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

Newsletter



Christmas Appeal (Mitten Tree)

Each year, the 101st puts out a special Christmas Appeal to the youth and parents to help out others in our community. This year, we will again be seeking toques, mitts, gloves and socks for kids involved in Christie Lake Kids.



Christie Lake Kids (CLK) creates opportunities for economically disadvantaged children and youth in Ottawa that changes the trajectory of their young lives through sport, arts, camp, mentoring and leadership programming that recognizes their needs, supports and challenges them. One of these programs is run 2 blocks from St. Aidan's at the Dempsey Community Centre. CLK's summer camp is also just up the road from Camp Opemikon.

Thank you for your generosity. Please bring in your donations by December 9th or 10th.



Beaver Tales

The Beavers had another busy month with lots of varied activities.



The Beavers also showed the true Christmas spirit by taking part every year in Operation Christmas Child. This is a charity-run project where shoe boxes filled with small items like toys, school supplies and personal items are sent to boys and girls around the world. This will be the only present these children will likely receive all year. The Beavers filled 15 shoe boxes that will be delivered to boys and girls in third world countries. The Leaders were overwhelmed with the generosity.



The next week the Beavers headed outdoors with a hike at the Mer Bleu Boardwalk. With just our flashlights and the bit of light on the horizon, the Beavers hiked through marsh and bog to see this unique local landscape in the dark. They even practiced their wolf howls at the moon to impress Akela the next time they link with the Cubs.

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The Beaver Leaders then organized two nights of pirate-themed activities. Tic Tac and Thunder regaled them with pirate stories, jokes and a song. They played some games and Hawkeye got them to make their own pirate parrots out of clothespins. Next up is a Treasure Hunt outdoors to see how well they can read a map.



Cub Corner

'Twas the month before Christmas,
when all through the town,
the 101st Cub Scouts marched,
in their yellow and brown.

To remember our Vets,
a visit we paid,
to the national war museum,
where we learned of the sacrifice made.



The Cubs studied maps,
and heard history told,
wandered through bunkers,
and saw objects of old.



Our next meeting was grand,
a tour of Kaa's work,
at Davis Engineering,
where we saw metal worked.



Great structures created,
for aircraft to fly,
without being detected,
to keep them safe in the sky.



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He encouraged the kids to think critically, and ask of themselves: "What kind of Canada, do you want there to be?"



Next onwards to Parliament, and without any limits, MP McGuinty gave us all a solid lesson in civics.



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As the end of November drew to a close, the Cubs started a play with acting and prose.

In the month of December there will be much delight for our Cubs and their crowd, and for Kaa, our playwright



Scout Trails

November was a jam-packed month for the Scouts. We began with a visit to Laser Quest where a great time was had by all. Strategizing to team up and tag the leaders was a fun way for some of our newer Scouts to get to know our third and fourth years!



On the first weekend of November the Scouts canvassed for the food drive at the local Metro store and helped with the teardown and clean-up at the St. Aidan's Church Bazaar. Our leaders received a very nice note of thanks from the Church for the help mentioning that the ongoing support of the Scouting movement is truly a blessing to St. Aidan's.

Remembrance Day week was also busy with a spirited hike through the downtown area on November 8 where the Scouts got to observe a number of Ottawa War Memorials including some lesser known ones like the Hungarian Memorial and the Animals in War Monument, as well as the better known Peacekeeping Memorial on Sussex and the National War memorial on Wellington.



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Canadian Parliament hosted by our local Ottawa South MP, David McGuinty. It was a beautiful evening for the stroll up the hill and the stories Mr. McGuinty shared were engaging to all.



The next two regular meetings were back at the church for Great Lakes Jamboree Planning and Pre-Winter Camp preparations as well as some fun some team building activities in their new patrols and the investiture of the newest Scout members. And in between the Canadian Tire Centre hosted Senators Scout Night on November 25th where participating Scouts and their families saw a great game against the Islanders and got a great new badge for their camp blanket.

On November 12th several Scouts had the honour of taking part in the St. Aidan's Remembrance Day Church parade. The following Wednesday the Scouts volunteered at their annual Bingo Night at the Perley Rideau where they got to meet and interact with some veterans. Their company was very appreciated by all and they were invited back to help out again in December.



On November 21st some of the Scouts accompanied the Cubs on a special tour of the



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Remembrance Day Service

On November 12th several members of the 101st took part in a special annual service to honour Veterans at St. Aidan's Anglican Church. Both Cub Leader Jeremie Drouin (Mang) and Scout Heather Humphries carried in flags in the procession. Cub Sophie Humphries, Scout Indira Marier and Scout Maxime Genest helped local political representatives lay wreaths. Scout Heather Humphries, Scout Max Corbett and Venturer Stephan Fortier read readings and prayers. Beaver Melina Drouin, Cub Isabelle Drouin and Cub Xavier Drouin took part in the procession with Cub Leader Will Humphries (Kaa), Scout Leader Ruth Humphries, Group Commissioner Francois Marier and Venturer Samuel Marier.

Members of the Parish were very pleased to see the youth participation in the ceremony along with the Veterans in attendance, including 97-year old Charles Beddoe, a cameraman who filmed the D-Day invasion, who is a resident of Perley Rideau. Read his story in this Ottawa Citizen story:

<http://ottawacitizen.com/news/local-news/ottawa-born-combat-cameraman-filmed-d-day-invasion>

Scouts Night at the Ottawa Senators

On November 25th hundreds of Scouts, Leaders and their families descended on the Canadian Tire Centre to see the Ottawa Senators play the NY Islanders. Some 41 family-members of the 101st were among those in attendance. While the Sens lost the game 2-1 in an exciting final few minutes, for many of our Scouts, it was their first live hockey game and hopefully not their last.



Dates for your Calendar

- **December 9-10:** Scouts Pre-Winter Camp at Baxter Conservation Area
- **December 12:** Beavers & Cubs visit to Perley Rideau Veterans Home
- **December 19:** Beavers & Cubs joint Holiday Party at the Canterbury Community Centre
- **January 12-14, 2018:** All Sections Winter Camp at Opemikon
- **January 20:** Rideau Area Winter Beaverie at Vernon Community Center



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