

June 2016



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-Year Party 2016

The 101<sup>st</sup> held its end-of-the-year party on June 14<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 another great slideshow.

First the Beavers received personalized certificates from Ringtail. Then, the Cub Leaders gave out the awards to the very deserving youth.

The Cubs who completed their Six Stars received their special awards: Nate MacAvoy, Indira Marier, Jacob McAfee and Adrian Wright

The Cub awards went to:

- Tyler Lagace for Best Effort by a New Cub
- Samuel Rayment for Most Improved Cub
- Kieran Allo and Indira Marier for Most Consistent Effort
- Adrian Wright for Cub of the Year



There was also a new award given out to best Six (Lair), which was won by Yellow Six with Jacob McAfee as its Sixer and Kieran Allo as its Secunder.

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

- Noah Dupuis and Erin Oelrich for Best New Scout
- Ethan Humphries and Alexander Janes for Most Improved Scout
- Samuel Marier for 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. Congratulations to Jeffrey Allo (Rusty) for receiving his 5 years of service pin and Bill Woodley who received his amazing 40 years of service pin.

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. In Beavers, it was all the White Tails who for to pie, in Cubs it was Indra Marier and in Scouts it was Ethan Humphries and Alex Janes. At least it tasted good!!!



The Scout Leaders also recognized our Chief Scout Award recipients (see next story):

- Shiloh O'Donnell in 2014
- Samuel Marier in 2016



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### Chief Scout Award



The Chief Scout Award is the highest award a Scout can earn. It requires a significant amount of work and typically three to four years to complete. The 101<sup>st</sup> last Chief Scout

Award recipient was Venturer Shiloh O'Donnell in 2014. This year, the 101<sup>st</sup> had another recipient of the award with Samuel Marier who received his award at a ceremony at City Hall on June 18<sup>th</sup>. He was among some 30 other recipients from across Voyageur Council. Congratulations Sam for all your hard work.



### Cub Corner

2016 marks the 100th year of Cub Scouting. Since it was officially founded by Baden-Powell in 1916 (then known as Wolf Cubbing), generations of youth people have embarked on an adventure filled with laughter, excitement and camaraderie; an adventure inspired for many years by Rudyard Kipling's fascinating classic, *The Jungle Book*.

In true Cub spirit, 19 Cubs and 5 Leaders set out to Apple Hill Scout Reserve June 3 to 5, 2016 to celebrate 100 years of Cub Scouting with over 800 youth and leaders.



The weekend started out with the watching the original *Jungle Book* Movie at dusk. Saturday morning at literally the crack of dawn (5:00 a.m. with thanks to our neighboring pack) the Cubs were up and ready for a full day of activities. The Cubs made wooden sailboats and raced them through eaves troughs.



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They also relived (sort of) the hippie era of making protest headbands and playing with hula hoops. They blasted off into the lower-mid stratosphere with hydrogen (and oxygen – for safety reasons) fueled rocket ships and went on a scavenger hunt.



Saturday evening finished with a campfire where the 101<sup>st</sup> Ottawa performed an original skit written by Indy & Emily:

*CAMP 101 – written by Indira Marier and Emily Campos-Prada  
(to tune of Camp Granada)*

*Hello Raksha, Hi Akela,  
We went looking, for Bagheera  
Mang is missing, Baloo went fishing  
And the cubs have over-run the kitchen...*

*All the Scouts do, is ignore us,  
And the Beavers, just annoy us,  
All we want is, our tents and mug up,  
then we'll go to sleep like perfect little cubs.*

*Take me home, oh Akela,  
Take me home, oh Raksha,  
Please don't leave me out  
in the kybo,  
searching for some toilet paper.....*

*Wait a minute,  
There's Bagheera,  
Baloo is back, Mang is near us,  
Adele's cooking, Chill is helping  
And Raksha's calling us for supper.*



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The Cubs did a great job at setting up and taking down their tents. The following picture shows our tents lit against a starry night.



The weekend was great despite the heavy rain on Sunday morning.



At the year-end party, the Cub Leaders gave out Six Star Awards to four Cubs and recognized some very deserving Cubs.

This year, we also awarded the Yellow Six led by Sixer Jacob and Seconder Kieran with the Best Six Award. This is a new award that recognizes a Six who throughout the year showed consistent team work, cooperation, leadership and proper uniform attire.

Congratulations to all the Cubs on a fantastic year. Next year promises to be just as exciting and rewarding with the introduction of the Canadian Path with a completely new program, new badges and awards.



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### Scout Trails

The Scouts ended their programming in mid-June. The first meeting of the month was devoted to doing a year-end review. The following week, the Scouts were in spirits at the End-of-Year Party and Ethan led everyone in a rendition of an old favourite: "My name is Joe". The next day, the Scouts and Leaders gathered at Scouter Francois' house for a potluck BBQ in his backyard and some games like basketball and bocce. This was a great way to end the year of Wednesday meetings.

But the last Scout event was a canoe camping weekend at the same spot as last year: Lac du Poisson Blanc in the beautiful Laurentians in Quebec.



The weather was fantastic and the Scouts got in several hours of canoeing on the big lake.



They camped in an island with a sheltered channel where they could canoe and "ferry" passengers around the channel. There was some fishing (and one fish was caught) and lots of swimming.



Despite there being a fire ban on at the time, the Scouts had a "charcoal fire" This did not daunt the Scouts who entertained everyone with very funny and elaborate spooky stories, most made on the spot.



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### First Meetings of 2016-17

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

- September 13<sup>th</sup> for Beavers and Cubs
- September 14<sup>th</sup> for Scouts and Venturers

### Canadian Jamboree 2017

The 101<sup>st</sup> has registered a Patrol to attend the 13<sup>th</sup> Canadian Jamboree to be held July 8-15, 2017 at Camp Neddooae in Nova Scotia.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for a Scout and we are happy that some will get to experience such an event. Watch next year for these Scouts and Leaders out doing extra fundraising for their trip.

### 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 Fundraising Coordinator for events like Apple Day, Scout Popcorn and Scoutrees. See Francois Marier, Group Commissioner for more information and on how to apply.

### Dates for your Calendar

- **July 9-17:** Scouts at Great Lakes Jamboree at Camp BEL near London, ON
- **September 7:** Fall Registration Night at St. Aidan's
- **September 13:** First Beavers and Cubs meetings
- **September 14:** First Scouts and Venturers meetings



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