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Newsletter



Scouting at Home

Scouting at Home is a new special edition of *ScoutScene* to keep our Scouting community engaged each week. As a Scouter, discover how to stay connected with your Section and Group to support continued programming. For parents, explore ideas to keep your kids active with great, safe Scouting adventures that can be done at home or online!

Don't forget to share your Scouting activities by posting a photo on social media (#ScoutsDoStuff) or distributing them amongst your Section through email or a Group Facebook page.

Visit: <https://www.scouts.ca/programs/scouting-at-home/overview.html>



Beaver Tales

Despite there being just two Beaver meetings in March, they were action-packed and reflective of our very diverse and fun program.

The first meeting was outdoors at the church in the snow and the rain – yes the rain! Tic Tac organized a night of building snow forts and shelters and it ended up with a big pile of snow with a hole large enough for the Beavers to fit through.



What fun! Spend time outdoors with your Beaver buddies and build something out of snow. What's not for a 6 or 7 year old to like? In the words of one parent when picking up their soaked Beaver: "You guys are crazy. But awesome!"



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The following week was a really much STEM night organized by Rainbow and Thunder. We divided the Beavers into their four lodges and they visited four different stations for some quick and hands on science experiments.

There was a station where the Beavers would test out different items to see if they sank or floated in water.



There was a station where the Beavers got to shine pennies – remember those? – using water and vinegar.



There was a station where they made their own lava lamps using water, oil and food dye.



And there was a station where they made colour swirls that foamed with baking soda, water and food dye.



The Beavers were really, really engaged in all of the experiments.



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Our Beavers have also been very active in earning Personal Achievement Badges. Many have earned at least one and a few have earned more than one this year. This is certainly something the Beavers can do at home.



The Leaders miss going to weekly meetings and hope to get back to scouting soon and that our spring activities and camp is not cancelled but it's not looking promising. Stay tuned for more new from the Pond and stay safe everyone.



Cub Corner

Brave? Crazy? A weird combination of the two? Either way, we hit the slopes at Alda Burt Park and went sledding the first week of March. It happened to be raining.



A wee bit. Ok, enough that everyone got a little soaked by the end of the evening. Oddly enough, no one complained. We have an amazing Pack of Cubs who just like to be on the move and it was probably going to be the last decent night for sledding before Spring. Although Spring did show signs of being on the way.



The second week brought us to the Robot Recyclables. An annual favourite. Here we are hard at work building up our robots, and here we are at Face Off.



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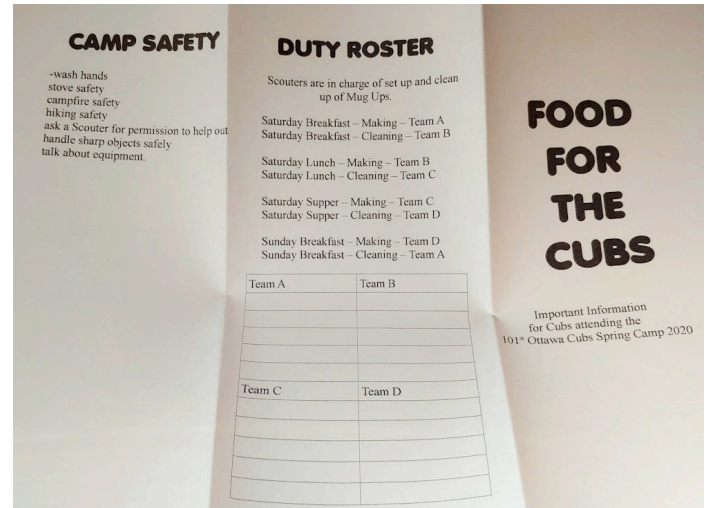


Our battle was fought with 20 sided dice. Each Cub then had to introduce their robot and tell us what the robot did. A lot of them were just for walking, it's all good. A lot of jobs involve walking. There was one robot that shot rainbows. Gotta love that type of security robot.



March Break exploded into an extended version no one was really ready for. It's the end of March and we're still waiting for Public Health to give us the ok to have meetings again after the Conornavirus COVID-19 swept it's way across the world. Here's to hoping April brings not only warmer weather but an opportunity for meetings! Akela misses her Cubs!

So, since we couldn't have meetings, Akela issued a bit of a challenge via email– and poor Cub Andrew, when you mother is Akela, you have to do ALL the challenges. The challenge was to come up with a menu for Spring Camp. So he did. Then he came up with a wonderful idea of making a pamphlet for Cubs that had the menu, duty roster and safety information. Akela did a quick mock up. Here's to hoping we will be able to use something like this in May.



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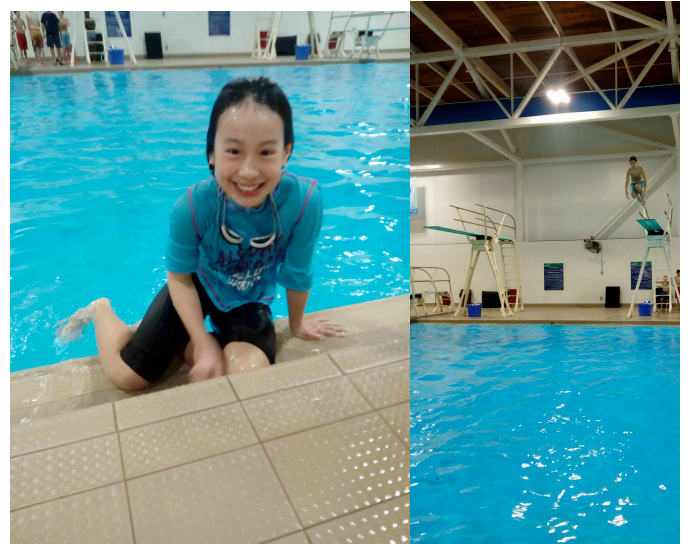
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MUG UP Friday Night chocolate chip cookies milk Saturday Night cheese strings	SATURDAY BREAKFAST Grilled Cheese Sandwiches Prunes Pears Milk Water SUNDAY BREAKFAST Funfetti Pancakes cheese strings strawberries and raspberries whipped cream Maple Syrup milk water Any leftovers from the other meals	SATURDAY LUNCH Sloppy Joes on hamburger buns vegetarian option available peas and carrots water ice tea SATURDAY SUPPER beef, grilled chicken and vegetarian wraps cheese cucumbers tomatoes salsa beans tortilla chips, celery hummus water
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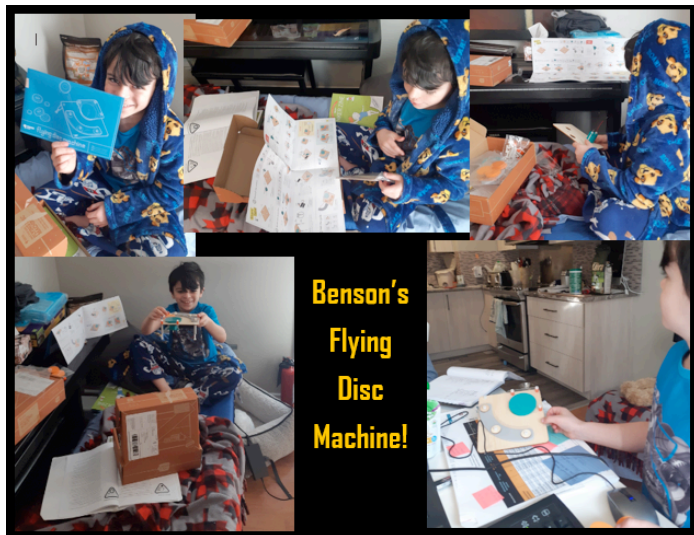


Scout Trails

March started with a Saturday night activity for a few of our Scouts. On March 1st, they went to the Walter Baker Sports Centre for the annual Scouts "Fish-out-Water Night".



Cub Benson has stepped up and finished working on his Building Badge - Blanket Forts, Race Cars and Flying Disc machines! Great job Benson!



Basically, this is a really fun night of water-based activities with other Scouts from around the region. There were obstacle courses, races, high diving boards and more.



Stay well Cubs.



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On the first regular meeting night, the Scouts repeated something they did last year – only because they loved it a lot and they seem to want to solve mysteries.



They went to Room Escape Ottawa on Bank St. We split them into two groups and each one did a different escape room that lasted about an hour.



Unfortunately, they did not actually solve the final clues before the time ran out. Maybe next time Scouts.



The Scouts then started what was supposed to be a meeting organized by each Patrol – we have three of them. The first one up was the Coyote Patrol led by Chloe as the Patrol Leader and Henry as the Assistant Patrol Leader. Chloe organized a meeting at her house the weekend before the meeting to plan it all out.



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They did a sort of scavenger hunt with clues hidden in both the upstairs and downstairs halls at the church. There were two groups with different clues and both groups got to complete each hunt through the clues. Great job Coyote Patrol.

With the postponement of scouting meetings and activities, the Scouts held their first virtual meeting on April 1st. We had about half of them join the meeting and we will try again. Our next patrol that was supposed to organize a meeting – Fox Patrol – will be organizing a Cahoots for the Scouts to do online.

Take care Scouts and hope we can see each other again this spring.



Venturer News

The Vents decided to do something a bit unusual this month - go out for walks and hikes ;). One week we toured around the neighbourhood. Always wanting to “move as one”, they even randomly stopped by the home of a Vent who was not able to join otherwise.

They would have visited another Vent too, but were a little “directionally challenged”. They tend to do better in the woods with compasses.

The next week they hiked at Conroy. While the city had closed the sliding hill due to the ice, the Vents still had a great time walking the many trails. They slid across the ice on the paths, managing to look much more graceful than us leaders (who occasionally resembled Bambi).

Alas once we got our micro spikes on or used our walking poles, we were much better.

Perhaps our Vents were subconsciously preparing for the many quiet walks we have all taken in the last couple of weeks.

Spring Scouting & Covid-19

Currently all scouting activities are cancelled until at least May 4th at the earliest. This includes in person meetings, camps and other activities.

Unfortunately, this means we've lost some great activities like the Beavers White Tail Sleepover, the Cubs Polar Day, the Scouts Bridge Building Competition and Soapbox Car Derby, the Scouts RSVP Camp and the Venturers Ope Work Weekend.

Hopefully, things return to normal after public health officials have determined they can. We will continue to advise you of further cancellations and possible alternatives.

Stay safe everyone and keep the scouting spirit alive!!



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