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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 it was cold but we had a great turnout. Scouters Francois and Ryan supervised Cubs George and Gavin, Scouts Nick, Adrian, Chloe, Mason, DG and Venturer Edgar who built and maintained the campfire. They also handed out sticks and marshmallows to people attending the Carnival. Thank you.



Beaver Tales

After a jam-packed January, the Beavers were back at it in February with loads of activities, including some winter fund and tobogganing on a brisk night at the Dempsey Community Centre. We had our hardest Beavers show up.



The following week, we almost got snowed out but a dozen of our dedicated Beavers came to see and hear Bubbles tell us all about the history of scouting and his experiences as a young man and with his own kids and grandkids who were also in scouting – four generations.



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The Beavers were very interested, asked great questions. Thank you Bubbles – we love your stories about the great times you can have as a scout and the things you can learn.

That was followed by a night where the Beavers let their imagination create a car out of a large cardboard box. We saw some pretty creative cars that would be used the following week for a special night – going to a drive-in movie.



Thus, February ended with some drive-in movies – Looney Tunes and the Madagascar Penguins while eating popcorn and sitting in their box cars.



Cub Corner

February started with thoughts of spring. We made boats and kites and had a blast making them.



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Our next meeting was almost snowed out, but for the few and the brave who came, we finished our Kub Kars.



Our third February meeting had us packing up an imaginary backpack with imaginary gear for our imaginary LION HUNT. Trail Skills were learned – where to find a weather report, what kind of food should you pack for a trail hike and the ever important difference between a BUG HAT and a hat shaped like a bug. Thankfully, the imaginary map and compass, travel itinerary and first aid kit were not needed and we all survived the LION HUNT. Including the Lion.

Kub Kar Rally day was AWESOME! 24 racers from our group of 32!



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Congrats go out to Alyssa who was in the Top 5 for Design and Eliza who was in the Top 10 for Speed! Great Job Cubs!



Our last February meeting was the hotly anticipated ROBOT RECYCLABLES! While our dedicated Runners and Trackers (1st and 2nd years) built and battled, our intrepid Howlers (3rd year or 10 yrs old) planned their end of year camp. We're looking forward to hearing how that goes.

In March we are all looking forward to March Break and the Super Not So Secret arrival of the Scout Shop's Space Kit!



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Scout Trails

The Scouts had a month filled with meetings and activities that were very different from one another. At the beginning of the month, there was the Scout Night at the Ottawa 67's, where a couple of Scouts attended.



The Scouts seemed to enjoy the “fruits of their labour”.

The day after the snowstorm, those Scouts working on their Scout Trucks came out to work on them. The following week was a night of skating at Weston Park. It was a perfect night for being outdoors and enjoying some fresh air.



The first meeting of February was a trip to T&T Asian grocery store. The Scouts were split into their Patrols after they picked their recipe for Chinese New Year they would cook the following week. They went through the aisles looking for ingredients, some may have never seen before.

The following week, they met at the church to actually cook their Chinese New Year recipes. This included dumplings, rice paper rolls, a beef and noodle dish and a soup made by the Scouters.

The Rideau Area Scout Truck Rally took place on February 23rd just after the Kub Kar Rally. We had 6 Trucks entered in the competition of about 35 Trucks from across the Area.



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There were some very impressive designs and fast Trucks. Unlike Kub Kars, Scout Trucks are 18-wheeler trucks that need to be assembled – lots of glue and patience is needed. They can weigh maximum of 900g, so they are fast on the custom tracks!



There are two design categories and Indira got an honourable mention (second place) in the Best Design chosen by Scouters.

But our only trophy brought home that day, from either the Cubs or Scouts was Luca Pepe who took home the 3rd place Truck in the races. He was pretty proud of himself!



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The last meeting of the month was another outdoor activity – yes the Scouts spend more time outdoors or away from the church than they are there. They went on a hike at Pine Grove Trail. It was a beautiful night with lots of stars and hopefully they can remember at least a couple of the types of trees we identified.

It was a good night to bury your friend in the deep snow too!!



March Break Badge Trade-O-Ree

Local Scouters are holding a free event for scouting families with Scouting youth that love to trade badges and memorabilia. There will be displays, lots of traders, a chance to visit the National Scouting Museum and an auction to support the museum and the No One Left Behind Fund. Admission is free and refreshments will be available for purchase.

The Badge Trade-O-Ree is on Friday, March 8th from 6:00-9:00pm and Saturday, March 9th from 9:00am-2:00pm at Scouts Canada Headquarters (1345 Baseline Rd.)

Dates for your Calendar

- **March 1-3:** Venturers Adirondack Adventure
- **March 2-3:** Beavers White Tail Sleepover at Aviation Museum
- **April 14:** Scouts Soapbox Derby
- **May 3-5:** Scouts & Venturers RSVP Camp
- **May 24-26:** Beavers Spring Camp
- **May 31-June 2:** Cubs Council Camp



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>



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