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

Newsletter



Happy 60th Anniversary to US!

2021 marks an important milestone for the 101st. It's our 60th anniversary. Our group was founded in 1961 when Elmvale Acres was a new neighbourhood on the edge of a growing Ottawa and St. Aidan's church was brand new. Certainly things have changed tremendously from those early days and who could have imagined the changes we have experienced in the last year alone. Our youth members, parents and volunteers are what make the 101st so special – we are a big scouting family and we make our group stand out among others as a fun, adventurous, safe and welcoming place. Thank you all for your support.

Crest and T-shirt Design Contest:

We will be marking this special occasion with a crest and t-shirt design contest. It is open to all youth members of the group.

Youth members can submit a design for either a crest or t-shirt and should follow these parameters in their designs:

- 1) Include "60th anniversary" and years "1961-2021"
- 2) Include "101st Ottawa St. Aidan's" and our symbol of the sitting stag
- 3) Use scouting imagery and incorporate our group colours or brown and yellow

Designs are due by March 1st electronically to Group Commissioner Francois and winners will be announced during March. All members will receive a custom made crest and t-shirts will be available for purchase at cost.

Beaver Tales

The Beavers January meetings were of course all virtual ones with the lockdown in effect. While this may not be ideal for such busy Beavers, we made the best of it with some really fun and interactive virtual meetings. Our first meeting consisted of something we did last Fall that they really enjoyed – a home scavenger hunt. They got to race around the house to find items.



The second meeting started our Youth Leadership Training. This is a training that covers five categories of teamwork, communication, becoming a leader, plan-do-review. The Beavers are continuing this training at each meeting for January and February with short exercises. At the second meeting, they also played bingo – and everyone got a bingo, some more than one and will get a small prize when we resume in-person meetings.

The third meeting was a quiz of some basic outdoor skills. These are to help the Beavers cover some of those skills that they normally would during in-person meetings, hikes and camps.

We finished off the month with three easy science experiments. They were amazed at these experiments that they can do with stuff

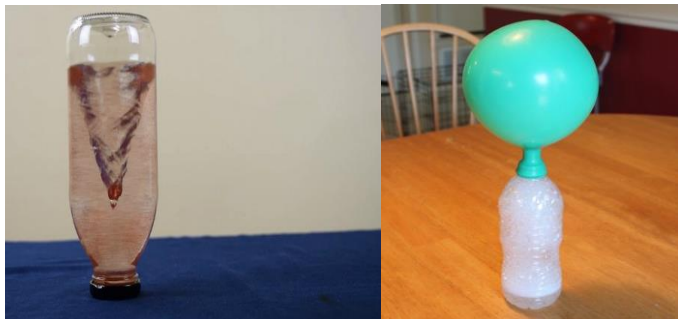
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they had at home. The milk and food colouring one was the favourite.



But they also loved the glitter water vortex and the vinegar and baking soda blowing up a balloon one too.



When in-person outdoor meetings resume, the Beaver Leaders have lots of great activities planned, including a trip to the Canada Agriculture and Food Museum.



Cub Corner

Well, we're back to Virtual Meetings.

Our first meeting back was a great way to explore the Wonders of The World that the Cubs expressed an interest in earlier in the year. We explored the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the Modern World and the Natural World.

We also made our own list of the Seven Wonders of Canada (Niagara Falls, CN Tower, Great Lakes/St. Lawrence, Bay of Fundy, Rocky Mountains, Dinosaur Provincial Park in Drumheller, Albert, and the Rideau Canal)

Which of course led to a discussion on the Seven Best Foods of Canada (Poutine, Maple Syrup, Beaver Tails, Ketchup Chips, Water, Coffee Crisps and Canadian Bacon).

And, in the best tradition of "If you give a mouse a cookie", this discussion on the Seven Best Canadian Foods led to a discussion on hot dogs and why they're called Hot Dogs. Derek and Griffin will be investigating the history of the Hot Dog for our next meeting. Max and Alexander will also be doing some investigations for us with their microscopes.



Our second meeting was Virtual again. Thank you mega muchly to all the Cubs who come out to the Virtual meetings. This week we started in

on our Cub Youth Leadership Badge. We discussed what makes a good leader. The Cubs had some amazing ideas on what qualities a good leader would have. They had to be Brave, have a sense of Humour, Know What They're Talking About, Accept Everyone on Their Team. Those are only the qualities that Akela remembered.

The second part of our meeting had us split into two groups to discuss scenarios that Cubs might find themselves in and how they would or could



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handle those situations. Once again, our Cubs showed how ready they are for anything. They came up with great solutions. So very proud of these Cubs.

We're calling our third meeting of January 2021, our LEGO Meeting. Cubs were challenged to use only 10 specific Lego bricks to make a sculpture. They were then encouraged in the Cub meeting to describe their sculpture to their Pack to see if others could recreate it. WITHOUT showing it to the Pack! As you may be able to tell, we were focusing on the Leadership Challenge of Communication.



There were some great questions flying back and forth in the break out rooms, some wonderful descriptions and some great Lego sculptures! I think all the Cubs realized it's not always easy to communicate things to your peers!

Here are the pieces each Cub

was asked to get. What kind of sculpture can you make?

We missed these updates last week - Griffin was able to give us a brief history of the Hot Dog, and Max told us that he was able to see red blood cells under his microscope! Amazing!

Our last January meeting had us trying something interesting. First, we all agreed on the rules. Second we learned about the Five Steps for Solving Conflicts. Finally, we broke into Break Out Rooms and played Rock-Paper-Scissors. It was not without issues. But, our Cubs came up with solutions. We discovered that one of our Cubs wasn't able to get Gallery View on his Zoom meeting. The Cubs agreed that saying whether they had a rock, paper or scissors would let this Cub participate a bit more fully! The Cubs also discovered that it was entirely possible to have a group of 3 and no one would win. Especially if one Cub picked, rock, one picked paper and one picked scissors!

At the end of the meeting, at the request of a vast majority of Cubs, Akela took everyone on a quick Zoom Tour of her Family's collection of Swords and Armour.



Cubs, if everything goes according to plan, you will have a chance to hold a sword and wear armour at our Spring Day Camp. Beavers and Beaver Parents, Scouts, Ventures, Scouters, you too.



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We have received our shipment of Kub Kars and we are planning on working on them later in the Spring so that we can race them outside!



Scout Trails

The Scouts virtual meetings for January started off with some finger knitting – yes that's right, some finger knitting. Thanks to Scout Jacob who showed the others how to so it and part of the trick is to use jumbo size yarn as it's much easier to handle. Some Scouts got the hang of it quickly while a couple Scouters struggled with it.



The second meeting started our Youth Leadership Training. It's divided into five categories and in January we covered off becoming a leader, communication and teamwork aspects.

We have two more to cover and we have been using our Patrol system by splitting them into breakout rooms for our two patrols – Bat Patrol and Wolverine Patrol and the discussions have been led by Patrol Leaders Henry and Chris.

The second meeting was also a game of charades – patrol versus patrol. There was a lot of laughing, whooping and trying to stump the other with some great charades.

The third meeting was a drawing contest where each Scouter told the Scout what elements they wanted to see in their drawing and the Scouts needed to execute it in the time given. Some even tried to do it electronically. Wolverine Patrol edged out Bat Patrol by half a point.



Bat



Wolverine

VS

The last meeting of the month was dedicated to trying our hand at a couple virtual escape rooms, including a scout one from the UK. The first one was easy but the second a little harder and we didn't get to finish it.



Thank Scouts and Scouters for turning out each week and coming up with some fun and engaging ideas for virtual meetings.



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Venturer News

For the Venturers; the lockdown and more zoom calls has given them a chance to socialise with a few games and lots of laughter. It has also given us all a chance to get to know each other and our interests.

In January we had a much anticipated talent night where we were entertained by music, photography, computer game coding, and martial arts demonstrations.



Thank you Venturers for taking the time and the courage to share with the group. We are always impressed with your creativity and enthusiasm.

The month ended with another cooking evening, motivated by sweet treats. With much enthusiasm and conversation everyone created their cakes and shared their hints and tips for successful baking.



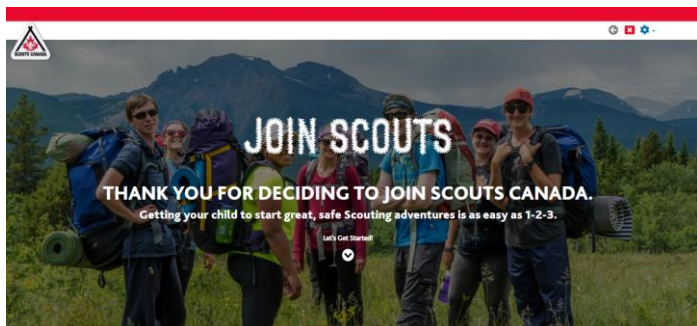
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Registration for 2021 Scouting Year – We are accepting New Members

Registration for the 2021 Scouting Year is open and will cover the period of January 1st to December 31st. And, we are accepting new members at this time so if you have a friend that wants to join the fun – they can check out two meetings for free before joining.

The registration fee is \$230 for the year and the 101st only gets \$15 of that amount as we aim to keep registration fees low and rely more on fundraising.

Spring 2021 Group Activities

Fingers crossed that come the spring, gathering restrictions will permit us to have some much needed outdoor all section group activities. January is the month when we usually have our famous and much-loved Winter Camp and Opemikon. This is first year we cannot have this camp in over 15 years.

But, we believe that getting together this spring for some group events will be important and we will ensure to do it in a safe way while respecting all local guidelines and restrictions.

Here are some activities we are tentatively planning for the spring – details and dates to be confirmed:

- **May 8:** All Section Day Camp at Apple Hill Scout Reserve
- **Early or Late May:** Tree Planting at local parks with fundraising of pledges in advance (Scoutrees)
- **Early to mid June:** Saturday afternoon family picnic/BBQ and year-end awards banquet at Vincent Massey Park

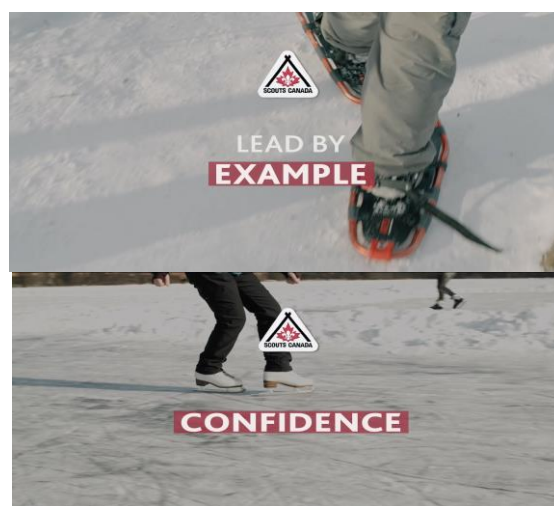


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