

MARCH 2018



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

Newsletter



Beaver Tales

In March, the Beavers started the month with a meeting all about rocks and minerals. Some Beavers even brought to the meeting some of their own cool rocks from home to show.

Scoutrees 2018

Every year, thousands of scouts and volunteers head out at the beginning of May to plant Scoutrees. This is a way for Scouts to make a difference for the environment and to beautify their community. Last year, the 101st Ottawa planted 150 trees in a greenspace in Riverside South.

But, Scoutrees is also an important fundraiser for our group. Each youth member will soon receive a pledge envelope to collect donations, of which our scouting group gets to keep 85% to fund our programs, camps, equipment, etc. Those who donate \$20 or more will receive a tax receipt. We encourage all youth to collect pledges of any amount to support our group and our tree planting efforts. Did you also know that 15% of pledges raised go to the Canadian Scout Brotherhood Fund. These funds assist Scouts in developing countries run self-help and community betterment programs that are adapted to local needs and conditions.

Envelopes with pledges are due back on:

- May 1 for Beavers and Cubs
- May 2 for Scouts

Stay tuned for details on our "Dig Day" when we plant trees on May 5th.



After a much needed March Break, the Beavers had a special Bring a Friend Night that turned out to be an outdoor Easter Egg Hunt. Hawkeye and Indira did a great job being the Easter Bunny and hiding the eggs, stickers, chicks and erasers for the Beavers to find in pairs.

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On March 24th, seven of our ten White Tail Beavers attended the Rideau Area White Tail Sleepover at the Aviation Museum. This is a special rite of passage reserved only for the White Tail Beavers to get to sleepover at the museum with some 60 other Beavers from other colonies around Rideau Area.



The White Tails had a special program all about flight and aviation, which included a cool craft, sitting behind the controls of a plane and trying out an ejection seat.



They had a tour of the museum in the dark and an indoor campfire before being sent off to bed. The next morning was packing up (which was at times a challenge!) and a quick breakfast of huge muffins before the parents picked them up.



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The Beavers ended the month with the annual bowling night with the Cubs at Walkley Bowl.



Bubbles' lane recorded the highest scores of the five lanes, although Thunder scored higher than anybody else. Sunshine had one of the lowest scores ☹️ The Beavers had a blast as usual.



Cub Corner

There are many things that can and can't be done with tape and toilet rolls, and building world-changing robots falls squarely into the can-do category, as we demonstrated in the first meeting of the month.

Each Cub's robot needed a name and a life-goal; something to change the world for the better, and while a few pushed the limits of benevolence (with names like "Evil Destroyer" and "Crusher").



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Others possessed more laudable skills such as a Water Delivery Unit and a Rainbow Pooper. March Break came just in time perhaps ...



After the week off and with the cold weather still upon us, we were back to business in the Church kitchen preparing ourselves a sugarshacktastic meal of fruit salad, eggs, bacon, pancakes & beans, all washed down with lashings of real maple syrup and apple juice. The cubs were on top form, and conducted themselves admirably while preparing, cooking, cleaning, and of course devouring the food. Despite the many hungry mouths to feed, there was more than enough to go around, as demonstrated by Kaa's consecutive breakfasts of reheated eggs for the next three days. Of course, it's important for the parents of youth to realize some of the benefits of our program, so I encourage all of you to set your child's alarm for 6am on weekends and have them up and at 'em early, cooking a hearty breakfast for all the family with their new-found culinary skills.



In the final meeting of the month, we linked up with the Beavers at Walkley Bowl, where we put on our two-tone dancing shoes and threw down



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some pins. Mang the Merciless swept the leaders aside with his military (and some might say monotonous) precision, while Cub Henry took home the highest score for the youth (and, let's be honest, all the leaders as well except for Mang the Methodical).



Many personal bests were recorded and the evening was a huge success, with the Beaver Colony and the Cub Pack enjoying the company of each other away from the usual scene.



Looking ahead to April and post Easter chocolate we have some very cool events planned - a demonstration of medieval armory showcasing chain mail, plate mail, helmets, shields and swords (no horses in the Church unfortunately), a special night at the Museum of Nature (note this is on the Thursday with the Tuesday meeting cancelled), a night of personal fitness and well-being, and an arboreal evening hike in the Arboretum.



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Scout Trails

It was another busy month for the Scouts with March 7 and 21 being spent at the Church working on bridges for the big competition at Rideau Park United Church on March 28. The 101st also officially invested Alex and Mathieu to the troop during the first meeting of the month in a special ceremony with the troop.



Lots of fun and lots of glue and popsicle sticks made for great "bonding" in their patrols. In the end, one bridge was ready in time for the event

hosted by the 28th Ottawa Scouts thanks to the talents of Max, Indira, Alex, Ryan, Nick and Hannah who all worked very well together to get the different parts of the bridge glued in time.



There were quite a few designs submitted for the bridge building competition by the various attending troops and it was really interesting to see how much load each could withstand during testing with the specially built jig. The 101st Scouts were proud to see that their bridge was able to withstand a load of more than 80 kg and were super-excited to take home third place for the best design, as voted on by all of the attending youth, as well as third place for structural efficiency. Congratulations to all who participated!



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The Scouts also had a sleepover at the church on March 23rd. At the beginning of the sleepover the Scouts set-up their tents in the basement and shared some tips with each other on how each tent was different. Hopefully this will help for the spring camping when they may have to do it in the dark or bad weather :)

They continued to work on their bridges and then got to relax with the movie Guardians of the Galaxy with their treats of candy, chips and popcorn. Akela was amazed how quickly they headed to bed after making their frozen yoghurts for breakfast. Despite the slower start the next morning, they still managed to pack-up, bake yummy muffins, prepare the hot chocolate, juice, bagels, fruit and frozen yoghurt. A five star breakfast that will be hard to beat at the upcoming camps.



A big thank you to Reverend Linda and the Church committee for making it possible for us to use the Church Hall that Friday at no charge.

The youth had a blast as always and love the chance to sleepover.



Venturer News

The highlight of the Venturer month was the Burrito Cooking Challenge. The Vents divided into two teams and with equal ingredients, proceeded to prepare chicken burritos.



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Each team had their own stove in the Church kitchen.

added their own secret ingredients; guacamole and hot sauce!



Each team then ate the burrito filling made by the other team, in tortillas topped with cheese, sour cream and salsa! And of course, the Scouters were fed as well.



Our next cooking challenge in April will feature all mystery ingredients with the Vents to determine the ultimate dish.

April is also camping month as the Ope Work Weekend takes place the last weekend of the month. This is an opportunity for the Vents to help get Camp Opemikon ready for the spring and summer camping seasons. Painting, raking, sweeping etc will help get the cabins shipshape and the grounds cleaned up after the winter. And the Vents will earn high school community service hours.

high and low ropes plus a dance, chocolate fondue and wide games. All in all, a good busy start to the spring camping season.



[Summer Camp at Opemikon](#)

Camp Opemikon offers summer camping programs for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venturer aged youth. Camps includes crafts, swimming, hiking, canoeing, campfires, theme weeks, and so much more. A truly memorable summer camp experience.

Information is now available at:

<http://voy.scouts.ca/ca/camp-opemikon-summer-programs>



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Dates for your Calendar

- **April 22:** Scouts Soapbox Car Derby
- **April 27-29:** Venturers Ope Work Weekend
- **May 3-5:** Scouts & Venturers RSVP Camp
- **May 11-13:** Senior Scouts Rideau Challenge
- **May 25-27:** Beavers Spring Camp at Legewade
- **June 1-2:** Cubs Overnight at Rideau Locks
- **June 12:** Year End Banquet at Canterbury Community Centre
- **June 8-10:** Cubs Spring Camp
- **June 15-17:** Scouts Canoe Camp at Lac du Poisson Blanc



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