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# Newsletter

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## [2022 Here we Come!](#)

2022 is here already. And the 101<sup>st</sup> is ready for anything. These last couple years have been challenging for us all. But they show that scouting is needed now more than ever. Yes, we have lost countless camps, including our annual winter all section, beaveries, cuborees, jamborees, kub kar rallies, soapbox derbies, bridge building competitions, white tail sleepovers, Rideau challenges, Apple Days and food bank drives – to name a few. Hopefully, some of these events will be back in 2022.

Thanks to our group of dedicated volunteers who stuck through it all. We are starting to emerge again from restrictions and hope that better days are ahead. The kids need scouting and the 101<sup>st</sup> needs you parents to volunteer if you can. We are currently looking for a couple new Leaders for our younger sections of Beavers and Cubs. If interested, please see Scouter Sunshine.



## [Beaver Tales](#)

A delayed start after the holidays by an extra week, brought the cold weather and brave hardy Beavers to face it. Our first meeting back in January was tobogganing at the hill next to Dempsey Community Centre. The hill was a little icy so we started only halfway up but after going

down a few times, some welcome hot chocolate warmed up our bravest Beavers who came.



The next week, we met at Pine Grove trail and hike along a beautiful clear night with a huge moon in the distance. Some Beavers tried out snowshoes for the first time.



The next meeting was skating at Weston Park. The rink was in great condition and we had the place almost all to ourselves.

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We had experienced skaters and even some doing it for the first time. Again, what helps Beavers stay warm on a cold night – hot chocolate of course!



Looking forward to more winter fun in February.



### Cub Corner



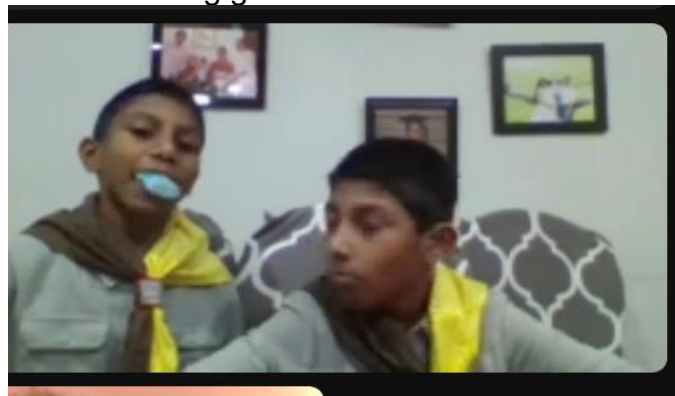
Not a very auspicious beginning to our year. With schools going virtual for two weeks, and with a lot of uncertainty as to if we could even hold a meeting, Akela sent out a challenge for each Cub to take their parents on a Self Guided Walking Tour and to send her a copy of their map. A few Cubs sent email updates so we know there were a few parents who got

aired our that week. Great job Cubs!

Still with some uncertainty, Akela, Kaa and Chil led a quick hike along the Pine Grove Trail for our second meeting. It was a small meeting – only 6 Cubs made it – but boy was it nice to get out and move! Then of course, the hammer came down and Voyageur Council confirmed Ottawa Bylaw's decision that Scouts can only meet in groups of 10 or less. Drat!



So, that led to our third meeting in January – a virtual meeting. To start off fun, we decided to master the art of blowing Bubble Gum Bubbles. We started the meeting with a poll as to our opinion of the best Bubble Gum. Hubba Bubba won with a landslide. This doesn't seem to be Bubble Gum Season though as it was hard to find in the stores, so not everyone had a good bubble blowing gum.



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Being the Cubs that we are, we persevered! By the end of the meeting, after a good hour of practice, I think everyone had managed at least one small bubble. Some of our Cubs are over achievers though.



For our last meeting of January, Kaa found us some virtual escape rooms to play. The first was a Minecraft themed escape room where we had to get ourselves away from the Endermen and build a mine car track to get out of a glass room – using a Morse-type code. We did it! Great job Cubs!

With a natural pause in the evening, we planned ahead to our half day camp at the end of February. Consensus was that the Cubs wanted to cook something in foil that had chocolate and marshmallows. Akela suggested Banana Boats. The Cubs all went BLECH! But eventually relented before Akela had to break into the “Try Everything” song from Zootopia. So, looks like the Cubs will be trying Banana Boats next month!

Kaa had a handy dandy second escape room called Camouflage Caper all ready to go. We would highly recommend this one as well. The Cubs were able to decipher all the clues and make their escape! WOOHOO!

OH! We almost forgot about the Service Scavenger Hunt! Each year for the Christmas Break, Akela Cindy has sent out the Service Scavenger Hunt to prompt Cubs to help out at home and in their neighbourhood. Items like shovelling snow, dusting, washing a mirror and the dreaded clean a toilet, as examples. Each has a point value and these points are added to the Lair Points total. The Lair with the highest Lair Points Total – based on participation, bringing your dues and the Service Scavenger Hunt – gets to pick Akela's Spring Hair Colour in April or May. Don't worry Cubs, you'll get another chance in the Spring for the SSH.



Extra congratulations to Duncan – who is the FIRST CUB EVER to report cleaning a toilet on the Service Scavenger Hunt.



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Scout Trails

January has come and gone already. The one amazing thing is that our Scouts keep returning week after week. We started off nice and easy with tobogganing at Conroy Pit. If you have never gone to this hill, it is great in the evening and even light up. But the bigger the hill, the longer and harder the climb back up – no problem for our young ones.



The Scouts ended up doing about 3KM with snow that had recently fallen on the trail so it was a hard slog at times but they were very keen to finish it and some even said they could do more – not a sentiment shared by all though.

The last week of January, was another cold night at minus 20 degrees but thankfully no wind for a skate on the Rideau Canal.



We met at the access point at Fifth Avenue and Queen Elizabeth Drive. The ice was in remarkably good condition and we skated from there to nearby Patterson Creek where hot chocolate was served to our skaters thanks to Diane Lagace, Scout Derek's mom (and Scouter Tom's wife).



The week after that, we met at Pine Grove trail for a hike. We were looking for two geocaches hidden along the trail. We managed to find one of them off the trail in a strand of pine trees. The other one, we never found.



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There were rave reviews such as: "this is the best hot chocolate I ever had!" "dude, this is soooo good!". Thank you again Diane for doing that for us and it made a great night, just perfect.



February will bring a lot more outdoor adventures for our keen Scouts.



### Venturer News

For two of the three meetings in January the Vents put on their hiking boots to do what they do best to spend the evening outdoors in the snow. First week hiking on the Pine Grove Trail; and the following week on an urban hike downtown. Using the geocache app 'Adventure Lab' they hunted for clues and historical points of interest on Parliament Hill and in the Byward Market. Not a truck in sight that week but plenty of snow from the record snowfall, made a few of the caches hard to reach; but that didn't deter the Vents who made a valiant effort with the

reward of a Beaver Tail or hot chocolate in the market.



The final week they had a very productive online meeting to plan the upcoming activities and discuss the possible bigger adventures such as day trips, camping and the World Jamboree in Korea!

### Registration Information

Registration is open for 2022. New members joining us this Fall will have 2022 included in their registration fee so do not need to register for January. Returning members will need to register to continue scouting in January. Our registration fee for 2022 is \$235.

Go to: <https://www.myscouts.ca>



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### Scout Coffee Year-Round Fundraiser

Scouts Canada has brought back the Scout Coffee fundraiser as a year-round one. If you really love coffee – and may consider yourself a “coffee snob”, then you’ll love this. We’ve partnered with Equator Coffee Roasters in Almonte to sell fair-trade, organic coffee.

There are various roasts, sizes and even bundles available. And shipping is available to anywhere in Canada.

Go to [www.scout-coffee.ca](http://www.scout-coffee.ca)

At checkout, click on support local scout group and type in 101<sup>st</sup> Ottawa and select the youth section you want to support. 45% of proceeds come back to the 101<sup>st</sup>.

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- CAMPFIRE ROAST** Dark Roast  
Do you yearn for the comfort of a warm campfire? This dark-roast coffee with its smooth, clean and simple finish sets the tone for a great start to your day.  
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\$18.99 340 g Ground  
\$36.99 908 g (2 lb) Whole Bean
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This long-time fave blend is so good, it'll brighten your day whether you're in the great outdoors or having a cup of this yummy medium roast at home.  
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\$18.99 340 g Ground  
\$36.99 908 g (2 lb) Whole Bean
- S'MORE COFFEE** Medium-Dark Roast  
This medium-dark roast is a delicious warm blend that tastes just like a hug in a cup. It must have for a hike, a coffee date or a gift. It also makes for an excellent host gift.  
\$18.99 340 g Whole Bean  
\$18.99 340 g Ground  
\$36.99 908 g (2 lb) Whole Bean
- TRAIL BLAZER ESPRESSO** Espresso Medium Roast  
Savor the day with this sweet, smooth, and silky espresso blend, whether you're about to hit the trail or begin a busy day!  
\$18.99 340 g Whole Bean  
\$36.99 908 g (2 lb) Whole Bean
- KNOT CAFFEINATED** Decaf  
You will not be disappointed when sipping this delicious, naturally processed decaf. It's really hard not to love this coffee, even if you do not like caffeine or know how to tie a figure-8 knot.  
\$18.99 340 g Ground

Scout coffee is fair trade, certified organic and roasted right here in Canada.  
\* This fundraising opportunity begins **October 15** and will run **year-round!**  
\* **35%** of the sales goes back to local scouting groups and over **5%** directly supports the **No One Left Behind (NOLB)** fund.

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### Thank a Volunteer Today!

Did you know that the 101<sup>st</sup> has 21 dedicated Scouters and volunteers? Some of them have continued to volunteer even after their own children have left the program. Some of them have been Scouters for 35 and 45 years! And some of them volunteer behind the scenes like Sara Walker our Treasurer and Richard Lincoln our Registrar. Without them, the 101<sup>st</sup> would not exist. 2020 and 2021 have been years of a lot of ups and downs for them. If you can spare 5 minutes, click on the link below and thank a volunteer today. To help you fill out the form, the 101<sup>st</sup> is part of Voyageur Council. Thank you!

**Beavers:** Gustavo Rodrigues (Bubbles), Rob Samulack (Tic Tac), Amanda Jamieson (Acorn), Francois Marier (Sunshine)

**Cubs:** Cynthia Dark (Akela), Jennifer Love (Hathi), Daniel Barrington (Chil), Angelica Haggert (Kaa)

**Scouts:** Dave Yarker, Paul Schock, Tom Lagace, Kerry Chalmers, Shazeela Mohammad, Miranda Corbett, Francois Marier

**Venturers:** Ruth Humphries, Jean Stewart, Bill Woodley, Ruth Marier, Scott Bradley

<http://www.scouts.ca/thanks/>



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