

June 2015



## 101<sup>st</sup> Ottawa (St. Aidan's) Scouting Group

# Newsletter



### Have a Great Summer!!!

Another successful scouting year comes to close. Time certainly flew by! In less than three months we will be welcoming back returning youth for another packed year as well as greeting new wide-eyed members to our scouting group.

Thank you to you, the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers for making this another awesome year. Thank you to you, the parents for registering your kids in our group and making that commitment. Especially, thank you to our fantastic group of Leaders. We tend to sometimes forget that they are all volunteers giving their time and effort to help pass on valuable skills to help create a better world. See you in September.

### End of the Year Party

The 101<sup>st</sup> held its end-of-the-year party on June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Canterbury Community Centre. This was a chance for the youth to get together one last time before the summer break. The Leaders thanked all the youth for being the best scouts in the entire world. They also gave out some awards and recognized some youth. The Venturers put on great slideshows.

Here are some highlights, starting with the Beavers receiving their certificates.

The Cub Leaders gave out the awards to the very deserving youth.



The Cubs who completed their Six Stars received their special awards: Ryan Janes, Teddy Kurita, Kyle Prior, Samuel Rayment,

The other Cub awards went to:

- Kieran Allo and Indira Marier for Best Effort by a New Cub
- Nate MacAvoy and Adrian Wright for Most Improved Cub
- Teddy Kurita and Kyle Prior for Most Consistent Effort
- Caitlin Allo for the Cub of the Year Award



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The Scout Leaders also recognized the Scouts with their special awards:

- Ethan Humphries for Best New Scout
- Stephan Fortier and Zion O'Donnell for Most Improved Scout
- Casey Higginson for the Scout of the Year

We could not have done it this year without our volunteers and they were all recognized for a job well done and for giving of themselves so much.



As has become a tradition of sorts, the Group Commissioner got pied in the face, not once, but four times by our top Scout Popcorn selling youth in each section. They were: Henry Smith in Beavers, Indira Marier in Cubs, Samuel Marier in Scouts and Dylan McCarthy in Venturers who let our second top selling Cub, Kyle Prior take his place. At least it tasted good!!!

### Beaver Tales

The Beavers finished the year on a high note with the annual spring camp (see May

newsletter). The last meeting was on May 26 and we hope to see as many of the Beavers back in September.

The Beaver Leaders, Bubbles, Chatter, Ringtail, Rusty, Sunshine, and Tic Tac (and Bucky) wish every Beaver and their family a safe and fun summer and hope to see you in the Fall.

### Cub Corner

On June 13, the Rideau Area hosted the 4<sup>th</sup> annual 3<sup>rd</sup>-Year-Cub Fly Day at the Rockcliffe Flying Club.

Two 3<sup>rd</sup> year cubs from the 101<sup>st</sup> Ottawa, Emmaus and Adam, attended. They each got a turn to "co-pilot" a small plane for a 20-min. trip around Ottawa and Gatineau.

For his turn, Emmaus was in a small two-seater plane with a sliding top. They decided to keep the top partly open so not only did Emmaus get a fantastic view of Ottawa, but he also got the wind in his hair as they flew.



Adam's turn was in a four-seater plane so his parents were able to join him for his flight. They climbed in the back and held on tight when the pilot gave the controls to Adam to test out-



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apparently, the controls in a plane are very sensitive!



Both cubs loved the experience and are keen to seek out more flying opportunities in the future. This special event was made possible by a large and generous group of pilots and other volunteers from the Rockcliffe Flying Club to whom we give a big thanks!

### Scout Trails

The Scouts final meeting of the year was June 5th. It was an extremely busy night for Cubs, Scouts and leaders alike as some finished core badge work, finalized the camp menu for the Council camp, learned light packing tips from Venturer Shiloh while other leaders coordinated camp gear packing and final payments of the year towards the Jamboree. There were 5 youth and 3 leaders who learned basic canoe skills, canoe rescue, planned their canoe camp menu, and reviewed gear & packing list all in a lead-up to our first ever spring canoe camp.



There were 3 leaders, 4 Cubs and 8 Scouts that attended the Voyageur Council Troop Camp "Survivor 2015" at Camp Opemikon, June 7-9th. They were divided into 12 Tribes for the weekend that found them meeting new friends, learning new skills, teamwork and overcoming their fears as they took part in the following activities: high ropes course; low ropes course; raft building; canoe soccer; shelter building; and an obstacle course. The 4 Cubs made the Bonus cooking challenge for the judges that consisted of roast potatoes & bison followed by a dessert of angel food cake, raspberries and Cool Whip. It was praised quite highly at the Tribal Campfire but the Polar Bears (Damir) were the winning tribe that weekend with an overall score of 192 points. Everyone had an awesome weekend and got a cool crest and Survivor Buff as a souvenir.

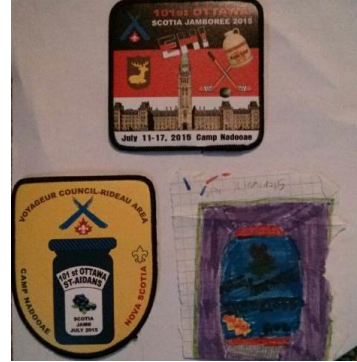


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At the year-end group party on June 9<sup>th</sup>, we raised \$87.50 for the 9 Scouts attending ScotiaJamb from July 11-17 in Nova Scotia.

The Scouts also held a final SAIL fundraiser for the Jamboree in order to raise final funds to cover incidental fees. The participating youth split \$453.50 towards their costs and one customer made a \$50 donation to the event. This was followed by a final planning meeting for leaders and youth to finalize flight itineraries and collection of trip documents towards this big trip. The Leaders wish to take this time to wish everyone a ton of fun, make lots of memories, bring back some cool badges, and take tons of pictures at Scotia Jamboree 32015 so we can see them on our website and next year's party! Here are the 2 crests that were designed for the trip based on a composite of youth designs from a February meeting.

On June 19-21, the Scouts had their first canoe camp in many years. Six Scouts and Leaders headed off to Lac du Poisson Blanc in the beautiful Laurentians.

It was a great weekend of canoeing, swimming, fishing on our own private island.



It was a very relaxed camp!



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The Scouts got in lots of canoeing with not only having to canoe out to our island and back but over 4 hours on the lake plus having fun in the sheltered channel in front of our camping site.



This was good practice in lightweight camping and the weather even cooperated. Scouter Shazeela's menu was also a big hit.



Everyone said: "let's do it again next year!!!".



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Finally, the Rideau Area hosted the Chief Scout Award Ceremony on June 20th at Baxter Conservation Area at the River Cabin. A big thank you go out to Emmaus, Zion and Shiloh O'Donnell for being part of the Color Party in the processional, acting as parking monitors and helping to setup prior to the 26 Scout recipients, family and special guests arrived while Scouter Sara helped with the registration desk and various details prior to the event.



### First Meetings of 2015-16

The first meetings of the new scouting year at our regular meeting location will be:

- September 15<sup>th</sup> for Beavers and Cubs
- September 16<sup>th</sup> for Scouts and Venturers



### Registration for 2015-16

Early registration for the 2015-16 scouting year (September 2015 to June 2016) is now closed.

You can still register during the summer and the regular registration fee is in effect. The fee is \$200 for Beavers, Cubs and Venturers and \$250 for Scouts. We will also hold a **registration night at St. Aidan's Church on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.**

### Congratulations Scouter Shazeela

Scouter Shazeela Mohammad with Scouts was recently recognized for her 5 years of service to scouting. Keep up the great work!!

### Thank You St. Aidan's!

As we break for the summer, we would like to again thank our sponsor, St. Aidan's Anglican Church. Without their support for the last 54 years, we would not have a meeting place or continued support for serving the surrounding community.



Thanks especially to Reverend Linda Hill for her personal support, Lauri Lester the Office Administrator for St. Aidan's, all of the Church Rectors and the Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen.



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### Volunteers Needed!!



The 101<sup>st</sup> needs volunteers! Become a Leader and share the experience of scouting. You can even become a part-time Leader. We especially need new Beaver and Cub Leaders and also need

volunteers in other roles such as Quartermaster to care for our equipment. See Francois Marier, Group Commissioner for more information and on how to apply.

### Dates for your Calendar

- July 11-17: ScotiaJamb 2015 at Camp Nedooae in Nova Scotia
- September 9: Fall Registration Night at St. Aidan's
- September 15: First Beavers and Cubs meetings
- September 16: First Scouts and Venturers meetings
- October 3: Apple Day
- January 8-10, 2016: All-Sections Winter Camp at Opemikon

**GOOD LUCK TO ALL OUR SUMMER CAMPERS AT OPEMIKON AND OUR TROOP HEADING TO SCOTIAJAMB!!!**



### Special Ottawa RedBlacks Ticket Prices

There are special prices for some upcoming Ottawa Redblacks games for Scouts and their families.

- July 4<sup>th</sup> Home Opener vs. BC Lions
- August 7<sup>th</sup> vs. Montreal Alouettes
- October 16<sup>th</sup> vs. Winnipeg Blue Bombers

Visit [www.capitaltickets.ca](http://www.capitaltickets.ca) and enter the Promo Code: SCOUTSRB

Ticket prices are \$26.50 to \$106.50 with savings of \$4 to \$16 per ticket.

See the link for more information:

[http://voy.scouts.ca/sites/default/files/REDBLACKS\\_EXCLUSIVE\\_OFFER-Scouts\\_PDF.pdf](http://voy.scouts.ca/sites/default/files/REDBLACKS_EXCLUSIVE_OFFER-Scouts_PDF.pdf)



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