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Beaver Tales

We wrapped up our meetings at the end of May and are now on a well-deserved summer break.

But, we did see many Beavers come out to the year-end awards night with their parents. Those who were there each received a special personalized certificate from the Leaders. And we certainly have some really special Beavers.

That includes our four Beavers who earned their North Star Award. They worked hard getting their volunteer hours, earning their outdoor skills and on a community project. A big congratulations to Dylan Barkley, Myles Briere, Melody Doerffer, and Rhys Pollock



We say goodbye to our White Tail Beavers who have now moved up to Cubs and wish them all the best as they do their best as Wolf Cubs. The Beaver Leaders look forward to welcoming back the returning Beavers in September and our new members of the Colony.



Cub Corner

It's June! And if you're reading this then it's the beginning of July! Hard to believe we've had another great month, heck even YEAR of Adventures with the Cubs.

We started June with our End of Year Banquet to recognize our Amazing Cubs (among others).

Congratulations go out to:

Green Lair for the Lair Award – Akela went Blood Red by their choice. Not just RED, but it had to be Blood Red. OK.



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Most Improved Cub – Noah Ross



Best New Cub – Persephone Beverley



Most Consistent Effort – Emiko Nagasawa



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Cub of the Year – Annie Ha



We also cheered on the rest of our Howlers who are heading up to Scouts in the fall – Ali, Anna, Duncan, Gabriel AG and Arfan. We also got a chance to congratulate Kaa, Scouter Paul, Raksha and Baloo for their great work as Scouters. Oh, and cheer on Scouter Sunshine getting his traditional pies in the face.



Seeonee Award Recipients – Pip Barrington, Zoe Doerffer, Emiko Nagasawa, Griffin Foulkes-O'Flaherty, Annie Ha, and Curtis Courtney-Cheung



But our End of Year Banquet happened a little early this year and we still had plenty of Adventures! The second week of June brought



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our long awaited Kub Kar races. Though not officially sanctioned, we still had a blast.



Our next Adventure was Archery Camp! I can't tell you how much the Cubs were looking forward to this camp. We headed to a new to us Scout Camp called Camp Sheldrick in Winchester Springs, Ontario – about 45 minutes south of Ottawa.

Cubs started arriving early – all good, they were able to help Raksha and Akela figure out where things were going to go.



Several Cubs brought their own tents and started setting those up until Baloo showed up with the tents. Luckily it wasn't too windy, he

forgot the tent pegs. Chil hadn't left town yet so he grabbed those and headed down to join us. We had 14 excited Cubs on Friday night!

Once we were all set up and everyone saw the kybos (two stalls, lights on a motion sensor, toilet paper – so much better than last time's door that didn't close kybo), there was plenty of time to explore the area before it got too dark. Mug up of cheese strings and chocolate chip cookies. Although Cubs need to get a little better at putting cheese string wrappers in the garbage. We'll work on that. The Cubs were in their tents getting ready for bed by 9:30pm with lights out by 10:00pm. Akela made the request of not being awoken over night by excessive noise.

The request was respected! Akela woke up on her own at 5am! Thank you Cubs!



Once we were all awake and stumbling through the day Breakfast Team got the pancakes and sausages going! Frozen strawberries and mango were the fruit of choice. We eat well at camp. Breakfast clean up did a good job and then our Tenderpads started arriving! All 6 Tenderpads (those Beavers who swam up to Cubs back in May) were invited. All 6 came! Akela was so happy! They're only here for the 1 night, but it's 1 night of camping without their parent for possibly the first time!



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Meanwhile, the Camp Wardens came to do some work. There were wood chips to spread on the pathways. Thank you Cubs for helping out. In case you missed it, we did get thanked on the Camp Sheldrick Face Book page for Saturday. The exact line is "Thank you to the 101st Cubs for helping us put mulch down on the trails today."



While all that was going on Akela set up the archery area and we cycled through 4 Cubs at a time. Each Cub had their own target so they could take it home later. Happy to say that no one got hurt. It was tough on a few Cubs – Archery may look easy, but it's a skill

that you need to develop. The Cub's enthusiasm and desire to do well means we'll be shooting again.



We had to stop for lunch. Lunch Crew set out bread, cheese and cold cuts with peppers, tomatoes and celery. Like I said, we eat well at camp. We invited the Camp Wardens to join us and they did. Lunch clean up went well and then we had a quick Archery tournament between the Scouters. Chil won with 8 points. Great job Chil! After the tournament, and a small rain storm pause, we continued with some archery, made kites with Chil and generally just had a great time being Cubs.

Supper was Sloppy Joes with tomato, peppers and celery. Supper crew did a good job. Clean up crew got into the act and then we were going to do more activities but the wind picked up and the sky got darker and we thought it would be better if we cleaned everything up and tossed loose items into vehicles and pegged down the tents REALLY WELL.



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All our prep work for storm conditions worked out and the storm never came, but we were ready for it! We finished off the evening with an Edible Campfire – since we weren't sure we'd be able to make a real campfire, we ate one instead!



Another great night of sleep. There was a small sprinkle of rain overnight which meant that on Sunday morning we had to change things up a bit. Normally we'd eat breakfast AFTER we packed the tents but we needed to dry the tents first. So Breakfast Crew got at it and we had muffins and fruit and left over cheese strings. Nicely enough, after breakfast we were able to pack most of the tents and the kitchen and the pantry and everything else.

We took a pause for Scout's Own and asked everyone for one thing they liked, one thing they disliked and one thing they were grateful for this weekend. In a proud Cub tradition, no one liked the bugs. But for the first time ever, no one complained about the kybos! Except for the smell, but keep the toilet seat down and that

takes care of some of it. Once again, we were just all happy to be out and about and enjoying our friendships. We did our closing, and the Howlers led us in a game of Capture the Flag and then parents were coming for pick up!

Memorable moments from camp – seeing the fire just off the road into camp, everyone saw it but Akela. Then there was the mouse in the garbage can. Thank you to the Cubs who rescued and released the mouse into the forest. The horror of finding a dead frog underneath a tent. That too was thrown into the forest.



Finally, we came to our last meeting. Cubs helped bring gear back to the cupboard. As Chil was setting up a craft, Baloo got everyone ready for a relay race. Wheelbarrow races! Gotta say, some of those Tenderpads are tiny and light so they were moving

pretty fast. Chil's craft was making buttons! We had little wolf head cut outs for everyone and various coloured paper and markers. Chil will deliver the finished buttons as soon as he finishes them off. Thank you Chil! Then we had our ice cream sandwiches. We also took some time to throw out random suggestions of what Cubs liked about this year and what they'd like to do next year. Here's to hoping we'll be able to follow through!



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The first meeting was about getting ready for the troop's spring camp. The Scouts going to camp gathered at the church and pulled out the gear needed for the weekend. After loading them in the vehicles, the Scouts walked over to the Elmvale mall and the Independent Grocer to do the camp groceries. Yes, in Scouts, they plan the menu and help get the groceries (with some direction from the Leaders).

We sure had some keen Scouts who went to find what was needed on the shopping list and it was a good lesson to learn about quantities, prices, sales and stretching your dollar. And having a bunch of Scouts bagging the groceries at the end, sure makes it easier for the Leaders.

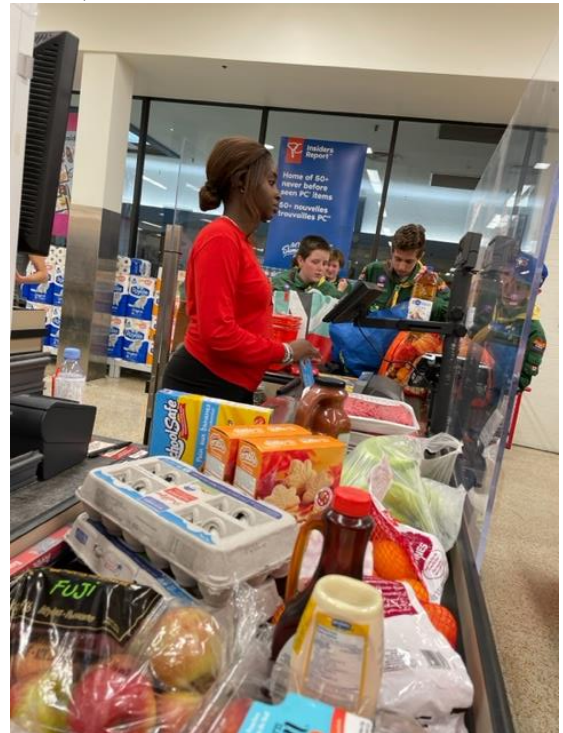
Then we had to say good bye to our Howlers. Duncan, Gabriel, Griffin, Pip, Zoe, Emiko, Ali, Annie, Curtis, AG, Arfan and Anna. Best Wishes to all of you.

Cubs and Parents. On behalf of Chil, Kaa, Raksha and Baloo, thank you for making this a great Cub year! Have a great Summer!



Scout Trails

Hard to believe that we have wrapped up another year of scouting. 2022-23 was a great year, fully back from the pandemic and with loads of great activities, courtesy mainly of the Scouts and their choices of what they wanted to do during the year.



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The weekend of June 2-4, the Scouts had a fantastic camp at Murphy's Point Provincial Park with Scouters Kerry and Tom along for the ride. For many, this was the last camp of the year, and we went out on a high note with gorgeous weather and nearly no bugs!

The Scouts chose what they wanted to do during the weekend, and so on Saturday (after devouring french toast and sausages), we started with a hike to the Silver Queen Mica Mine. We saw several mine entrances, and a steam engine to lift mica out of the mine.



We also had a picnic near a restored bunk house, before trekking down to an old farm homestead where the Scouts played some wiffleball baseball and soccer baseball.

In the afternoon, we trekked back to camp past a beaver dam, and after that nearly 10km hike, we headed down to the beach to cool off. The Scouts devoured some Walking Tacos for dinner, and many youth played Magic and whittled sticks in their downtime. We roasted marshmallows on the campfire in the evening, and heard coyotes howling at sunset. It was a busy day!



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On Sunday morning, Scouter Dave arrived with emergency coffee for the other Scouters, and led Scouts Own along the shore of Round Lake. Everyone had a great time.

The following week, the Scouts came out in force to the annual tradition of the group awards night. We did have to warn them not to eat all of the deserts – you know bottomless pits that Scouts usually are when it comes to food.

In Scouts, we have three awards that we hand out each year to some very deserving Scouts. Congratulations to our awards recipients and to all our Scouts for being engaged and showing great leadership during the year.

Best New Scout: Harrison Holmes



Most Improved Scout: Derek Lagace and Samuel Smiderle



Scout of the Year: Van Marino



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The last meeting of the year was a very relaxed, or as the Scouts say “chill” affair. We did a bit of a recap and review of the year and talked about the activities and camps and Scouts expressed their views on what they particularly liked or thought we should do next year. We also bid farewell to our Scouts that are heading up to Venturers in September: Chris Y., Dax, Van, James H., and Eli. We handed out some final badges and let them spend the rest of the meeting playing games together – yes with junk food of course!



Have a great summer Scouts and see you in September. We look forward to welcoming the new Scouts moving up from Cubs to the Troop.



Venturer News

The Venturers ended the year with a camping trip to Otter Lake, Quebec. Despite the chilly nights, the days were warm and amazing, and the youth had a great time going for an evening swim, paddling and exploring the lake and going fishing. Everyone was successful and proud of their fishing efforts.



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Scouter Bill beat the youth at a fun spirited game of Bocce Ball!



The grub was pretty outstanding as well, with the Vents preparing a pancake breakfast, and a gourmet dinner of fried fish, lemon and spinach coucous and salad.



Our Vents have amazing summer adventures to look forward to with Venturer Luca serving as a counsellor at Camp Opemikon, and Venturers Indira and Sofia heading off to South Korea to take part in the World Jamboree! We wish all of these youth safe and successful adventures with tons of great memories! Wishing everyone a safe summer.

Thanks to our Volunteers – and our Top Fundraising Youth



At our awards night, we got to say thank you to our very well deserving volunteers that make the 101st run. Without them, there would be no program. A big congratulations to Scouter Amanda Jamieson (Raksha) who celebrates her 5 years of service to scouting this

year. Also congratulations again to Scouter Amanda and Scouter Rob Samulack (Baloo) who were recipients of the Medal of Good Service for being great Leaders.



Finally, it's not a party without a pie in the face for the Group Commissioner. Four very lucky youth, who were our top fundraiser in each section got to pie Scouter Sunshine.

Beavers – Rhys Pollock
Cubs – Pip Barrington
Scouts – Alexander Kurz
Venturers – Indira Marier
Well – at least it tasted good.



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Two 101st Venturers going to the World Scout Jamboree 2023 in South Korea



Two of our Venturers, Indra Marier and Sofia Laconi are leaving for South Korea on July 27th for an adventure of a lifetime. They are going to join 55,000 other youth and volunteers at the World Scout Jamboree, which happens every four years. They have been preparing and

fundraising for this moment for the last year and half and its almost here! They will spend almost 3 weeks in South Korea with some 300 other Canadian Venturers and Leaders and meet youth from every corner of the world. What an amazing opportunity. We can't wait to hear about their adventures when they come back!

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