

May 2016



## 101<sup>st</sup> Ottawa (St. Aidan's) Scouting Group

# Newsletter



### Scoutrees 2015

On May 7<sup>th</sup>, a large group of Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and their families gathered at Queensway Park on Telesat Court to do a good turn for the environment.



In just under two hours, we planted 250 trees in a reforestation area.



Scoutrees is also an important fundraiser for our group and this year, we took in \$2,005!! That's a record for this fundraiser. This means \$300 for the World Brotherhood Fund and the remainder staying with the 101<sup>st</sup> Ottawa. Congrats to our top section fundraisers:

- Eli Lincoln in Beavers
- Chloe Rosenbloom in Cubs
- Zion O'Donnell in Scouts



### Beaver Tales

The Beavers have had a very busy month of May, full of tradition and celebration. We began with our annual Scout tree planting day. This is the first time many beavers have had the opportunity to plant trees, and they learned a lot about how to help give them a great start.

Ringtail and Emily, who happen to live in the area, will help keep a watchful eye on the trees as they continue to grow over the years.



Next came swim up, a very important day in a Beaver's life. This is when our White Tail

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Beavers transformed in the stream to become Tenderpad Cubs, and join the Cub Pack. We were so impressed at how quiet and respectful the other beavers remained, as they watched in awe as the magic happened.



This was an extra special night, as Bubbles celebrated his 35 years in scouting. That's longer than all the tenure of most of our Colony combined!



The colony then showed a great respect for the community with our bi-annual park cleanup of Canterbury Park. The Beavers were full of energy as they cleaned up every speck of garbage, while also learning how important it was to help the community. The 101st has been sponsoring this park for many years, and many Beavers and their families will have the opportunity to enjoy the freshly cleaned park this spring.

We next continued with another Canadian tradition - biking in spring. Pedalheads taught the Beavers and cubs some important rules about bike safety, how to fit your helmet, and the correct arm signals. All Beavers had the opportunity to navigate through courses designed to help them practice their skills, with several leaders acting as make-shift training wheels, and giving our Beavers confidence.

Finally - spring camp! This year we celebrated an Olympic theme atop Foley Mountain.



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Our Beavers were anxious to get the fun started, and decided that the day should start shortly after 5am. Thankfully there was lots of coffee for the weary parents. We even had an opening ceremony with a parade of Beavers, their flags and the lighting of the cauldron.



The weather was glorious, the beach and water was warm, the activities and crafts were fun, and the campfire was simply amazing with Hawkeye as a very enthusiastic Campfire Chief. What a perfect way to end an amazing year of scouting.



Our Colony has had a wonderful tour of the world, and we have had an amazing time. To ensure we do it justice, we will of course have no less than 3 celebrations for the end of the year - End of year Camp, End of year meeting celebration, and End of year party.

### Cub Corner

The Cubs were out and about quite a bit during the month of May.

The first meeting in May, the Cubs and the Scouts met at the South Keys movie theatre to watch The Jungle Book. Two thumbs way up!!



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On May 10<sup>th</sup>, we officially welcomed the white tail beavers as they swam up to become Tenderpad Cubs. We had 8 White Tails swim up and join our Pack and we are all looking forward to sharing many fun times with them. We also said good-bye to 2 third year Cubs: Jacob McAfee and Adrian Wright as they leapt up to Scouts. Although it is sad to see them go, we are so proud of their accomplishment and we know they are ready for the new challenges presented by Scouts.

Many 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year Cubs joined the Scouts in a joint camp on May 13-15 at Murphy's Point Provincial Park. Despite the cold weather, it was a great time for bonding and learning new skills.



And not to mention, a beautiful spot in the Canadian Shield.

We had our annual spring park clean-up on May 17<sup>th</sup> where we linked with the Beavers to get our adopted park, Canterbury, ready for the summer season. As usual the Cubs and Beavers did a fantastic job.

On May 24<sup>th</sup>, we linked again with the Beavers and welcomed PedalHeads to our meeting where the Cubs and Beavers had the opportunity to ride their bikes through an obstacle course, they did some bike bowling and rode their bikes over ramps. PedalHeads is a learning to ride bike program that has safe, fun and challenging camps for children ages 2 to 12. They offer summer camps in the Alta Vista area. For more information visit their website at [www.pedalheads.com](http://www.pedalheads.com).



Our last meeting of the year was filled with camp preparation as we prepare for the Voyageur Council Cuboree the weekend of June 3, 4, 5, 2016 as well as a reflection on all the fun times we have had all year. We are already planning and looking forward to next year!



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### Scout Trails

May was another busy month for the Scouts. They started with an evening at the movies with the Cubs to see the new Jungle Book movie. Yes, we saw a couple Scouts looking scared during some scenes, but their reviews were very positive.

The following week the Scouts met behind South Keys shopping centre to learn about geocaching. This is an activity that Scouter Ruth and Ethan love to do in their free time, which gets you out in discovering the city and surrounding area. You can even do it anywhere in the world. See the following website for more information: <https://www.geocaching.com/play>

There were two camps in May. The first was the annual RSVP camp at Opemikon. See the Venturers News section for more information. Then, the Scouts camped with the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year Cubs at Murphy's Point Provincial Park.

The Scouts then honed their golfing skills at Mini-Golf Gardens on Colonnade Road.



Let's say there was lots of goofing around on the course.



The Scouts ended the month with a planning meeting to discuss upcoming events, such as the canoe camp in June, the Great Lakes Jamboree in July and the Canadian Jamboree in 2017. Just three more meetings before the Scouts end for the summer. The Scout Leaders find it hard to believe how fast the year has gone by.

### Venturer News

May was camping month for the Vents with two weekend trips to Camp Opemikon. The first weekend of the month, the Vents along with a number of 101st Ottawa Scouts participated in the RSVP camp. Great weather prevailed and in addition to getting out on the lake in the canoes for a game of 'steal the noodle', the Vents also practiced their archery and high ropes skills.



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The Scouting youth also performed community service work. Saturday night dinner was the ever-popular chicken fajitas, followed by even more ever-popular dance at the teepee.



The second trip to Ope took place over the long weekend, with the Joint Council May Camp. Joint Council or 'JC', is the name given to meetings of Venturers and senior Girl Guides. JC meets once a month with all members invited to plan activities, and then at least once a month, interested members go hiking, bowling, go-karting or similar activities. JC also holds two semi-formal dances; one of which will be held later in June.

Anyway, back to the May camp. About 45 senior Scouting and Guiding youth gathered at Ope for 3-day Pirates vs. Ninjas Camp. In addition to a range of themed wide games and Scouting activities such as canoeing, the weekend also featured a dance and a very talented, talent show. Eight of the Vents along with 3 adopted members also hosted a pork souvlaki dinner on Saturday evening. The Vents were then hosted for dinner on Sunday evening. The youth travelled to and from the camp by bus.

The May Camp is 100% organized and run by the youth, leaving Advisors little to do but swat mosquitos and work on early summer tans! Congratulations to Graeme and Will for their key roles in planning and running activities over the May long weekend.

### Swim-Up and Leap-Up Ceremony

On May 10<sup>th</sup>, we held our annual Swim-Up Ceremony when 8 White Tail Beavers swam-up to become Tenderpad Cubs. While the Beaver Leaders will miss them, they were very proud of the new Tenderpads.



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This was also when two 3<sup>rd</sup> year Cubs leaped-up to become Scouts. The Cub Pack bid them farewell and safe journeys with the Scout Troop.



### Joint Cub-Scout Camp (a new tradition)

The weekend of May 13-15, some 15 second and third year Cubs and Scouts held a joint camp at Murphy's Point Provincial Park. For many, this was a new experience in camping together.



The Cubs benefited from learning about camp life and some outdoors skills like fire building and how to use an axe and saw. The Scouts also had an opportunity to show some leadership skills in leading the many activities.

This was, by nature, a more relaxed camp. Nonetheless we still got in a hike around the old mining heritage sites at the park, and a quick swim in a very cold lake.



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It was a cold weekend but we had good food, hot chocolate, a great campfire and friendships to keep us going.



This is definitely the start of a new tradition.

### Beavers & Cubs Clean-Up Canterbury Park

Every spring, as sponsors of Canterbury Park through the City of Ottawa's Adopt-a-Park Program, we get the Beavers and Cubs together to clean-it-up.



This simple gesture of picking up all the litter is a valuable community service and teaches the importance of taking care of the world around us for all to enjoy. Needless to say, they all enjoy doing it – especially if it means being to play afterwards.



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### End-of-Year Party/Banquet set for June 14

Our annual party to end the scouting year, hand out awards to the youth, and recognize our volunteers is set for **Tuesday, June 14 at the Canterbury Community Centre**. Cost is \$5 per person. Bring the whole family for pizza!



### IMPORTANT - Early Registration for 2016-17

Early registration for the 2016-17 scouting year (September 2016 to June 2017) is now open. Every year, those who register early save the hassle of registering in the fall and also save \$20 off the regular registration fee.

The early registration fees are:

**Beavers, Cubs & Venturers: \$200**

**Scouts: \$250 (the extra \$50 is to pay all dues at the beginning of the year)**

Registration forms will be provided starting in May. The deadline for registering early and taking advantage of the reduced fee is June 30.

You can now register either:

- 1) The traditional way by completing the form and paying cash or cheque
- 2) Online at <https://www.myscouts.ca> and paying by credit card

### Canadian Jamboree 2017

We are organizing a Patrol to attend the 13<sup>th</sup> Canadian Jamboree to be held July 8-15, 2017 at Camp Neddooae in Nova Scotia.

Important information was provided to parents of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Cubs as well as Scouts. To take advantage of the reduced price, confirmation and deposit is due by June 24<sup>th</sup>. Please see Group Commissioner, Francois Marier.

### Doors Open Ottawa



On June 4-5, many fascinating buildings in Ottawa will be open to the public. This includes the Canadian Museum of Scouting at Scouts Canada headquarters on Baseline Road. Check it out from 10:00am to 4:00pm on both days.



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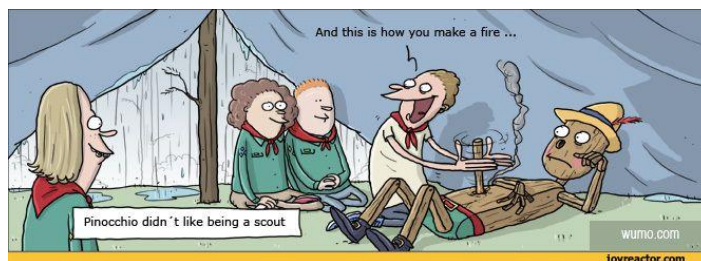
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### Dates for your Calendar

- **June 3-5:** Cubs Voyageur Council Spring Camp at Apple Hill Scout Reserve
- **June 14:** End-of-Year Party and Banquet at the Canterbury Community Centre
- **June 17-19:** Scouts Canoe Camp at Lac du Poisson Blanc
- **June 30:** Deadline for Early Registration
- **July 9-17:** Scouts at Great Lakes Jamboree at Camp BEL near London, ON



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