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

Newsletter



All Section Winter Camp 2016

Our most anticipated annual Winter Camp took place on January 8-10 at Camp Opemikon. This is the one camp in the year when all our sections get together for some fun in the snow. Weather-wise, we never can predict what we'll get. We've had rain, freezing rain, plus double digits, snowstorms, and -30's in the past. This year, we had drizzle on Saturday and downpours on the Sunday. But that did not dampen spirits as we went sledding, snowshoeing and had an incredible campfire courtesy of Akela.



We had 103 campers and took over the entire camp. We were also joined by the 1st Howick Scout Troop in Quebec who befriended our Scouts at a Jamboree last summer. The linking activities were great and so was the food of course – and plentiful!! A special thank you to the Scouts and Venturers who organized the Scout's Own on Sunday that had everyone

participate. Thank you to all the Leaders and our Beaver parents for being with us and all your help. We're already looking forward to next year!



Beaver Tales

It's back to Scouting! After a wonderful Christmas break, our Beavers were full of energy. Starting off with our yearly camp at Opemikon was a great way to make the most of it! As this was the first trip to Ope for many of our Beavers (and parents), it was a good learning experience for all, and our Beavers were certainly up to any challenge we provided!



Snowshoeing around the teepee area was a great way to tour the part of camp that we typically only see at night.

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Sliding on the hill is always a huge highlight of winter camp, and even the sprinkling of rain didn't dampen the spirits.



Next came some fun adventures with cubs, as they led us on a scavenger hunt of interesting objects that can be found in nature. Hawkeye, eager to ensure his group had ample opportunity to find all their items, even escorted the youth as far as the other side of camp, back up to the cub field.



Then it was off to a fabulous "snow-character" building contest, led by our Vents. Encouraging the Beavers' creativity, resulted in many fun snow characters. Some had spikey hair, some had pointed ears or other shapes, and one even had a Gonzo-like nose (though sadly none of the Beavers knew who Gonzo was). To the youth reading this – Google it.



After all that time in the snow, the youth (and adults) went inside for some "quiet" time. That phrase always makes me giggle. Although Akela was kind enough to clear off all the logs around campfire, the Sit-Upons we made in the cabins certainly came in handy for our AWESOME campfire. Youth and parents alike were wide eyed and enjoyed the campfire immensely, and recounted many of the songs and skits back in the cabins. Sunday was a day of packup and getting soaking wet gear home. Alas, back to reality.

For the remainder of the year, the Beavers will be focusing on Continents of the World. January's focus is "The Americas" and was kicked off by learning more about where in the world *is* the Americas (it's not just the US afterall). They learned about a few games that are played in various parts of the world, at the start of our Game Night. That evening, some Beavers really enjoyed watching Sunshine *practice* getting pied in the face with whipped cream, or took turns themselves.



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They used flags from the Americas to decorate their buggies in interesting ways, and had an absolute blast racing them again and again!



Creativity abounded in building BEAVER BUGGIES!!! The Beavers learned a new song, penned by our own Hawkeye, about Route 66.

Bubbles kept us flowing, with call after call for racers to their starting positions. All were very sad to see the tracks leave. Be sure to keep your buggies, Beavers, as you will LOVE to look back on them in future years!



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Cub Corner

The Cubs started 2016 off with our annual All Sections Winter Camp at Camp Opemikon. The late arrival of snow after Christmas set the base for tobogganing at Camp.



They spent Saturday morning tobogganing and in the afternoon held a scavenger hunt with the Beavers followed by first aid training with the Scouts. Saturday evening the rain held off and we were able to have a camp fire that included lots of songs, skits and cheers. With the rain on Sunday, the Cubs spent most of Sunday morning in the dining hall playing games.

Despite the weather, the Cubs arrived Friday evening with smiles and dry clothes and left Sunday with smiles and wet clothes! Please check the lost and found at the Cub meetings as we still have some unclaimed clothes. Whatever is left by end of February will be donated.



Just before the holidays, the leaders coached our Sixers, Seconders and Keeos in planning their own meeting which was a great success. These young leaders planned the full meeting from opening to closing and enjoyed an evening of fort building with boxes and blankets. Once the forts were built each six - Greeks (yellow), Romans (Red) and Vikings (Blue) – battled each other with a sock war and had to attempt to knock down the respective flags.



With the cold weather back and more snow, we braved the -17° weather and enjoyed an evening of tobogganing at Dempsey Community Centre. Special thanks to Cub Christian's dad who made a Tim Horton's run and brought everyone back some hot chocolate!

Cubs are now designing and building their Kub Kars in preparation for the Kub Kar Rally on February 20, 2016.



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Scout Trails

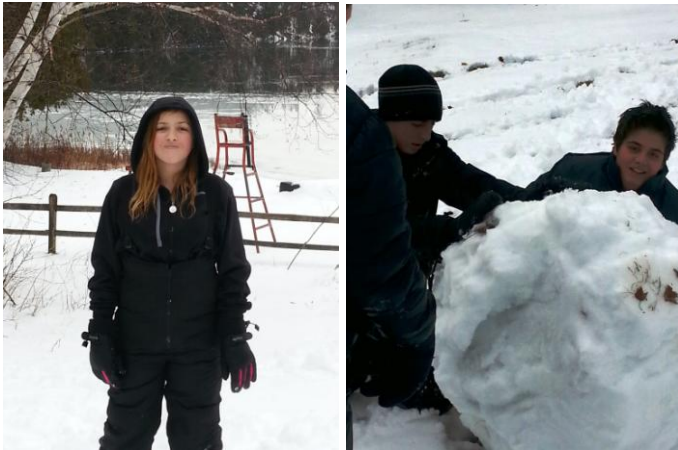
The Scouts had a month of winter activities: snowshoeing, tobogganing and curling. They also started the month by attending the highly anticipated All Sections Winter Camp at OPE. And a great time they had!! Their cabin was full to the brim with Scouts, Leaders and 9 Scouts and 2 Leaders from the 1st Howick Scout Troop in Quebec. Both we happy to reconnect with those they met at last summer's ScotiaJamb and they'll get to see each other again at this summer's Great Lakes Jamboree near London.

The Scouts went tobogganing and helped perfect the "bobsled" run in the Cub Field. Tetherball was also very popular it seems. The Scouts helped teach the Cubs some first aid skills and played Capture the Flag with the Venturers. We were well-entertained by the Scouts and their skits, songs and cheers and even their new friends from Howick got in on the action.



The week after the camp was a snowshoe hike at Pine Grove Trail where the Scouts were challenged to learn about the history of the conservation area and the types of trees found there.

On the Sunday, January 17th, the Scouts put into practice what they learned about curling back in December at the RCMP Curling Club.



Thanks to Scout Max Stewart's very patient instruction, several Scouts got to experience curling for the first time on the ice. It took some getting used to and is a lot harder than it looks but they started to get the hang of it. They curled



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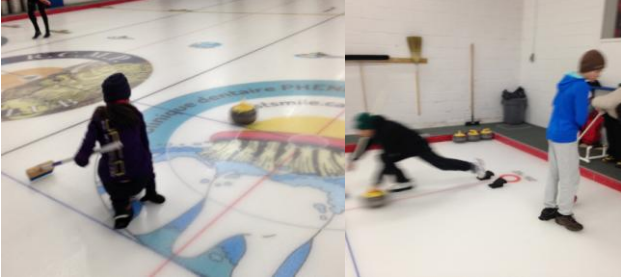


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a couple games and had fun doing it. Some are even talking about taking up the sport next fall. Everyone was pretty sore the next day.



The following week was tobogganing at Conroy Pit where they had the hill all to themselves under a bright moon. Of course, some hot chocolate courtesy of Scouter Ruth helps at these winter activities.



The Scout capped off the month with a planning meeting for the Jamboree and a Court of Honour to get a presentation from Scout Sam as the last requirement for his Chief Scout Award.

Venturer News

Well hello from Venturer Land! It's been a while since we've reported to you so we're going to go back as far as 2015 to talk about December as well as January 2016!

Our December started off with a joint Winter camp with the Scouts at the Baxter Center. Because of various commitments this camp was not too well attended by the Vents but those who were able to attend did very good job leading our program "Click you're not Dead". The point of the program is to learn all the techniques hunters and trappers use to attract their prey, but instead of taking the shot with a lethal weapon we use a camera. The goal was rabbit and the Scouts did very well with their tracking and learning how to set a trap and where. In addition to our main program we also assisted the Scouts in creating lean-to's using only available brush.



Scout Max Stewart, Venturer Casey Higginson,
Scout Alex Janes



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One the interesting things about Venturers in relation to the other levels of scouting is how few meetings are at the Church. Here we are at our Vice President's house Will Rumfeldt for a typical Wednesday meeting...



Will (in Green) is leading a discussion on how Venturers can help to bring world peace. To the left Adam Chapman to his right President Graeme Hurtubise, Kendra Hurtubise, Isabella Rumfeldt, and Josh Listers hair.

In January, we attended the All-Sections Winter Camp at Camp Opemikon. It was a great camp despite less than wintery conditions. That fact actually gave us "sticky snow" and that gave the Venturers an opportunity to lead both the Scouts and the Beavers in some really fun events. We had the Scouts from Howick, Quebec visiting so we had really big numbers so had two teams build snow forts then play capture the flag. With the Beavers we took advantage of the big hill by the lake and made giant snow men by rolling the snow balls down the hill. Much fun was had by all.



Venturer Shiloh O'Donnell with his team of eager Beavers!

This year it was decided to have a "Study Break" last two meetings of the month so that the important exams could be studied for. Another matter that is unique to this level of scouting.

New 101st Ottawa Group Badge for Uniforms

We finally have a design and have made the new 101st Ottawa group badge for the uniforms. For Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Leaders, this new badge will go on the right arm of the uniform just above the Rideau Area badge. Front of vest for Beavers. It was designed by Scout Samuel Marier as part of his Chief Scout Award work.



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March Break Camp at Opemikon



There will be a March Break Camp at Opemikon for boys and girls aged 7-13 from March 14-18. This is a fully animated program for all youth to enjoy. Crafts, games, survival, winter sports and FUN!! Fully heated facilities, catered meals and amazing animators make this an experience of a lifetime! **This is an overnight camp (4 nights)!** Costs are (including taxes) \$361.60 for Scouts Canada members and \$418.10 for non-members. Spaces are limited. Registration deadline is February 25th.

See the following website for details:

<http://voy.scouts.ca/ca/march-break-camp-0>



Scout-Guide Week 2016

Every year, we celebrate Scout-Guide Week to honour the birthday of our founders: Lord Robert Baden-Powell and Lady Olave Baden-Powell. This year, it will take place from **February 15-22**. Each section will be recognizing this special event that week and flag-raising ceremonies will be held across Canada.

Dates for your Calendar

- February 7: Campfire at Balena Park Winter Carnival/Skating Party
- February 20: Cubs Rideau Area Kub Kar Rally at Jim Durrell Arena
- April 1: Cubs Sleepover at St. Aidan's
- April 17: Scouts Rideau Area Soapbox Derby
- April 30: Scoutrees Dig Day
- May 27-29: Beavers Spring Camp at Foley Mountain Conservation Area
- June 3-5: Cubs Voyageur Council Spring Camp at Apple Hill Scout Reserve

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