

MAY 2018



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

## Newsletter



### Scoutrees 2018

On May 5<sup>th</sup>, a group of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts with their parents and siblings gathered at Cedardale Park near the Ottawa Airport to do a good turn for the environment.



We planted 100 trees in a area designated by the city as an are being reforested.

Scoutrees is also an important fundraiser for our group and this year we collected \$2,668.75!! That's a record for this fundraiser. This means \$400 for the World Brotherhood Fund and the remaining \$2,268 staying with the 101<sup>st</sup> Ottawa.

Our top pledge collectors in each section are:  
Beavers: Alexander Kurz  
Cubs: Derek Lagace  
Scouts: Chloe Rosenbloom



### Beaver Tales

May was the last month of meetings for the Beavers. And it was a busy one too.



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It started with a sports night at Weston Park (a favourite place near the church). The Beavers were put through several tests, including sprints on a beautiful night.

The following week was an important night for our oldest Beavers. They had their Swim-Up Ceremony where they "swam-up the river" to join the Wolf Cub Pack.



The Beaver Leaders will miss our White Tail Beavers.



But we are confident that they will make great Cubs as they are now entrusted to Akela and the other Cub Leaders. That night we also invested two new Beavers, welcoming Anlan and Justin to our Colony.

The following week was an important one for community service as we gathered with the Cubs at Canterbury Park for our spring clean-up. The Beavers did a fantastic job!



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We then prepared for the event of the spring for the Beavers: our annual spring camp. We returned to Camp Legewade near Renfrew on beautiful Hurd's Lake. The threat of rain was just that: a threat and the Beavers only got wet on purpose when they went canoeing and swimming. And yes, there were mosquitos!!



The theme was King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table and by the end of the camp, our 17 Beavers who participated were knighted as members of the Round Table by King Bucky.



It was a great camp with a hike, emergency kit making, a craft to make a shield to go with their sword, canoeing, swimming, a campfire, some games of skills including jousting with whipped cream tipped lances, and great food courtesy of Bubbles and our parent helpers.



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We finished off the month with our last meeting where we said goodbye for the summer.



### Cub Corner

We are lucky to be able to do some pretty cool activities on our scouting adventure, and one of the coolest was visiting the University of Ottawa Heart Institute and learning about our cardiovascular system. Baloo and Professor Diane taught us everything we need to know about atria, ventricles, veins and arteries (especially the biggest artery, the aorta).



We even got to see and touch a real mouse's heart, and learn about the different components of blood using a centrifuge. The importance of eating a healthy diet and exercising in order to reduce the chances of cardio vascular disease was discussed, and Baloo admitted that for expediency he tends to use his own blood for these experiments, which perhaps explains a lot of things.

Growth (both personal and botanical) featured strongly in May. We followed the heart institute with investiture, in which we welcomed the White Tail Beavers to join us in Cubs and also invested Bagheera, and sent off our Howlers to bigger adventures in Scouts. Parting is such sweet sorrow! It's incredible to see how these older Cubs have matured over the years and have become ready to take on the challenges of the next stage of scouting.



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We wish all our graduating Cubs the best as they move forward along the exciting paths they are forging for themselves within the 101st. Investiture was followed by an indoor informal campfire, which was lead by Kaa and therefore included Crazy Moose by default. That night we also welcomed the new Bagheera to our Pack.



The following Saturday we had decent weather to plant 100 trees with another nearby scouting group (11th Ottawa) at Cedardale Park.



And to continue the new beginnings theme we ended the month with our special visit to the Kilborn Allotments to help the Shepherds of Good Hope plant herbs, water the plots and weed the beds.

Thanks to Mang for keeping this great endeavour alive and kicking – the cubs showed a great deal of maturity and enthusiasm and did a fantastic job.

Other meetings saw us join the Beavers to clean-up Canterbury Park.



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And later in the month the youth had solve a series of tricky puzzles to escape from the castle of the evil Baron Francois du Marier, who had captured them all for his own amusement. Word searches, riddles, maps and locks were all part of the test, and the cubs did admirably discovering the secret password that let them off the island and away to safety in their boats.



The onset of June means camps and parties, and a short break before it all begins again in September.



### Scout Trails

May started with preparing for RSVP camp and refreshing our first aid skills at the Church hall.



RSVP camp is organized by the Rideau Area Rovers and attended by Scouts, Venturers and Pathfinders from the Girl Guides. The Scouts always look forward to it, especially since it's held at Opemikon.

A home away from home for the 101<sup>st</sup> Scouts. The Scouts did brilliantly setting up camp in gale force winds. Everyone survived but there were a few casualties with the tents. The storm hurried its way through and by morning we had glorious sunshine. After a fantastic breakfast cooked by our Venturers the Scouts were free to wonder the many activities including canoeing, high/low ropes, archery, and the ever popular badge trading.



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Sadly a reflection of today's world we found mostly plastic, but there is now one very large garbage bag less littering Dows lake. We received recognition of the Scouts as they went about their work in their uniforms and a few thank you's from the public as they walked past. Anyone can organize a shoreline clean-up with family and friends, see the national website: [www.shorelinecleanup.ca](http://www.shorelinecleanup.ca).

The Scouts are an amazing bunch and everyone was eager to cook and help out with the camp chores making it so much easier for the Scouters. The day ended with the much anticipated dance at the teepee. The following week we headed to the Arboretum to help with the shoreline clean-up. Again the Scouts did us proud and threw themselves into the task of picking up the garbage along the shoreline.



Keeping with being outdoors and squeezing in as much fun as possible the next week we headed to Landsdowne Park for World Orienteering Day organized by the orienteering club of Ottawa. The Scouts used their new skills



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and all managed to make their way round the course with very little help; whilst having the freedom to explore the area of Landsdowne. Thank you parents for ferrying the kids to all these great places in the city, it really makes the program so much fun for the kids to see all these great outdoor places in our city.



The last meeting was a chance to relax and play some soccer at Weston Park.



Thanks to Max Stewart for bringing his champion skills to the field and sharing his knowledge with the other Scouts. But wait that wasn't the last event of the month.



With a last minute request; Edoardo, Nick, Matthieu and Indira lived up to the Scout promise 'to help others at all times' and assisted Scouter Shaz and Scouter Bill with the St Aidans BBQ chicken dinner. Many of the parishioners and church members complimented the Scouters on how attentive and courteous the Scouts were. Well done Scouts!



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### Venturer News

The month of May kicked off with the RSVP camp at Ope. The Vents participated at the camp with the Scout Troop, and the usual good Ope good-time was had by all - despite high winds and some wild weather during portions of the camp.



Continuing with their cooking challenge theme, the Vents made their own home made donuts. Heating the oil and using 'popping-fresh' dough, the Vents cooked, decorated and of course ate the donuts. Suzy-Qs may not have to worry about the competition but they were quite tasty!



The Vents closed out May with an evening of road hockey. The first half of the game was Vents vs. Scouters. And surprise, surprise - the Scouters acquitted themselves quite well. For the second half, the teams were mixed, allowing the Scouters to take a bit of a breather. We may have picked the wrong evening though to hold this game as the humidex was still in the 30s!

### Summer Camp at Opemikon

Camp Opemikon offers summer camping programs for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venturer aged youth. Camps include crafts, swimming, hiking, canoeing, campfires, theme weeks, and so much more. A truly memorable summer camp experience!

Information is now available at:

<http://voy.scouts.ca/ca/camp-opemikon-summer-programs>



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### IMPORTANT - Early Registration for 2018-19

Early registration for the 2018-19 scouting year opens on May 1<sup>st</sup>!! 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: \$215**

**Scouts: \$265 (the extra \$50 is to pay all dues at the beginning of the year)**

Returning members have a 2-week window (until May 15th) before registration opens to new members. The deadline for registering early and taking advantage of the reduced fee is June 30.

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

### Dates for your Calendar

- **June 8-10:** Cubs Spring Camp at Fitzroy Provincial Park
- **June 12:** Year End Banquet at Canterbury Community Centre
- **June 15-17:** Scouts Canoe Camp at Lac du Poisson Blanc, QC
- **July 14-22:** Scouts at Great Lakes Jamboree in Dochester, ON

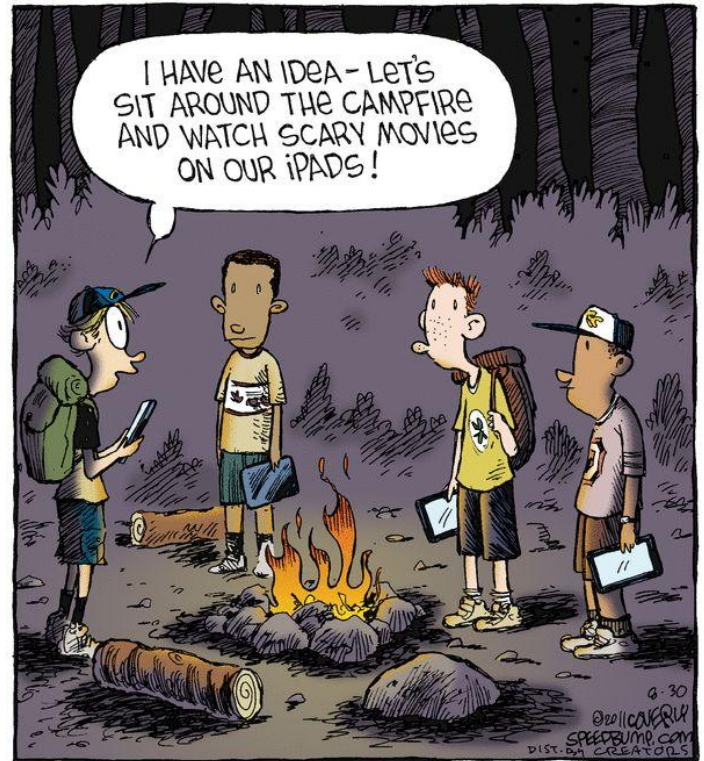


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