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

# Newsletter



## Scout Popcorn Campaign

Our second fundraiser came to a close in June and the numbers are very impressive. The youth sold \$1056 in online sales and \$1245 in take order sales for a grand total of \$2301. We keep 45% of that amount for about \$1035. That will go a long way to help us fund our ongoing program costs, including supporting the readiness of our volunteers.

Thank you to all of the families who purchased the popcorn or encouraged their friends, family and neighbours to also do so.

Our top sellers for our sections are:

Beavers: Saffire Miner

Cubs: James Jamieson-Bazil

Scouts: Jacob Schock

Venturers: Indira Marier

So far, Scouter Sunshine has received two pies in the face from the Beaver and Scout top sellers and is looking forward to more.



## Beaver Tales

Well, the Beavers went longer in June for meetings than they usually do, largely due to the fact that we were able to return to in person meetings for our last two meetings of the year.

We started out with a joint virtual linking meeting hosted by the Cubs and Cub Leaders. This was a great chance for our White Tail Beavers to start that transition to Cubs and we covered off some of our Great 8 Challenge. The following week, we had our last virtual meeting where we finished our Great 8 Challenge and talked about what to do when lost in the woods and how to signal for help – and stay put (Hug a Tree).

On June 15<sup>th</sup>, we finally were able to meet in person and took advantage of holding our annual Beaver Buggy races. Each Beaver got their Beaver Buggy kit in advance and came to the meeting prepared with it built and decorated.



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Let's say this meeting is always a lot of fun for the Beavers. We set up one of our two tracks outdoors at the church. Given our smaller number of Beavers this year, they got a lot more races in than they normally would.



We then got them together for a treat while we gave out our annual awards. Each Beaver got a special certificate reflecting their personality and we handed out our last badges, including the special huge 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary crest.



Then, on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, we had our last meeting at Vincent Massey Park. We walked down to the river, which they loved.



We recognized our two White Tail Beavers who completed their North Star Award.



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As part of his community service project, Tommy prepared special Easter care packages for seniors through his church. Esteban collected food donations from his neighbours and donated them to the Ottawa Food Bank.

Great job both of you and the Leaders are very proud of them.

Finally, we gave special recognition to Bubbles, who amazingly has been a Leader for 35 years this year. Wow! Thank you so much Bubbles for being so dedicated to scouting and helping to shape the lives of youth.



The Leaders wish all of the Beavers a great summer and see you in September for some more great adventures.



Cub Corner

What a year! In person or virtually, the 101<sup>st</sup> Ottawa Cubs rose to the occasion and they need to be congratulated for their work. Cubs, please pat yourselves on the back.

June started with Challenge 7 of the Great 8. The Water Challenge. We teamed up with the Beavers and had a great meeting talking about gathering water and water filtration.



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Someone please remember that Scouter Sunshine needs to get a Lifestraw in his Christmas stocking this year. Hathi also sent us home with a Solar Still Challenge.



Akela showed off her dyed hair. Congratulations again to Red Lair for winning the Lair Challenge.

The first weekend of June also saw us doing a Movie Night and an Overnight in either a tent or a Living Room Fort. The movie of choice was "The Mitchells vs The Machines" (2021). We all streamed it independently but with our cameras on so we could see everyone's reactions. The Cubs had great fun and would like to do it again.

We met up again on the Saturday morning for a quick check in to see how everyone did and to have a quick Cub's Own. Derek, Griffin and Pip camped out in tents in their yards. Pip and Chil reported hearing coyotes!



James and William camped out in their respective living room forts! Rock on!



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Benson and Hathi split the difference and camped out in their tents inside Benson's Grandmother's sunroom!



The second week of June found us finishing off the Great 8 Challenge – SOS Success. Once again we are marveled by the knowledge the Cubs shared with us on how to signal for help when out on a hike in the wilderness. We also reviewed Hug A Tree.

Our last meeting in June was for fun. Akela's husband Mr. Dark spoke on the history of swords and their uses. If this had been an in person meeting, each Cub would have had an opportunity to try holding a sword. We're keeping our fingers crossed we'll be able to do that next year.

We also touched briefly on the Awards that we hand out yearly. We will be delivering these Awards at a meeting in July when we can once again meet in person with our whole group. Congratulations go out to all of our Cubs who have showed so much resilience, and tenacity and enthusiasm.



### Seeonee Award Recipients:

Derek Lagace  
William Collin  
Casey McKegney  
Alexander Kurz  
James Jamison-Bazil  
Dan Hillerup

**Lair Award – Red Lair – Sixer:** Casey McKegney, Duncan McKegney, Pip Barrington, Neil Ashford, Emma Patserina Xiao, Cameron Burrows

**Best New Cub:** Griffin Foulkes-O'Flaherty and Pip Barrington

**Most Consistent Effort by a Cub:** Harrison Holmes

**Most Improved Cub:** William Collin and Casey McKegney

**Cub of the Year:** Derek Lagace.

Congratulations also go out to Hathi and Akela who received their 5 Years of Service Awards.

We would also like to take the time to thank all of our Scouters for their wonderful work. Without them, Cubs just wouldn't happen.

Kaa – Angelica Haggert  
Chil – Dan Barrington  
Hathi – Jennifer Love  
Raksha – Kerry Chalmers  
Baloo – Tom Lagace  
Akela – Cindy Dark



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Baloo and Raksha are following their sons to Scouts, and we will miss them horribly! We would welcome parents who might be interested in joining our team to contact Akela or Scouter Sunshine for more details.



### Scout Trails

Is June already over? Where did it fly by? Well, the Scouts certainly made the most of it. We had two virtual meetings the first two weeks devoted to completing our last two weeks of the Great 8 Challenge. This included a meeting about water filtration and purification and a meeting about how to signal for help when lost in the wild. We talked about the essentials to take on a day hike: whistle, signal mirror, bright coloured poncho or bandana, and fire starter – all good for signaling.

With phase 2 of the reopening plan, we were able to meet in person for our last two meetings. The first one was spent outdoors at the church working on our knife permits. The older Scouts got a refresher on how to safely use a pocket knife. The first year Scouts were pretty keen to work with their pocket knives. They learned how to safely open and close it, handle it, pass it to others, cut rope and whittle wood, which is usually a favourite pastime at camp.

The last meeting was at Vincent Massey Park. We got together for a walk around the park down to the river. Hard to get Scouts away from water.



Then we handed out our last badges and annual awards. Congratulations to all of the Scouts for toughing out a hard year and sticking to it. The Leaders are proud of all of you.

We have three annual awards for the Troop. **Best New Scout:** This is always a tough call to make. This year, we chose two Scouts to receive this award – **Jacob Schock and Samuel Smiderle.**



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**Most Improved Scout:** This usually goes to a second year Scout and again a difficult choice to make. This year's winner is **Eli Lincoln**.



**Scout of the Year:** This is typically an older Scout in their 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year. We had a clear winner this year who continues to show great leadership and maturity – **Henry Smith**.



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And, we recognized Scouter Dave, who has served 5 years now as a Leader and received his 5 Year Pin. Congrats!!



Look for more information soon about a day event in August for some fun in the sun.



We certainly had a great group of 11 Scouts this year and despite the significant amount of time we had to meet virtually, they formed good bonds and friendships and we look forward to a new crop of Scouts coming up from Cubs in the Fall and possibly some old Scouts returning.



### Venturer News

While the first half of the month was spent online with the Vents finishing up their planning of a 42 km hike, playing online games and doing another Shark Tank, Company was very excited to get back outside mid-June once the restrictions eased.



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At one evening, the Vents did an urban Geocaching adventure by using an app called "Adventure Lab" in and around the Museum of Nature and around City Hall.



Company plans to meet twice over the summer - once in July and once in August, to refresh our paddling skills and get ready for the fall, where we hope we can do a canoeing camp. We hope everyone stays safe and gets outside this summer!

The following week, the group again split into two at Mer Bleue, to benefit from the wonderful hiking trails and boardwalk. We were happy to meet some Beavers and Cubs from another Scout Troop along the way!



Saying **Thanks** to a dedicated Scouter is easier than you might think...

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**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER**



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