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

Newsletter

60th Anniversary Special T-Shirt & Crest

Hurry and order your special edition 101st 60th anniversary t-shirt, designed by four of our Venturers. We are selling them at cost for \$13 for youth sizes and \$16 for adult sizes. Order them by June 6th by contacting GC Francois.



All youth and adult members will also get a special edition 60th anniversary crest designed by Beaver Tommy Lincoln. We have received them from the crest maker and they look great and are huge at 6" across. Will look great on a campfire blanket.



Scout Popcorn Campaign

Our second fundraiser of the year ends soon. We keep 45% of all sales to fund the group's great programming and support our volunteers. Our new supplier this year is Pappa Jack Popcorn located right here in Ottawa. So far, we have over \$780 in online sales and \$450 in take order sales.

You can **collect your orders** (with payments) and submit them by June 2nd for a group bulk order and we will save on shipping. This perfect for family or friends here in Ottawa.

Or, **direct online sales** can be made through www.scoutpopcorn.ca and shipped directly to anybody in Canada. Make sure they pick the right group/section/member so we can get the 45% from the sale. Products usually ship within 2 weeks of ordering. Online sales close on June 15th

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

Top sellers in each section will get to pie the Group Commissioner in the face!

Thank you for your support!!!

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Beaver Tales

In early May, our Beavers got out and about all over, in nature and around their neighbourhood. They really took to heart the hiking challenges this month – we had two of them. The first was to hike a minimum of 2 KM and the second was to hike using a map to orient themselves. We got lots of great picture of Beavers out with their families and getting some fresh air and exercise.



This completed weeks 3 and 4 of the Great 8 Challenge.

We then worked on weeks 5 and 6 of the Challenge, which included some basic first aid and talking about what should go in your personal first aid kit. Tic Tac had them write out an emergency contact card that they can carry with them in their first aid kit while on hikes or at camp when mom or dad are not there.

Week 6 of the Challenge was about planting seeds to grow something and all Beavers loved this challenge. Some are growing flowers and others vegetables or even watermelon. We look forward to seeing how they grow.



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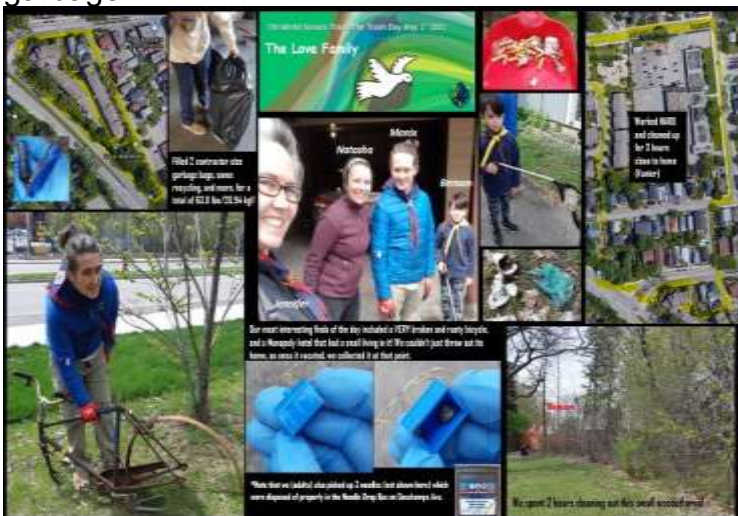
William dragged his sister along, Derek went out in the rain, James got quite a collection of items, Casey and Duncan hit Petrie Island and Griffin geared up and got it done! So proud of you Cubs.

For June, we will have a joint meeting with the Cubs and finish our last two weeks of challenges. We also hope to get back to end the year with a couple in person meetings. Hang in there Beavers – we are almost there!



Cub Corner

Several of our Cubs took part in the Trash the Trash Day on May 1st. Benson's family went out en masse and collected 48lbs (28.9kg) of garbage! WAH!



May the Fourth be with you. Our Cubs seem to LOVE Star Wars, and since our meeting actually fell on May 4th, well - we had to have a Star Wars theme. So we threw some trivia at them tonight to see how much they actually knew! They did pretty good.



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It was also Week 3 of the Great 8 Challenge. So we asked the Cubs what extra items would you pack for trips to Tattoine, Dagobah, Endor, Hoth, Coruscant, and Kamino. Surprisingly, several times the words shelter building materials, food and water were

mentioned. Great ideas Cubs!

Howler Casey also gave a presentation on his Seeonee Award Project– cleaning up Petrie Island and raising money to save about 145 turtles! Great job Casey!

The second week of May saw us working on Challenge #4 of the Great 8 Challenge. Wayfinder Whiz. Cubs were asked to draw or print off maps of their neighbourhoods – Akela was impressed that a lot of Cubs chose to draw their maps, Great job there! - and we discussed which map symbols they might have or need on their maps. There was also some planning for a few meetings from now when we will invite the 3rd year Beavers to come and visit.

We'd also like to congratulate Red Lair – they have won the right to choose Akela's Spring Hair Colour. Colour to be decided. Pictures when it happens!

We spent the third Tuesday in May working on Disaster Master – Challenge #5 of the Great 8. Cubs were able to show off their First Aid

knowledge, ask questions, share answers and – with the work done earlier this year, they all achieved Emergency Skills OAS #4. WOOT WOOT! Congratulations Cubs! We also took the opportunity to plan out our Cub Overnight – happening June 4-5. More news on that when it happens!

The fourth week of May and Plant Pursuit is the theme of Challenge #6 of the Great 8. A great big Thank You to Raksha and Chil who shared their gardens with us so we could see some edible plants. Huge Kudos go to Raksha who bravely ate tulip petals and confirmed that they do, in fact, taste like lemony cucumbers.

This week also found our Howlers dropping into the Scout meeting on Wednesday to see what kind of fun things they do there. It was lovely to see you all there. You all seemed so shy to introduce yourselves, I don't think we've ever seen you all being shy! Either way, you're all wonderful and we're going to miss you in the fall when you go up to Scouts.



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Howler Casey got a mention in dispatches for his Seonee Award work of cleaning up Petrie Island and raising money for turtle conservation. Rumour has it he raised \$300 and gets to name some turtles. We think Akela, Raksha, Baloo, Hathi, Chil and Kaa would be great turtle names. Just sayin'.



Also a special shout out to James who is finishing up his Community Badge by helping the superintendent in his building by sweeping and washing the stairwells! All 15 floors! Nicely done James!

See you in June!



Scout Trails

Well, the Scouts certainly made the best of a month of virtual meetings and the continuing on our Great 8 Challenge was a good way to keep them engaged each week. The shelter-building challenge was one they really loved and most of them participated in. We saw some great shelters built in either the backyard in a wooded area nearby their houses.



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Both Jacob and Sam were able to do it a wooded area near Balena Park and had some great looking shelters.



Our Scouts also took on the challenge of walking or hiking a total of 42 KM during the month of May – that's the distance of a marathon. The Leaders saw some great plans of where and when they plan on hiking, including to Tim's and back home.

Here Eli and his brother Tommy walked from home to the grounds of the Science of Tech Museum, working on both of their challenges



Brothers Dax and Van built a shelter in their backyard out of a tarp and some sticks and actually slept in it one night. Kudos to them for taking the challenge to the next level.



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The Scouts continued their challenge in May by using a map, preferably a topographical map to orient themselves. Week 5 of the challenge had some first aid and going through your home first aid kit to see what it should contain. The last week of May, the Scouts hosted the 3rd year Cubs for a meeting and six of them came to meet the Scouts and Leaders and play a game and escape room together. Thanks for coming!

June promises the potential of some in person meetings, fingers crossed.



Venturer News

In early May, the Vents embraced the Scouts Canada Great 8 challenges with many of them participating in the various activities.

For Week 1, the youth were challenged to cook something outside, incorporating an unusual or unfamiliar ingredient, and to cook using equipment they haven't used before, or using it in a new way.



These youth rose to the challenge producing some very yummy looking dishes including hickory smoked beef brisket, lavender lemon scones, grilled tilapia on a charcoal grill, salmon on cedar, and steak with a charcoal bruschetta and dragon fruit salad.

In Week 2, the challenge was emergency shelters. While some found some in the forest, others made ones with items they would find in nature and equipment that would be in their day packs (e.g., emergency blanket, rain poncho, rope).



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Week 3 the whole Company participated in the challenge as they began their planning for a 42 km hike on the Rideau Trail over two days with the intention of being able to execute it together when we are able to do so.

For the next week, we looked at local trails and topographical maps, discussing how youth could make their own trails and detours while staying safe and using the trails to intersect as markers.

Towards the end of the month Venturer Indira led the company in a virtual cooking night where we made pork dumplings with a dipping sauce. Everyone more or less kept to the same pace and the meeting got very quiet as they were all busy eating the delicious dish they prepared.



Throughout the month, the youth filled in the meeting times by playing some online games and enjoying each other's company. Next month, we are hoping to be able to have at least 1-2 in person meetings as restrictions allow.

Great 8 Challenge

You may have noticed that all four of our sections are working on this Canada-wide 8-week challenge hosted by Survivorman Les Stroud. We've done some great things virtually and at home. All those who took part qualify to get a huge composite crest – a crest with several pieces to form one huge crest.



Also you can save 25% using promo code SCOUTS if they want to order Les Stroud's book Wild Outside – makes a great gift for our own young Survivors.

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