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

Newsletter

Year-End Banquet 2019

The 101st held its end-of-the-year banquet on June 11th at the Canterbury Community Centre. This was a chance for the youth to get together one last time before the summer break. We again 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 4 White Tail Beavers received their North Star Awards for completing all of their requirements.



The Leaders were sad to say bye to the Beavers!



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

- Rosie Rodriguez for Best New Cub
- Tristan Smith for Most Improved Cub
- Gavin Brennan and Derek Lagace for Most Consistent Effort
- Kaeda Nagasawa for Cub of the Year



For the fourth year, the Cub Leaders also gave the award to the best Six (Lair) to Red Six with Sophie Humphries as its Sixer.



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Ten 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:

- Mason Brennan for Best New Scout
- Luca Pepe and Samuel Rayment for Most Improved Scout
- Edoardo Cammalleri for Scout of the Year

There was a special Cub and Scout we wanted to say thank you for joining for one year before we went back to New Zealand and that was Sabina and Max Tunnicliffe. They made a big impact in the short period they were with us and we wanted to give them a special recognition. Best of luck in your future endeavours.



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Our Venturer Company came out in full force and gave us a slide show of all the great things they have done over the year. Good luck to Josh and Alex who are leaving us to bigger things.



We could not have done it this year without our volunteers and they were all recognized for a job well done. Congratulations to Scouter Kerry Chalmers for receiving her 5 years of service pin and to Ruth Humphries and Jean Stewart for receiving their 10 years of service award.



Scouter Jean Stewart also was awarded the Bar to the Medal of Merit while Scouter Sara Walker, our Group Treasurer received the special Order of the Caribou for her service to Rideau Area.



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 Gavin Neal, in Cubs it was James Jamieson-Bazil and in Scouts it was Indira Marier.



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Beaver Tales

The Beavers had their last camp and meeting in May and the Leaders want to wish each of our families a great summer and hope to see the Beavers back in September.



Cub Corner

June for the Cubs started at the Cuboree. 650 Cubs and Leaders from around Voyager Area made their way to Apple Hill Scout Reserve. 22 of our Cubs made it there. A lovely movie night watching "The Land Before Time" (1988) and the Cubs crashed in their tents, late of course. Saturday morning brought us the Camp Opening and our Saturday Adventures began!



Following footprints, roping herbivores and feeding carnivores, crossing the rope bridges – land and water; someone trusted us with a GPS unit, which we will need to work on since we got turned around quite a number of times; Stegosaurus Obstacle Course.



The getting our Cubs through the Spider Web without ringing the bells, and watching Akela go through was a real challenge. Great job Akela!



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Finally, the best part of the Cuboree, bar none, was watching the kybo go up in flames.



Sunday brought us rain, but we were smart about it and tore down wet when the rain stopped for a few hours. After a good breakfast of pancakes and bacon and squeezing in under the shelter because the rain had started up again, we reviewed the best parts of camp. Through almost unanimous decision, the Food was nominated as the best thing about camp. The Hot Dogs and Beef Tacos from Saturday lunch and dinner were mentioned specifically. We got the OK from the Apple Hill Crew that our site was clean – Great Job there Cubs! - and we were all off for home to dry out and shower.



Our last meeting at the Church Hall was fun too. Our first priority was drying out the tents. The Runners, Trackers and Tenderpads, 1st year, 2nd year and New Cubs did a good job of remembering how to put them up, while the Howlers, 3rd year, prepped for their Seeonee Camp.



We then played a rousing game of Marshmallow Drop, which was great for the smaller of our Cubs, they rocked that one!



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After dropping marshmallows on each other we all sat down to have ice cream, syrup and sprinkles. It was a fun way to end the year.



On June 6th, 10 Howler Cubs volunteered to help serve and clean up at the annual BBQ chicken dinner at St. Aidan's. This was part of their Seeonee volunteer hours and they even got a chicken dinner. They worked so hard, we could only get a picture of enjoying desert after the work was done.



Just one week after the Cuboree, Akela and Raksha accompanied 10 Howlers to go camping at Murphy's Point as the final requirement for their Seeonee Awards. These Cubs planned and executed every aspect of the camp, including program planning, shopping, food preparation, budgeting and gear selection.



After hiking their gear in to the site and getting set up, the Cubs had a great weekend of hiking, swimming, crafts and bonding.



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It was amazing to see the personal development shown by each Cub on the trip.



Scout Trails

The Scouts started June with a quick one-night camp at Rideau River Provincial Park. Yes, the mosquitoes were hungry for Scout blood.



The campfire was amazing and featured a number of unique elements, including puppets. Overall, the camp was a fantastic success, and there weren't even any lost items at the end.



It is certain that these Cubs have shown that they are going to make great Scouts.



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But they still worked well together to put up tents that are larger than the usual ones they use. Good practice to learn to put up different types of tents.



But, of course, where there is water, there will be Scouts in the water. Despite pretty grey skies and cold water, they all went in. Scouter Melissa's dog Koda (our mascot for the day) liked the water too.



But Scouts who just "hang" are cool, but never as cool as the Scouter taking the picture, ha ha!



There was time for a short 4KM hike along the Rideau River.



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And to “hang” at the campfire after a delicious dinner of beef stew and pineapple upside cake cooked in the dutch ovens on the fire. They were pretty impressed of this feat but the Scouters of course knew what they were doing.



When you can set up camp in a spot like this, you know you are close to heaven on Earth.



There was swimming and yes the water was pretty frigid still compared the previous years.

The next event on June 14-16 was our annual canoe camp at Lac du Poisson Blanc in Notre-Dame-du-Laus, QC. This gorgeous spot in the Laurentians is breathtaking and a favourite. Most Scouts who attended even got to skip school on Friday to head up early – seen here on the ferry.



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But the Scouts were ready to go exploring the area around the island we camp on.



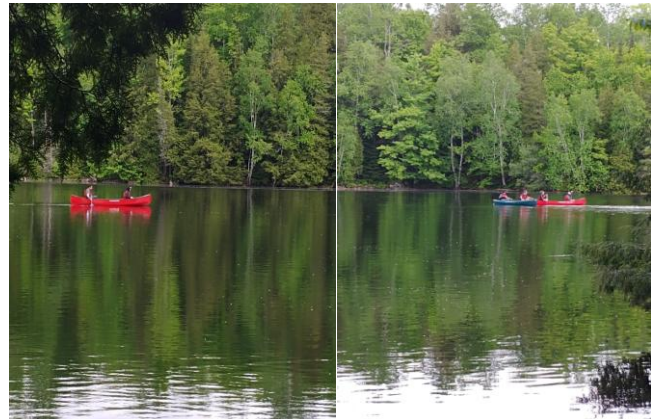
But thankfully, a few tarps, ropes and knots, we had our own "tarp city" set up and the campfire stayed lit all weekend – and the Scouts did hilarious skits – some original works too.



However, Saturday was almost non-stop rain, especially in the afternoon. We were pretty soaked through.



On Sunday, the rain had stopped and there was a bit of time for some more canoeing



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Spirits were not completely dampened before heading back to meet parents and head home.



But of course, a stop at a good ol' Quebec Casse-Croute is a tradition on the way home.



Venturer News

The Venturers started June with an event called the Couch Rally. This is where they take an old couch (thank you Scouter Sara), decorate it (notice the Shrek theme) and go through downtown Ottawa with the couch on wheels in a scavenger hunt.



There are stops along the way and they have to take pictures in front of various Ottawa landmarks (and some questionable ones too).



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And they also get to take pictures with random strangers as part of the scavenger hunt.



In June, the Venturers also went to Lac du Poisson Blanc for a canoe camp. They went the weekend before the Scouts – the nice weekend!



The Venturers added some more challenge to their camp, by camping one night on the first island and then canoeing some 15KM round trip to their next island.



But they still found time to paddle about and make a raft out of logs – in the “ridiculously cold water” as they informed us at the banquet.



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They worked well together all year and look forward to the next set of adventures.



But it's night like these with friends that make the best memories.



Have a great and safe summer

Another successful scouting year ends. Seems like it was just September last year! In less than three months we will be welcoming back those for another packed year as well as greeting new members to our scouting group.

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

First Meetings of 2019-20

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

- September 10th for Beavers and Cubs
- September 11th for Scouts and Venturers



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