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# Newsletter

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### [101<sup>st</sup> Awards Night](#)

The 2021-22 scouting year turned out to be a great one and we had a chance to return to our annual awards night on June 15<sup>th</sup>. It was a slightly smaller affair with less food, but lots of desserts for everyone. We handed out the awards for each section and the Leaders had a chance to say goodbye and thank everyone for a year full of adventures and fun.

We started off with the Beavers and the Leaders were excited to give each Beaver a special certificate. Our two North Star Award recipients – Gabriel Samulack and Saffire Miner – received their award for all their hard work, including completing a community service project.



Great job Beavers!!

Then it was the Cub Leaders turn. There are several awards handed out each year and this year's recipients are:

### Best New Cub: Tommy Lincoln



### Most Improved Cub: Gabriel Villeneuve



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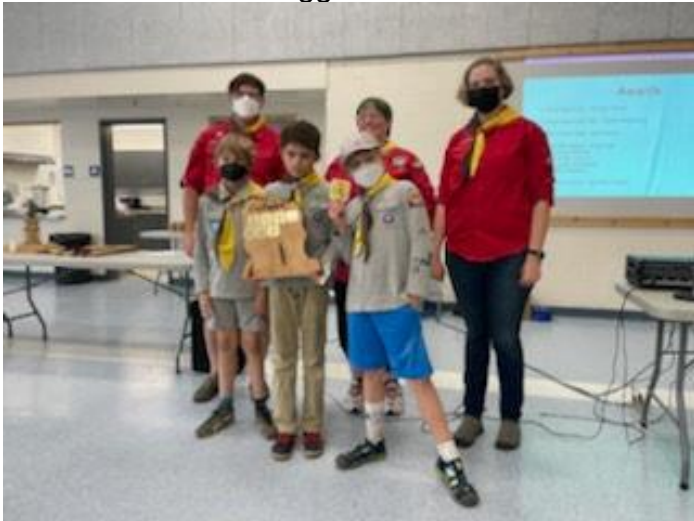
Cub of the Year: Billy Glover



And congratulations to Harrison Holmes for completing his Seenee Award.



Six Award (Lair of the Year): Green Lair with Russell Barkley, Duncan McKegney, Tommy Lincoln and Miles Wiggins



Next up, were the Scout Leaders and the awards handed out in Troop. This year's recipients are:

Best New Scout: Liam Gable and Derek Lagace



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Most Improved Scout: Andrew Dark, Dax Marino and Van Marino



The Leaders also wished to recognize Jacob Schock for his caring and dedication to his fellow Scouts.



Scout of the Year: Chris Yarker



Our last section were the Venturers who gave us a great photo slide show of their many adventures this past year.



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Venturer Luca had a very personal and moving speech to recognize our departing Venturer Edoardo Cammalleri who received a special plaque for his time with the 101<sup>st</sup>. And Venturers Indira and Sofia talked about girls in scouting and were supported by Venturer Mason. And thank you Venturers for volunteering to serve the desserts.



We then took a few minutes to recognize our many volunteers with the 101<sup>st</sup> both the Leaders and behind the scenes. All of them received a personal thanks and several received a special medal. We also recognized Chil (Dan Barrington) and Scouter Paul Schock for their 5 years of service to scouting.

Without our volunteers, there would be no 101<sup>st</sup> and we are so lucky to have each and every one of them. As the saying – we are all get the same pay: in the smiles and amazing discoveries made by the youth every week.



Scouter Shazeela Mohammad also received a special medal for all of her service to scouting.



We then handed out our raffle prizes – thank you as we raised \$235 for our two Venturers attending next year's World Scout Jamboree in South Korea.



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It was time for the much anticipated pie the Group Commissioner in the face. This is for the top selling Scout Popcorn youth in each section. This year's honour went to Myles Briere in Beavers, Pip Barrington in Cubs, Alexander Kurz in Scouts and Indira Marier in Venturers.



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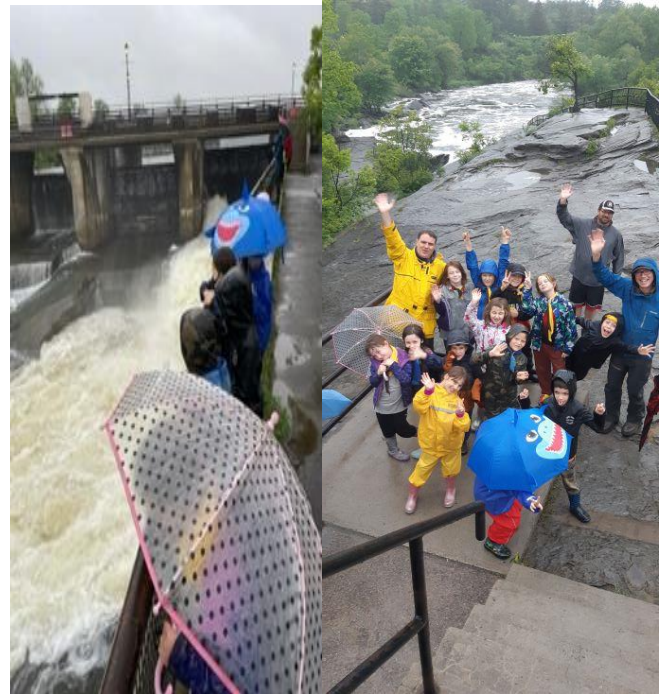
So, as the youth got older, the impact of pie hitting the face got greater! And yes, it got all over, but at least it tasted good.



### Beaver Tales

After a jam-packed May with a spring camp at the end of it, the Beavers started winding down the year. We only had two meetings left in June before breaking for the summer.

We first headed to Hog's Back Park and Mooney's Bay on a wet evening. And the Cubs were there too. We first went to check out the falls and the Beavers were amazed by the sheer power of the falls that roared by just below our feet. Many had never seen them before.



After checking out the falls, we walked over to Mooney's Bay to visit the playground – apparently the largest one in Ottawa. Well, the



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Beavers made very good use of every single structure in that huge playground.

The week after was our last meeting. Due to the threat of thunderstorms, we met at the church where we had a chance to do a short review of the past year with the Beavers and hand out some final badges. There was also time for a couple games too.



We have four Beavers moving up to Cubs in September and so will both Acorn and Tic Tac. But, we invested Echo – our newest Beaver Leader who will join Bubbles and Sunshine to welcome back the Beavers and any new ones in September.

All of the Leaders wish you all a safe and happy summer and see you again very soon.



### Cub Corner

June! That came up fast!

First things first – The winner of the Lair Award this year was Green Lair – Tommy, Russell, Duncan and Miles! They got to decide which colour Akela's hair would be this Spring. The decision was made for Akela to go Green! So Akela went Green! Thank you gentlemen.



Back to our regularly scheduled news. The Cubs ended up hiking the first week of June – and of course, it rained. You'll never guess who showed up and crashed our party. The Beavers! Luckily we all know how to share. We started at Hog's Back – crossed the bridge/dam and took a selfie – went down one side and Scouter Sunshine gave us a quick history lesson of the area. Apparently, it was once a lake or ocean! Neat!



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The Beavers went one way, the Cubs went another and we took a quick look at the locks, and met back up with the Beavers at the playground. Playground Inspection happened – one Cub did find a few loose handholds on some equipment – and it was agreed, that even in the rain, it's a good playground. The Cubs headed back to the pick up spot, where Akela handed out some badges and crests that were owed and Cubs went home.



You know, some Cub nights it rains and you go hiking anyway. Then, there are other nights where you have the ABSOLUTELY, most perfect, Tuesday night for a water gun fight! 27 Celcius, it's been warmish all day, Cubs are rangy, school is ending not soon enough, and

Akela drops 20L of water in a bin and says Fill'em up! Pretty sure everyone got soaking wet. There was enough time to dry off when the water ran out (we had about 60L) and we had some snacks – what else but ice cream sandwiches and ice lolys.



An attempt was made to play Capture the Flag, but the Cubs had other things they wanted to do instead. It's all good. The Scouters did manage to get the Cubs sitting and listening for this important song:



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*Hmmm, I want to linger.  
Hmmm, A little longer.  
Hmmm, A little longer,  
Here with you.  
Hmmm, It's such a perfect night.  
Hmmm, It doesn't seem quite right.  
Hmmm, That this should be,  
My last with you.  
Hmmm, And come September,  
Hmmm, I will remember,  
Hmmm, Our Scouting days,  
Of friendships true.  
Hmmm, And as the years go by,  
Hmmm, I'll think of you and sigh.  
Hmmm, This is good night  
And not good bye.  
Hmmm I want to linger.  
Hmmm A little longer.  
Hmmm A little longer,  
Here with you.*

That's pretty much the feeling that the Scouters have. These are a fantastic group of Cubs. They will be missed until our next meeting in September.

And finally, our last event before the summer, the Awards Night.

Cool awards, yummy food, and good friends, does it get any better?

The Lair Award goes to Green Lair – Russell, Tommy, Duncan and Miles  
Best New Cub – Tommy  
Most Improved Cub – Gabriel  
Cub of the Year – Billy  
Seeonee Award Recipient – Harrison.



We also took a moment to congratulate our Howlers moving up to Scouts – Harrison, Henri, Billy, Russell and Neil.



We will reiterate what Akela said in her speech, It has been a pleasure having you all in our Pack. You've worked hard, you've played hard and we are a better Pack for having you with us.

See you all in September!



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**Scout Trails**

The Scouts sure know how to keep busy. It's hard to keep up with them and yes – they love to go camping. In addition to the 3 camps in May, June served up two more camps.

Our first meeting was a trip to Hog's Back Park and Mooney's Bay (yes it's a trend). The Scouts thought the falls were pretty impressive and ventured down to the edge of water a little downstream to get a different vantage point.



The first camp of the month was that first weekend in June at Voyageur Provincial Park.



The weekend included a hike through the forest and a trip to the beach.



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The weather was pretty good and the Scouts had a good time just hanging out together.



The following week was a camp prep night for the next one. A chance to sort out camping gear between camps and plan out the menu and activities. Ensuring the Scouts have input to our camps is key to having youth led activities.

The following week was the awards night – see story at the beginning of the newsletter. We had a great turnout of Scouts and congratulations to our award recipients this year.



Then came our last camp of the year. This one focused mostly on canoeing. We headed down to Otter Lake Camp next to Frontenac Provincial Park. A beautiful area with lots of lakes to explore. The weather was decent but a little windy, which made canoeing a little more challenging for some.



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We ended up canoeing twice on the Saturday and many went swimming at the small beach. Some even ended up in the water unexpectedly when their canoe tipped over. There was only one rescue needed of a canoe that got caught in a bay and had a hard time getting out because of the wind.



The Scouts did all of the food prep, cooking and clean up and we had a fantastic campfire with lots of skits, songs and cheers.



After that, we had one last meeting, which we held at the church. We had a BBQ and the Scouts played a few games and just hung out.



Thank you all for a great year and have a great summer.



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**Venturer News**

The Venturers have been itching to get back to the outdoor life and decided to go to a favourite spot on Lac du Poisson Blanc for their canoe trip in June. High winds delayed the start but the Monday return allowed for a full weekend. Practicing map skills and navigation; Sunday was spent on the lake for a picnic and swim followed by canoe rescues in the bay. The extra rough water was good training for watching weather conditions.



Gourmet dinners, hairstyling and guitar serenading by Scouter Bill in the evenings made for a magical camp. A snake bite scenario and discussion around emergency SOS completed the Great 8 crest for the great 7 Venturers!



Tinged with sadness the group stopped for burgers and poutine to have one last farewell to Edoardo and Sam.



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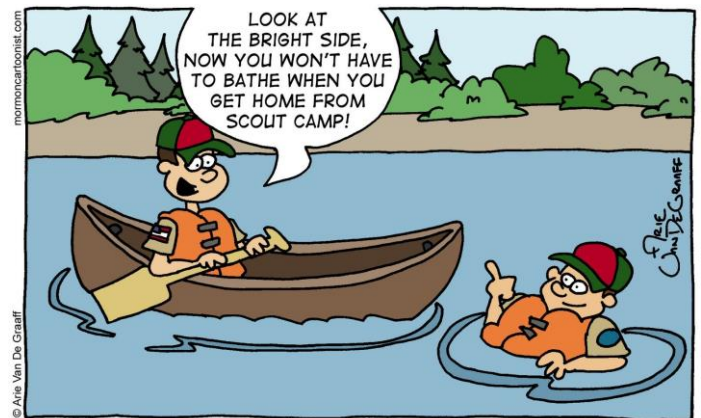
Although we hope that Sam might have a break in his studies to come join us in the fall.



**Thank a Volunteer Today!**

Did you know that the 101<sup>st</sup> has 21 dedicated Scouters and volunteers? Some of them have continued to volunteer even after their own children have left the program. Some of them have been Scouters for 35 and 45 years! And some of them volunteer behind the scenes like Sara Walker our Treasurer and Richard Lincoln our Registrar. Without them, the 101<sup>st</sup> would not exist. If you can spare 5 minutes, click on the link below and thank a volunteer today. To help you fill out the form, the 101<sup>st</sup> is part of Voyageur Council. Thank you!

<http://www.scouts.ca/thanks/>



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