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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 Banquet 2016-17

The 101<sup>st</sup> held its end-of-the-year party on June 6<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. We had a great turnout and 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 and for the first time gave out 13 North Star Awards to our White Tail Beavers who completed their requirements.

Then, the Cub Leaders gave out the awards to the very deserving youth. The Cub awards went to:

- Eli Lincoln for Best Effort by a New Cub
- Henry Smith for Most Improved Cub
- Xavier Drouin and Luca Pepe for Most Consistent Effort
- Indira Marier for Cub of the Year



For the second year, the Cub Leaders also gave out a new award to best Six (Lair), which was won by Orange Six with Samuel Blauer as its Sixer and Maxime Genest as its Seconder.

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

- Adrian Wright for Best New Scout
- Hannah Blauer for Most Improved Scout
- Alexander Janes for Scout of the Year

The Scout Leaders also recognized our Chief Scout Award recipient for 2017: Zion O'Donnell. This is an award given to those Scouts who exemplify the values of scouting.

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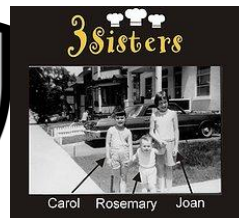
We could not have done it this year without our volunteers and they were all recognized for a job well done. Congratulations to Scouter Mike O'Donnell for receiving his 5 years of service pin and Scouter Sara Walker who received her 15 years of service pin.

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, Jacob Pourchez, in Cubs it was Indira Marier and in Scouts it was Adrian Wright.

Our top selling Venturer, Samuel Marier, gave his spot the second top-selling Beaver, Wes Powell. At least it tasted good!!!



Finally, we would like to thank our sponsors for the night who donated all of the prizes that we raffled off. They are:



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A special thank you as well to Dr. Kershman, Orthodontist who donated the door prize.



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(former) Scouter Tad Higginson worked hard to gather all of these sponsors and deserves a hardy round of applause.



### Beaver Tales

The Beavers' last camp and meeting took place in May and they got together one last time at the banquet on June 6<sup>th</sup> to close off a great year.

The Beaver Leaders would like to thank all the parents for their help and cooperation over the past year. Without you, there would be no program! We also would like wish our White Tail Beavers well who have moved up to the Cub Pack. Thirteen of them received their North Star Award at the banquet and will proudly wear their special badge on their new Cub shirt.

Have a safe summer and see you in September.

### Cub Corner

June saw the Pack reunited for the last two times at the End-of-Year Banquet and our annual Summer Camp, after a year jam-packed with exhilarating adventures that stimulated all our senses and challenged us to be our best. Both events were a great success, but parting was such sweet sorrow as we said goodbye to Akela and our Howlers and wished them luck in their journey on the way up to Scouts who will be very lucky to have them.



As always, the banquet was a perfectly executed event and a wonderful gathering of family and friends (possibly the most we've ever seen) who all have one thing in common – the strong desire to see Sunshine get pied. For all his efforts over the year, it's the least he deserves.



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During the event, the Pack recognized many youth for their efforts over the year; of particular note was the Best Lair Award given to Orange Lair, lead by Sam Blauer and including Maxime Genest, Danielle Turcotte, Jame Hillerup and Kaleb Eliassaint; the Best New Cub, awarded to Eli Lincoln; the Most Improved Cub, awarded to Henry Smith; and the Cub of the Year Award, awarded to Indira Marier, who has demonstrated thoughtfulness, intuition and creativity fully deserving of this coveted honour.

Voyageur Provincial Park hosted our summer camp, attended by 18 cubs and all leaders.



Definitely the most successful and enjoyable camp of the year, our youth were able to relax and unwind, while enjoying each other's company. They all showed a remarkable level of maturity, helping with setting up, cooking and cleaning, and their efforts were rewarded with some awesome activities including burning bridges (not literally), a team challenge coded treasure hunt, swimming, canoeing, and hiking.



Bagheera, as always, had everything under control (someone has to manage the boys) and deserves a special mention for her superb organizational skills. Akela lead his last Cub Campfire and a rousing one it was too, with all the

youth enthusiastically contributing to the fun and probably reminding the troop sleeping in the next campsite that the 10pm curfew is just a guideline. As we closed camp on the Sunday, it was an emotional farewell to all moving onwards and upwards, and cubs were awarded with their personal achievement badges that they worked hard for throughout the year.



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It won't be long until we start all over again with some new faces coming up from Beavers; but although Akela is leaving us, Kaa, Bagheera, Mang and Haathi will all be staying on and will use the knowledge gained this year to make next year's program even better. We will miss Akela and our Howlers for sure, but are excited to carry on the good work that has been started on The Canadian Path with all those who will be joining The Pack for 2017/2018 scouting season. Have a great summer (a little less wet perhaps would be appreciated), and see you all soon.



### Scout Trails

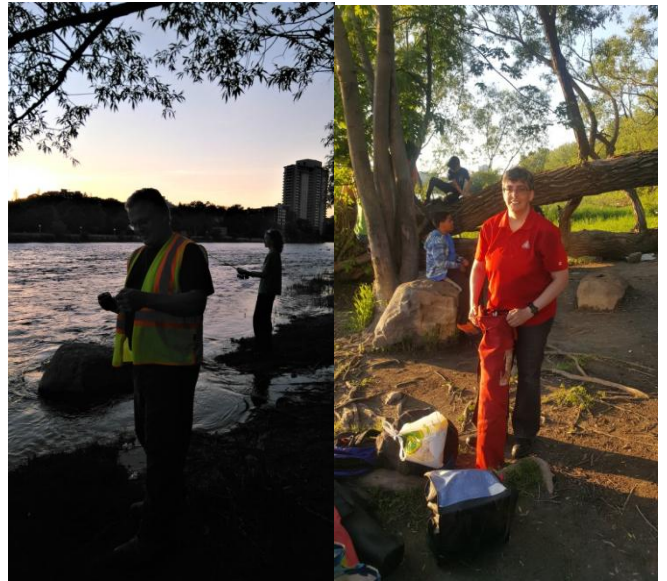


Firstly, we'd like to say congratulations again to Zion who was awarded his Chief Scout Award at Apple Hill Scout Reserve at the end of June. Well done Zion, you worked hard to complete this

award!

The Scouts took advantage of the great weather in June and didn't see the inside of the Church Hall once!

The night after the banquet, Scouter Mike arranged some fishing on the banks of the Rideau River. It was a beautiful evening and although there was no catch we did get to see a young family of geese.



The next meeting of the year was actually the last, so the Scouts headed to Mooney's Bay for a BBQ and some games and to visit the largest playground in Canada!



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Last of all, but certainly by no means least, we headed to Lac Poisson Blanc for the long awaited Canoe trip. The thunderstorms thankfully stayed away and we were able to canoe to a nearby Island on the Saturday for lunch and a swim in the surprisingly warm waters of the lake.

We set-up shelters for the impending storm, but thankfully they passed us by and we managed to have our campfire, with potatoes and sausages cooked in the coals, and muffins cooked in oranges. With our fill of great food and stories, we all went to bed tired but dry. The Scouts did an exceptional job of packing up camp and emptying the canoes; they all know the ropes now and were packed up on schedule, just before the storms finally arrived and almost washed us off the island.



Back at camp the youth had free run of the island for manhunt which took a lightly surreal turn when a wild turkey started chasing Alex and Noah through the woods and nearly got the better of them!



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As always, the Scouts rise to the challenge and make every adventure fun, and their spirit isn't dampened by the weather; so it is with sadness that we end another great year but with high anticipation for the fun that starts all over again in the fall. Scouts are already making their own plans of what activities they will undertake, with the older youth volunteering to do more of the planning on the Canadian Path.

But wait! For some the year is not done ... we wish Scouter Francois, Bagheera, Scouter Sara, and the youth, Sam, Ethan, Alex, Oren, Adrian and Indira all the best on their trip to Nova Scotia for the Canadian Jamboree 2017 in July. We can't wait to hear all about the fun adventures, activities and new friends they encounter.



### Venturer News

The Venturers went paddling, swimming at the wave pool, and performed community service in late May, early June as the formal Scouting year came to a close. A planned canoe trip on the Ottawa River was thwarted by high, cold water, so the Venturers held a paddling camp at Otter Lake, Ontario.

With much appreciation to Venturer Dana's parents Cheryl and Mike for the use of their property, and watercraft, the Vents spent a full day paddling the length of the lake, with side trips into neighbouring creeks, along with a sunny picnic lunch on Snake Island.



Following a dinner of chicken and pork souvlakis cooked on an open fire, the Vents went back on the water for a sunset paddle. The following morning, the Vents ventured out in kayaks, and left the lake to enter a nearby creek system. They followed the Creek for several kilometres as it meandered through a forest. The Vents went over one beaver dam but were turned back by a much larger one. In between, there were campfires, games and songs.



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As a follow up to their service to St. Aidan's at the Roast Beef Dinner, several of the Vents with their Advisors served meals and helped clean up at the parish B-B-Q chicken dinner. As always, the Vents were well -fed after the work was done. Because of high school exams, June is a relatively quiet month on the Scouting front, but the Vents will close the year with a pool party - timing dependent on vacation and work schedules.



### Venturers doing Double Duty



Did you know that there are different types of Venturer Companies? Some are vocational and attached to public service, such as the Ottawa Paramedic Service. They are called Medical Venturers or MedVents.



Two of our Venturers have been part of the Ottawa MedVents this past year on top of being a Venturer in the 101<sup>st</sup> Company. Joshua Lister and Samuel Marier both went through a rigorous

screening and selection process to get in. Over the past year, they have undergone intense first aid training and volunteered their time at various events. Some scouting ones like RoVent and others like Winterlude and most recently Canada Day celebrations on Parliament Hill. Josh and Sam, you make us all proud.

### First Meetings of 2017-18



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

- September 12<sup>th</sup> for Beavers and Cubs
- September 13<sup>th</sup> for Scouts and Venturers

There will also be an open house for new members to the group on September 6<sup>th</sup> at St. Aidan's.



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### Canadian Jamboree 2017

The 101<sup>st</sup> has a Patrol of 8 Scouts and Leaders attending the Canadian Jamboree on July 8-15 in Nova Scotia. The national Jamboree is only every 4 years and for Scouts aged 11-14. The Patrol attended a Voyageur Council pre-camp on June 2-4 at Wesley Clover Campground where they learned how to best prepare and what to expect at a national Jamboree with 6,000 other Scouts and volunteers. Have a great time and we hope you make memories for a lifetime!



### 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 Leaders and also need

volunteers in other roles such as Fundraising Coordinator. See Francois Marier, Group Commissioner for more information and on how to apply.

### Dates for your Calendar

- **July 8-15:** 13th Canadian Scout Jamboree in Nova Scotia
- **September 6:** Open House at St. Aidan's
- **September 12:** First Beavers and Cubs meetings
- **September 13:** First Scouts and Venturers meetings
- **September 22-24:** Scouts at World Brotherhood Camporee in Morrisburgh
- **September 23-24:** Beavers Fall Camp at Baxter Conservation Area
- **September 30:** Apple Day



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