

MAY 2017



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Scoutrees is also an important fundraiser for our group and this year, we took in \$1,922!! That's a record for this fundraiser. This means \$288 for the World Brotherhood Fund and the remaining \$1,624 staying with the 101st Ottawa.

Scoutrees 2017

On a very wet May 6th, a large group of Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and their families gathered at a greenspace in Riverside South to do a good turn for the environment.



In just under two hours, we planted 220 trees.



Beaver Tales

May was a month of transition for many of our Beavers, especially our White Tail Beavers. The month started with our annual Swim-Up Ceremony when the White Tails become Tenderpads.



This is an important right of passage for every Beaver as is the White Tail Sleepover. This year, 13 of our White Tails took part in the sleepover (without parents!!) at the Museum of Aviation.

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In May, the Beavers also came together with the Cubs at Canterbury Park for the spring cleaning of the park.



Another big event in May was the Beavers 9th annual spring camp. This time, we returned to a favourite spot of ours: Camp Legewade on Hurd's Lake near Renfrew. Yes, the bugs were hungry for fresh

Beaver blood but the weather was glorious.



The theme of the camp was Minecraft so we had cool Minecraft activities including a great craft and scavenger hunt.



The Beavers went on a hike, learned about first aid, swam, canoed, and had a fun campfire (with s'mores).



And the location was spectacular.



What a fantastic month the Beavers had to finish another awesome year. Thank you everyone!



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Cub Corner

The month of May has been quite a busy one for the 101st Cub Pack. Blue Six (led by Cub Radley) tapped into the Pack's creativity and organized a dance contest between the lairs and the Scouters. It was a great night, made even more fun when the white tails came upstairs at the end and joined in the fun.

A number of cubs also came to the 2017 Scout Trees Dig Day where, despite some wet weather, we planted saplings and ran through the puddles.



Changing pace, we had a more serious, formal "Leaping Up" ceremony, which is one of significance to the Cub Pack. We welcomed 12 new Tenderpads from the Beaver Colony.



And watched six of our long-time Cubs leap up to Scouts. Congratulations Cubs Kieran, Luca, Samuel, Indira, Chloe, Ryan – we will miss you!



The rest of the month, we were mostly outside, enjoying the beautiful spring weather.



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We linked with the Beavers for our annual spring clean-up of Canterbury Park, and took on a community service project at the Kilborn Community Gardens.



The youth helped to weed beds, lay straw and plant herbs at “Hope Garden”, which is maintained by the Shepherds of Good Hope, and used to supplement the kitchens that supply meals to vulnerable people in our community.



The month ended with a visit to City Hall organized by Purple Six (led by Cub Chloe). Alta Vista Ward Councillor, Jean Cloutier, kindly hosted our Pack with a visit to Council Chambers, led a discussion about local governance and citizenship and facilitated a meeting with Mayor Jim Watson.



We are looking forward to our final Spring Camp at Voyageur Provincial Park from June 9-11, where we will do some swimming, paddling and relaxing. It has been a tremendous and busy year and we will you all a safe and happy summer!



Scout Trails

May began in the church with an informative discussion on First Aid and the inaugural whittling session with Scouter Mike as the Scouts began carving their new woggles.



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The packing plans and menus for the RSVP Camp were also decided. Camp Opemikon was a bit soggy when the Scouts arrived on the Friday evening but that didn't dampen their spirits as they quickly set up a common kitchen and dining area with the Venturers (who were very helpful throughout the weekend).



Despite the rain and cooler weather conditions the Scouts kept warm playing cards around the Coleman lantern, preparing their meals and running back and forth to the badge trading area.



The dance on Saturday night kept them moving after a delicious chocolate with fruit fondue which provided lots of energy for the event.

On May 9th the Cub Leap-Up to Scouts Ceremony was held and several new and enthusiastic Scouts were welcomed to the troop. The following week the Scouts were engaged in a fun science workshop where they learned about "Green Conscience" and were challenged with a guessing game that saw two teams combat to be the first to figure out the energy consumption of many household and workplace appliances - this was not as intuitive as one might think! After the game they built solar powered cars and had a race.



The warmer weather was finally here for the May 24th meeting which was held outside at Weston Park. The Scouts worked on their soccer skills and continued whittling their woggles. Many thanks to Scouter Jean and Max Stewart for coaching the Scouts and bringing all of the soccer balls.



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The final meeting of May was spent doing the Great Shoreline Cleanup along the Rideau River in the Billings Bridge area.



The Scouts had a great walk along the riverside netting 8 shopping bags of garbage and observing a number of Ottawa critters along the way including ducks, geese, squirrels, a beaver and a raccoon. Scouter Ruth provided yummy treats afterwards to celebrate the Scouts good deeds.



End-of-the-Year Party on June 6

Our annual party to end the scouting year, hand out awards to the youth, and recognize our volunteers is set for **Tuesday, June 6 at the Canterbury Community Centre**. The cost is \$5/person to attend and we will have food, awards, fun and the Group Commissioner gets pied in the face.



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IMPORTANT - Early Registration for 2017-18

Early registration for the 2017-18 scouting year (September 2017 to June 2018) is open!! Every year, those who register early save the hassle of registering in the fall and also save \$30 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)

The deadline for registering early and taking advantage of the reduced fee is June 30.

Register online at <https://www.myscouts.ca> and pay by Interac or credit card.



Canadian Jamboree 2017

Did you know we have a Patrol of 8 Scouts and Leaders attending the Canadian Jamboree in July in Nova Scotia? The national Jamboree is only every 4 years and for Scouts aged 11-14. What a chance of a lifetime for these Scouts.

Cabela's

WORLD'S FOREMOST OUTFITTER

Recently those Scouts going to the Jamboree spent a weekend in May fundraising for their trip by seeking donations from the public at Cabela's. The kind staff there were very supportive our Scouts and we wish to thank them. We managed to raise \$1,575 for our trip. We will report back in the first newsletter in September our adventures in Nova Scotia.

Dates for your Calendar

- **June 6:** End-of-Year Banquet at Canterbury Community Centre
- **June 9-11:** Cubs Spring Camp at Voyageur Provincial Park
- **June 16-18:** Scouts Canoe Camp at Lac du Poisson Blanc
- **July 8-15:** 13th Canadian Scout Jamboree at Camp Nedoia in Nova Scotia



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