."



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