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## Newsletter

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### Beaver Tales

March – when spring begins, or in 2024, it seems it began in February. And it was a month with only three meetings. Nonetheless, it was a good time to get outside and that we did. The Beavers started the month with a nice hike at a spot we like to go to at the trail where Walkley Road ends and turns in Ramsayville Road.

The following week, we were again outside to play some broomball in the church parking lot. Yes, broomball – kind of like hockey, kind of like soccer and loads of fun for Beavers. That led us into March Break, when we took the week off.



We came back to a first aid night. Thanks to Tic Tac, who is actually a nurse, the Beavers learned about what to do in an emergency, how to deal with certain minor injuries, what is a defibrillator and CPR.



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They also and put together some items for a small personal first aid kit. This will come in very handy when going camping or on hikes with Beavers or their family.



As we look to April and a packed schedule, we have about 2 and a half months left of meetings, a Beaveree and spring camp to look forward to.



### Cub Corner

Our best laid plans. We were supposed to go to the Rink of Dreams one more time before Spring hit. Well, Spring hit early and the +16 C temperatures shut down the rink. Oh dear, what can we do? Mang suggested the Library – Elmvale Acres Branch, pretty much right across the street from the hall. Well done Mang!

The White Tail Beavers also received their Northern Lights Tail as they work towards their North Star Award. This is the highest award that a Beaver can earn and most are close to meeting the requirements and just need to complete a community service project.

Cubs – who were decently behaved and stayed relatively quiet – learned about the different sections of the library, different items they could check out of the library and with thanks to the wonderful Suzy the Supervising Librarian, Cubs learned how to get a library card. We also took part in a Scavenger Hunt put on by the



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library. There were 24 hearts hidden around the library and Cubs were given the mission to find them all. A few managed it. Let it be known that several Cubs went back into the library with their parents to pick up a book or two after the meeting. We were so busy, we didn't take pictures though!

Given that we were in the Library and March Break was coming up, Akela challenged the Cubs. From Friday March 8, at 4pm to Tuesday March 19 at 6:30pm, the Cubs are asked to write down the books they read and how many pages those books are. If the Cubs can read more pages than Akela, there will be a prize. Scouters are still working on what the prize is, more news when we have it.



Our meeting after March Break was all about First Aid. Our dear friend Actar came back to visit and everyone got a chance to practice chest compressions – to music! We know how and when to make 911 calls, how to

deal with burns and what those weird symbols mean on cleaning items. We also made our own First Aid Kits.



Now for the results of the March Break Reading Challenge. 5 Cubs read 13,083 pages. Akela read 3861. Great job Cubs!

Our last meeting in March was the start of our Kub Kar Cutting. Cubs had a chance to pick a template and start designing their cards. We also got to meet Bagheera's Dad (now known as PaPa Panther) and her husband (Mr. Panther) – they will be helping us cut our cars in the next few weeks. Thank you Mr. Panther and PaPa Panther! Looking forward to April Adventures!



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Scout Trails

The Scouts started the month with a meeting to finish working on their Scout Trucks and to also continue building on their creativity – they build “marbles runs” and “mousetraps” for marbles using recyclable materials. It would appear that this year’s troop is particularly creative and like to make stuff. Hence, why we had such an enthusiastic turnout for Scout Trucks, which we do every two years. The week after March Break, the night of the big Scout Truck Rally came on March 20<sup>th</sup>. We had 16 Scout enter a truck in the rally.



This is a competition between local scout troops where they race their trucks to see which ones are the fastest and also enter them into a design competition. There were some 60 Scouts competing in the rally this year.



Gabriel made it into the top 10 racing competition and while we did not bring home any trophies, it was a really good time and a chance to be with other Scouts.



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The Scouts should be proud to have worked hard on their trucks and the Leaders were very impressed with the ideas and how they showed their personalities and interests.



Our Scouts volunteered their time at the Metro Elmvale store seeking food and cash donations from the public. Congrats Scouts for doing a good deed for those in need.



Community service is also a big part of scouting and after a four year hiatus, the annual Scouts Canada Food Drive finally made a come back this year. This is an annual food drive for the Ottawa Food Bank in partnership with Metro grocery stores.



For the last meeting of the month, we started another annual tradition at the 101<sup>st</sup>, where each patrol must plan and run a meeting. Over the years, we had some really interesting and fun meetings completely planned and executed by the youth themselves. We started with Coyote Patrol who ran an Easter-themed treasure hunt.



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Patrol Leader Dan, Assistant Patrol Leader Casey and Patrol members Annie and Emiko put on their bunny ears and hid easter eggs around the church. Each patrol had to follow clues to find them.



The night was capped off with a game of manhunt and a discussion about upcoming camps and events. Lots to look forward to.



### Thank a Volunteer Today

Want to say thanks to a volunteer – you can do so online and the volunteer will receive a special recognition. It's easy – just go to this website and fill out the information. You do need to know their real name – not just their leader name and if you're not sure ask them or another volunteer or parent. [www.scouts.ca/thanks](http://www.scouts.ca/thanks)



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