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

Newsletter

60th Anniversary Design Contest

2021 marks an important milestone for the 101st. It's our 60th anniversary. To help mark it, we ran a crest and t-shirt design contest and the volunteers voted for their favourite designs.

All entries can be viewed here:

<http://www.101ottawa.com/60th-anniversary.html>

We received five crest designs from:

- 1) Venturers James Knight and Edgar Rosenbloom
- 2) Venturers Indira Marier, Sofia Laconi, Chloe Rosenbloom and Luca Pepe
- 3) Beaver Tommy Lincoln
- 4) Venturer Heather Humphries
- 5) Venturer Advisors Scouters Bill and Scott

We received two t-shirt designs from:

- 1) Venturers Indira Marier, Sofia Laconi, Chloe Rosenbloom and Luca Pepe
- 2) Cub Alexander Kurz

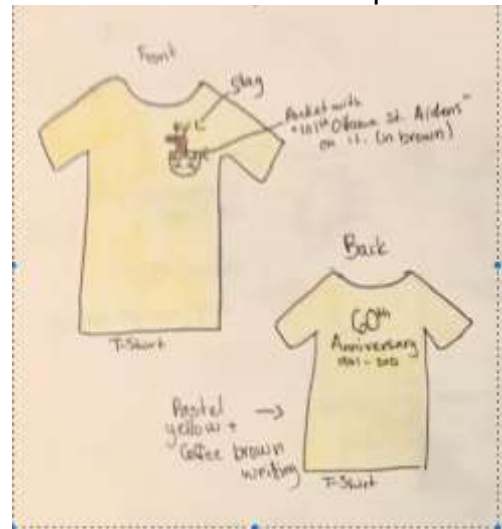
The winners are:

Crest – Beaver Tommy Lincoln



1. My favourite part of camp is stories & sits around the campfire.
2. Sleeping in tents is an exciting part of camping.

T-Shirt – Venturers Indira Marier, Sofia Laconi, Chloe Rosenbloom and Luca Pepe



Congratulations to our winners and thank you to all those who submitted great designs. It was a difficult choice to make. We are in the process of having the crest made for all to receive and a quote on the t-shirts to purchase at cost.



Scout Popcorn Campaign

Our second fundraiser of the year will start on April 15th and run until June 15th. All youth will receive a package to assist with their sales. The group keeps 45% of all sale. And we have a new supplier this year – Pappa Jack Popcorn located right here in Ottawa.
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You can sell to anybody located in Canada and they can ship it directly to them. Or, you can collect your sales (with payments) and submit them by the deadline in your package for a group bulk order and we will save on shipping.

These fundraisers are important as they account for over half our group revenues to be able to deliver great programming for the youth.



Beaver Tales

The Beavers month of March was jam-packed with lots of great meetings. We also welcomed a new Beaver to our Colony – Eddy – but also said goodbye to Curtis who is moving away from Ottawa with his family.

The first meeting was spent outside at the church where the Beavers built two shelters out of snow. While the snow was not very sticky, we cut some blocks out to make a half igloo.



The first weekend of March saw the Beavers go on a field trip to the Canada Agriculture and Food Museum (at the Experimental Farm).



What great timing because we saw lots of recently born baby animals, including calves, goats, sheep and piglets. They were all very, very cute!



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The Beavers learned a lot about the different farm animals and it was a really fun outing.



The following week, the snow had already melted a lot and we met at Weston Park for some snoccer (soccer in the snow). The Beavers also started picking up things they find in nature for a future craft.

The week after that, we went on a short hike on a trail off Anderson Road and made it to put some bird seed in the bird feeders on a large tree.

The week after, we met again outside at the church and learned some games that Inuit children play in Northern Canada. Some of these were a lot harder than they looked and are meant to build strength to go fishing and hunting.



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Finally, we met at the Vanier Museopark to go see where they tap the maple trees to make maple syrup right here in the middle of the city.



Cub Corner

Once again, March has snuck up on us.

Our newly installed Kaa brought out some flying discs (aka Frisbees) and taught the Cubs some basic “putts” of Disc Golf. Awesome! A few Cubs got the hang of it right away!



In the second week of March, the Cubs hiked the Pine Grove Trail – this is a Cub favourite and so handy too! Somewhere we got off the main trail and ended up on a secondary trail and the whole hike ended up being about 3.1km. We were also a little late getting back to parents. Sorry parents! We hope all the Cubs slept well that night though!



Our third meeting in March took place where March Break would normally be. We persevered though! We brushed up on some Emergency Skills- virtually- and as a result of that, Akela may owe some Level 4 Emergency OAS badges! We'll have to check.



Our fourth meeting in March had us meeting at the Church and doing something every single Cub dreams about doing – lighting a small fire. Cubs were asked to bring pie plates or cake pans to use as their fire pit and flammable objects from home like dryer lint, egg cartons and newspapers or flyers.



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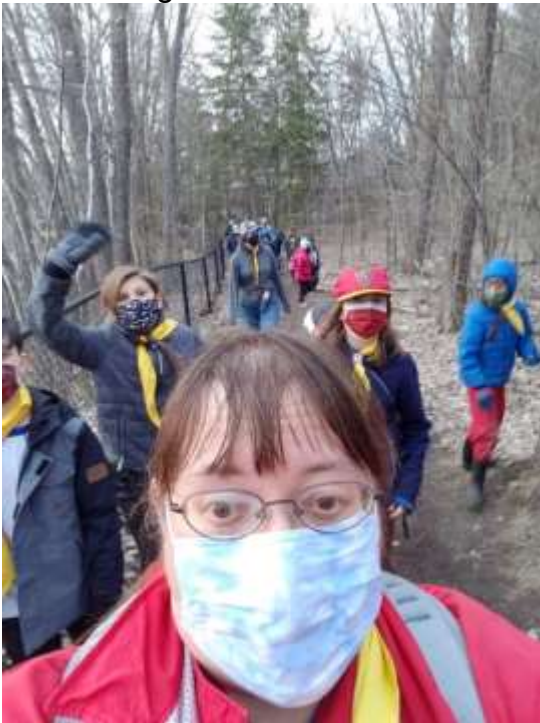
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Every single Cub came with all the equipment they needed and more enthusiasm that we thought possible! We had a few problems with some old matches, but got the hang of lighting a fire no problem. A few Cubs got a chance to try a flint and steel too! We learned that matches are slightly more reliable than flint and steel and that fire safety is no joke. Great job Cubs!

Our final meeting in March was another hike at McKay Lake. It was nice to see it in the daytime!

We've had a few new Cubs join us since we were last there – and there were a few Cubs that weren't able to make the first hike, so Akela handed out the water testing strips and those that missed it got a chance to test the water!



We had amazing weather for our hike. Kaa managed to capture the awesomeness of a cotton candy coloured sky.

As well as a bird's nest that was pointed out by a few Cubs. And Akela got to lead a leg of the hike! THAT'S never happened before!



Not sure if April will bring Virtual Meetings or In Person Meetings. Let it be known that the Cubs are ready for whatever challenge awaits!



Scout Trails

Well, after a great February which was capped with a half day camp, March came in like a lion for the Scouts with tonnes of activities. It all started with a night at the park – where we met at Hog's Back Falls and then walked over to Mooney's Bay Park. Seeing the falls in winter was something most Scouts had never seen.



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That was followed by a last chance to go tobogganing before the snow disappeared fast. It was a warmish night but the Scouts hit the big slope at Conroy

Pit like bats out of...you get it!



That was followed by an "urban hike" at the Scouts own request to go back downtown.



We walked around downtown, including up to Parliament Hill, Major's Hill Park and through the Byward Market (with a stop at Beaver Tails).



The Patrols had a series of questions to answer about the sights we came across to make it a little more challenging. But really, they just loved to be together and downtown on a school night.



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If that wasn't enough, the following week, we met at the church and walked over to the grounds of the Science and Technology Museum.



Each Patrol had to search the grounds to find hidden letters, put them together and then find the treasure.



Well, it seems some mysterious person (or animal) found the hidden treasure before the Scouts did because the chocolate had disappeared from where it was hidden behind the lighthouse. We think its lighthouse keeper.

We ended the month with a meeting at Weston Park where Wolverine Patrol organized a series of games for the Scouts. Great planning guys!



Venturer News

The Venturers began the month by taking advantage of the lovely warm weather. For our first meeting, we had an outing to Landsdowne Park, where new Venturers Edoardo, Indira, Sofia, Luca and Chloe were "officially" welcomed to Troop. Scouter Ruth H led the ceremony and the older youth participated in a moving and inspiring reading.



Some of the youth went skating on the outdoor ice rink, while others walked the grounds and took in the sights. All enjoyed gourmet cinnamon buns at the end!



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The week after, the youth got their steps in by going for a lengthy hike at Strathcona Park and around both sides of the Rideau River. Another hike followed at Mooney's Bay/Hogs Back, which was accentuated by a marshmallow roast at the end of the evening on a portable BBQ.



The final two weeks of the month, the Vents decided to go online, and spent one meeting taking virtual tours of some of the world's most impressive museums, like the British Museum or the Louvre. We finally ended the month by

playing "GeoGuessr", which drops participants at an unknown location around the world and challenges their ability to recognize their surroundings. We are hoping to get back outdoors in April and making the most of the milder temperatures.



[Registration for 2021 Scouting Year – We are accepting New Members](#)

Registration for the 2021 Scouting Year is open and will cover the period of January 1st to December 31st. And, we are accepting new members at this time so if you have a friend that wants to join the fun – they can check out two meetings for free before joining.

The registration fee is \$230 for the year and the 101st only gets \$15 of that amount as we aim to keep registration fees low and rely more on fundraising.



It starts with Scouts.



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Spring 2021 Group Activities

Fingers crossed that come the spring, gathering restrictions will permit us to have some much needed outdoor all section group activities. We believe that getting together this spring for some group events will be important and we will ensure to do it in a safe way while respecting all local guidelines and restrictions.

Here are some activities we are tentatively planning for the spring – details and dates to be confirmed:

- **May 8:** All Section Day Camp at Apple Hill Scout Reserve
- **June 12:** Saturday afternoon family picnic/BBQ and year-end awards banquet at Vincent Massey Park



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