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# Newsletter



## Scout Popcorn

A very special recognition to our hard-working Cubs. They were the section that sold the most Scout Popcorn and our two top sellers in that section: James and Jarrett were recognized for their efforts.

We also did the draw for the camping equipment and each youth that sold more than \$100 in Popcorn had their name put in the draw for each \$100 they sold. Our winner was Cub Dante. Congrats and hope you will put that gear to good use!

Thank you again for all our wonderful families who make such an effort each year to raise funds for our scouting group.



## 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 12 shoe boxes that will be delivered to boys and girls in third world countries. The Leaders were overwhelmed with the generosity.



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This was followed by decorating Halloween cookies.



The following week, the Beavers got outdoors and went to their annual Fall night hike at the Mer Bleu Boardwalk. This coincided with the first snowfall of the Fall and the Beavers had to bundle up but what excitement to be hiking in the dark at a beautiful and peaceful spot.

The following two meetings were devoted to special "cultural nights".

On our first night, we had a special guest for the first one with May, mom of Beavers Benoit and Jean-Luc who is Thai and showed the Beavers all about this beautiful culture.



The Beavers even learned about scouting in Thailand (they are "little tigers" and not Beavers) and how to do "rock, paper, scissors" in Thai and a special national dance. They got to try sticky rice at the end of the night too. Yum!



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The following week, we learned about Beaver Nyla's world trip. Very exciting to visit places like Spain and Australia.



And new Beaver Alessandro showed us all about Italian culture.



The Beavers were very attentive throughout all of these presentations and learned a lot about fascinating places and cultures of the world. Molto bene!!



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**Cub Corner**

November passed in a flash, and was a month of remembrance on many levels.

We started with remembering our armed forces and those who have fallen in the line of duty. Baloo talked to us about the lessons we have learned from war, and then guided us along the tricky path of folding an origami crane. The crane is a bird of happiness, a symbol of good fortune and longevity, of hope and healing during challenging times, although folding the crane was challenging enough for some. If you fold one thousand cranes, it is said that your wish will come true, unless your wish is to fold just one correctly, then you're stuck in a bit of a legal loophole. At the end of the day though, much folding was done, and most went home with a paper creature that closely resembled the task at hand.

The following week we headed outside for some compass training, and several Cubs tried to remember to wear appropriate outdoor clothing, but generally forgot. So while we did manage to learn some important lessons about how to navigate with only a compass (especially should you ever find yourself with your head stuck in a box), the outdoor meeting was abruptly cut short before any fingers and toes fell off. Please remember - it is critical to dress appropriately for meetings and the weather otherwise we have trouble keeping to the program.



Creativity in Kub Kar design and Personal Achievement Badges was the order of the day for week three. Many cubs remembered to work hard on their badges and presentations, and we were all treated to some incredibly creative demonstrations and descriptions of projects - from SCUBA diving expeditions to building Go-Karts. Our Cubs really are a talented, helpful, resourceful bunch, and those who had come prepared were awarded badges for their efforts - keep up the great work! We will be continuing work on the Kub Kars

For the final meeting of November, we were fortunate to have a presentation from a First Nations guest speaker.



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We remembered the traditions of Canada's first people, and learned about their culture, clothing, food, and way of life. We were treated to traditional games and stories, and we all went home just a little bit happier thanks to hearing the tale of the skeleton lady (click clack,click clack!) who started the fire. Have your Cub tell you the story if they haven't already.



Into December, we have a busy program despite being a short month for the holidays - we will be continuing with our Kub Kars, as well as hosting a talent show / show and tell (all cubs will be showing off their talent or interest for a minute or two). We'll also be heading out to wonderful Cumberland Heritage Village Museum to see the lights, have a sleigh ride, and drink hot chocolate. Here's looking forward to a great month - best wishes to you and your families for the holiday season. We'll see you in the New Year!



Scout Trails

The Scouts schedule was pretty full during the month of November. They started the month with a visit to the Canadian War Museum. This was the week leading up to Remembrance Day and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Armistice so we focused on the First World War. The Scouters think they may have actually learned something.



The following week, the Scouts had one of those rare weeks when they were at the church. A special guest came to demonstrate medieval armour and weapons. Shayne (husband of Cub Leader Rikki Tikki Tavi) is a medieval enthusiast and the Scouts really got into the chance to try out and handle swords, helmets and chainmail. Very cool they said.



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On Saturday, they worked on outdoor skills and earning their axe/saw and stove/lantern permits.



The Scouts then did an escape room at Room Escape Ottawa and two of the three rooms completed it in the one hour they were given. We then went back to the church to talk about Scout Trucks and our Pre-Winter Camp at Baxter Conservation Area.

This annual tradition was expanded to two nights and the Scouts were very enthusiastic to sleep two nights outdoors in this weather. On Friday, they stayed in their tents.



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The Scouts had some hearty food, including a beef stew for dinner cooked in our new Dutch ovens over charcoal. Yum!!



The Scouters were very impressed with how the Scouts worked well together and all of them wanted to sleep in their shelters no matter whether it may not hold up – they all did and not one of the 15 Scouts left during the night for the heated cabin. We have some hardy Scouts for sure.



Venturer News

The first weekend of November, the Venturers continued a tradition started when most of them were Scouts: a shelter-building camp at Baxter. They planned and organized the camp and the Venturer Advisors were more than happy to tag along and oversee their adventures. It was great to see them get into the shelter building and they had a beautiful weekend to do it – before the snow came early.



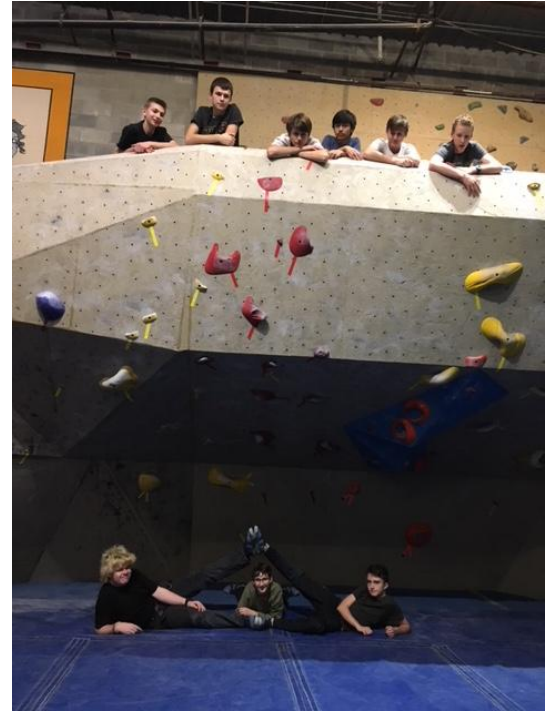
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The Venturers are a busy bunch and the month of November also included some rock climbing at Coyote Rock Gym, again planned and organized by the Venturers.

The Venturers who participated in the Camp Opemikon Shoreline Project were also recognized for their efforts by Camp Warden Theresa. Congrats Venturers for giving back to a beloved camp.

[St. Aidan's Remembrance Day Service](#)

The Remembrance Day ceremony, hosted by the Saint Aidan's Parish, is a very special event for our entire Scout Group. It gives us an opportunity to pay our respects to those who have served, and are currently serving, in the Canadian armed forces. It also provides us with an opportunity to show support for the church, that graciously sponsors our Group.



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Youth and Scouters in our Group are provided with an opportunity to fully participate in this event and in turn, the parish recognizes our commitment to the community. We also have the special opportunity of meeting members of the church congregation after the ceremony when we are treated to snacks, sweets and drinks at an after service event.

This year we had a large turn out with representation from the Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, and Scouters. All were dressed in full uniform. A special thank you to Stephan, Heather and Sabina, who helped laid the wreaths presented by each level of government.



We would also like to thank Maxime, Max T., Scouter Elena and Scouter Martha for doing a reading during the service. Finally, a big thank you to Cub Scouter Kaa (Will) for stepping in at the last minute to carry a flag during the ceremony.



### Dates for your Calendar

- **January 12-14, 2018:** All Sections Winter Camp at Opemikon
- **January 19:** Rideau Area Winter Beaveree at Greely Legion
- **February 23:** Rideau Area Kub Kar & Scout Truck Rally



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