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

Newsletter



Have a great and safe 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.

Year-End Banquet 2018

The 101st held its end-of-the-year party on June 12th 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 better than expected turnout and thank you for being patient with us. 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 8 White Tail Beavers received their North Star Awards for completing all of their requirements. The Leaders were sad to say bye!



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

- Isabelle Drouin and Jacob Schock for Best Effort by a New Cub
- James Hillerup for Most Improved Cub
- Danielle Turcotte for Most Consistent Effort
- Mason Brennan for Cub of the Year



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For the third year, the Cub Leaders also gave out a new award to best Six (Lair), which was won by Yellow Six with Xavier Drouin as its Sixer and Sophie Humphries and William Oelrich as its Seconders.



Seven well-deriving Cubs received their Seeonee Award for completing their hard work over the last three years.



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

- Indira Marier for Best New Scout
- Nicholas Lawrie for Most Improved Scout
- Erin Oelrich 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. Congratulations to Scouter Dan McCarthy for receiving his 20 years of service pin and the Bar to the Medal of Merit. Scouter Ruth Humphries received the Medal of Good Service and Scouter Gustavo Rodrigues received the Bar to the Medal of Good Service.



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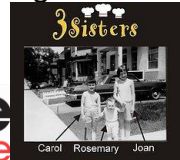


As has become a tradition of sorts, the Group Commissioner got pied in the face, not once, but three times by our top Scout Popcorn selling youth in each section.

In Beavers, it was Xavier Schumman, in Cubs it was Denis-Guillam Casault and in Scouts it was Indira Marier.



Finally, we would like to thank our sponsors for the night who donated all of the prizes that we raffled off. Thanks to Martha and Maxime Genest for gathering all these great prizes.



SCOUT SHOP

Movies 'n stuff



Canterbury Beauty Salon



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Cub Corner

We ended a most awesome year doing the most awesome activities we love the most - camping and partying! Awesome! The first weekend of June had us checked in to Long Island Locks for one night on the Rideau Canal, joined by several White Tail Beavers.



After a windy night that kept the heat at bay, Lock Master Louise came to speak to us on Saturday morning about the canal's history, and then gave a demonstration of locking up and locking down with her team at the controls.



Several lucky enough to be in Mang's boat during the demo to experience the highs and lows of the operation, and those that didn't get a chance went out for a jaunt on the water afterwards.

One night on the Rideau was only a taste of things to come, as the following weekend we booked into Fitzroy Harbour for our two night summer camp. The Cubs were on top form, setting up their own tents, cooking and cleaning, and keeping each other entertained for the entire weekend.

The activity list was familiar but fun - Friday night mug up was followed by a game of Burning Bridges - a big favourite, and for once won by someone other than DG - well done Kaleb! Saturday morning we had breakfast and then headed out for the Team Challenge - a hike through the woods to find picture clues that had to be solved to reveal a special phrase.



The winning team of Matthew, Kaeda and Xavier took first place by a good few minutes, working together perfectly and showing amazing skill and courage, to figure out that "great triumphs often lie on the other side of fear".



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After a tasty make-your-own sandwich lunch, Saturday afternoon we had perfect weather for the beach and splashing around in the water.



At campfire on Saturday evening we learned about the legend of the Demon of Fitzroy who was thwarted by Princess Elissa and the Magic Forest Elf.



Our final meeting was a lesson in physics, force, levers, tension, elasticity and marshmallows. So began The Marshmallow Wars. Catapults were made and fired. Air Pressure Poppers in the hands of the Leaders ensured that we could keep up in the battle.



We closed the year with our Group Party and awards ceremony, and said our sad goodbyes to Mang, Xavier and Isabelle, and their family, who are moving to the bright lights of Quebec City. We wish you all the best for a safe summer break, enjoy your holidays, and look forward to starting another great year in September.



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Scout Trails

At the end of a very busy year the Scouts spent June relaxing, welcoming the new Scouts and saying farewell to friends moving on. The last meeting was spent at Mooney's Bay Beach for a BBQ which Scouter Miranda and Max organised and prepared the food. It was a glorious night for hanging out with friends.

We continued to celebrate the amazing year we've had at the All Sections Year-End Party. All 26 youth should be very proud of their achievements but three youth stood out to the leadership, for their personal growth and who have demonstrated the spirit of Scouting this year. Indira was the Best New Scout, Nick was the Most Improved Scout and Erin graduated her years of Scouting with Scout of the Year.



For the Scouts though the best was yet to come and the year ended with the long awaited Canoe Camp at Lac Poisson Blanc. Even the journey to and from camp across the Ottawa River on the ferry and through the beautiful Quebec

countryside makes this a wonderful start to summer. Big thanks go out to Walter and Steve for helping with the carpool and to Francois (and Sam) for not only carpooling but also lending us their canoe. With 16 youth and 4 leaders this was the largest group we have had; so with many canoes the older youth stepped up to help fill water jugs, get the Canoes in the water, loaded and then take the helm to get us to the site. All the youth did brilliantly to help and after a short 20min paddle, we managed to set up camp before nightfall. It was quite magical with our battery tea lights between the tents beneath the canopy of the trees.

The next morning the youth cooked a fabulous breakfast of French Toast and bacon and then packed up trail mix before setting off on our paddle to another Island.



With the sunshine on our backs and calm waters the Scouts made quick work of getting to our picnic site. The water was perfect for cooling down, swimming and skimming rocks.



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It certainly worked up an appetite for our wraps and sandwiches and then the older youth (Alex, Ansel, Heather and Max) volunteered some after lunch entertainment...It was a very professional show of the perfect canoe capsize and rescue which we were all in awe of.



Wow, how they have matured over the four years and are so ready for Venturers that's for sure! After taking a detour to check out a couple of other picnic stops, we headed back to camp for some exploring of our island, manhunt games and hanging out in the canoes in the private bay. The afternoon hours slipped slowly into the evening and the fun continued with storytelling, laughter, conversation and of course the sweet taste of s'mores:).



The next day the morning chorus of birds started to wake camp. Without being asked and motivated to have more free time in the canoes, the camp was packed up in record time with each youth taking care of their own belongings and tents. Still with some extra time in the morning, Scouts and Scouters alike felt it was over too soon and started to talk about next year's trip!



For some the year of Scouting will not end until after the Great Lakes Jamboree, 14th-22nd July. We wish all Scouts and their families a fun-filled summer and look forward to hearing about their adventures and ideas for the next year in the Scout Troop or Venturer Company.



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Venturer News

Thank you Venturers for another great year. We say goodbye to Dana (who has been with the 101st since she was a Beaver), Izzy and Shiloh. We are all very proud of you and best of luck.



Dates for your Calendar

- **July 14-22:** Scouts at Great Lakes Jamboree in Dochester, ON
- **September 21-23:** Cubs Fall Camp at Legewade
- **September 22-23:** Beavers Fall One-Night Camp at Baxter Conservation Area
- **September 29:** Apple Day



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<http://www.101ottawa.com/>

First Meetings of 2018-19

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

- September 11th for Beavers and Cubs
- September 12th for Scouts and Venturers



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