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Our second was a great success. Thank you to all of the youth and families who participated. You sold a total of \$6,809 worth of product and the 101st gets to keep \$2,383.15 to support our programming and volunteers. Thank you!!

Our top sellers for each section that will get to pie Scouter Sunshine in the face are:

- Beavers: Rhys Pollock
- Cubs: Pip Barrington
- Scouts: Alexander Kurz
- Venturers: Indira Marier



[Beaver Tales](#)

Another month goes by and the Beavers made the most of it with lots of fun meetings and activities. We started off with a visit to Hogs Back Park where the Beavers got to see the falls up close. We walked across the bridge to get a great view of the rushing water below and talked

about why there are falls and a dam here. We the walked to Mooney's Bay and the giant playground where we let the Beavers lose to just have some unstructured play time. Always is a favourite of theirs.



The second meeting of the month we were back at the church and we invested our newest Beaver Leader – Rainbow. Beaver Lochlan helped with the investing by putting her neckerchief on. Thank you Rainbow for volunteering your time.



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The meeting was devoted to filling shoe boxes with small items donated by the Beavers. These boxes will be shipped through an initiative called Operation Christmas Child and will be destined for boys and girls in poor countries as Christmas presents – probably the only one they will get. We filled 6 boxes thanks to the Beavers and their families generosity.



The Beavers got to check out all of the different and unique fruits and vegetables, many of which they never heard of or tried. The highlight of course was the fish counter with all of the different types of fish and seafood.



The following week, the Beavers went on a field trip to visit Beaver Leader Echo's place of work – Produce Depot.



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Our next meeting was back at the church for a craft night and thanks to Rainbow, the Beavers made a beautiful Christmas glass jar light. We then capped off the month with a hike at the trail at the bend in the road where Walkley and Ramsayville roads meet. It was a fantastic night for a hike, cool and brisk and the Beavers hiked a good 2 KM.



Cub Corner

Due to the Church Bazaar, we were unable to meet in the hall the first week of November. The only problem that this posed was WHERE do we want to go? Several options were floated around and the decision was made for Hog's Back. But instead of walking towards Mooney's Bay, we'd try and walk to Vincent Massey Park instead. So, we met at Hog's Back Park, did our opening and off we went!



There were hills, stairs, it was dark, there was the sound of excited Cubs and a rushing river. My goodness we had a good time! We didn't really make it to Vincent Massey Park, but Akela would like it to be known that the Cubs did her proud and no one was left behind on this hike. Many thanks for that one.

The Cubs found a lookout on the hike and a nice open area to play a game – COVID manhunt. Awesome. Eventually we had to head back to the Parking Lot, but not before we did a quick Plan for next week's meeting! We need to have our Hallowe'en Party! Akela asked everyone for their favourite song so we should have an awesome playlist.

The second week of November found us Ready to PARTAY! We were celebrating the end of the Dragon Trail Quest, as well as Hallowe'en. So of course everyone came in costume. Great job Cubs! We started the evening with Hallowe'en Bingo – using Rockets as Bingo tokens!



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Then we had Mummification – really just wrapping a volunteer with toilet paper – and Lairs were judged on how well they mummified AND how well the mummification stayed together when put to the test. Red Lair was the ultimate winner.



headphones so we could HEAR the tour guides! How awesome! Huge Thank Yous to Shalima and Veronica for being such excellent Tour Guides! This was a fabulous experience and the Cubs were pretty well behaved. Thank you Cubs, you did good.



Our last game involved a donut on a string. That's right, Bobbing for Donuts! Cubs really enjoyed this one. It was tougher than you'd think. All in all, a great celebration. Once the Cubs were all sugared up, we sent them home. You're welcome.

Cubs took in Remembrance Hall, World War 1 Trenches, World War 2 Dictators, Nuclear Fall Out and the Cold War, and the Vehicles of War Hall. Shalima left us with these thoughts that we are passing on to you.

*War is a Horrible Experience.
It is Experienced by normal people.
It influences everything we do today.*

The Cubs took the opportunity to commemorate Remembrance Day by visiting the Canadian War Museum on Saturday November 12. Since it was kind of a special occasion, we invited a smaller group – the 69th Ottawa – to join us. They did! We all met at the Museum for 12:45pm on November 12. We were split into two groups and we each had a tour guide and everyone got



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The third week of November brought us to an activity the Cubs have been wanting to do for quite a while. We learned how to MAKE and COOK ON a Buddy Burner. Thank you to Kaa who organized this event. A Buddy Burner – for those not in the know, is a very basic camp stove made with two cans – one small to hold your fire, one larger to cook your meal on. Cubs had the opportunity to use tin snips to make holes in their cans, pack their fuel cans with their choice of fuel – wood shavings, paper or cardboard – light their fuel cans with matches, and then cook a grilled cheese on top of the can.



Things we learned from this – it was windy, so that certainly wasn't helping keeping the matches lit. We need ventilation holes at the TOP of the can to make it work better. The food cooks better once the Buddy Burner heats up a bit. Still a good activity. Glad we did it. Wow, the Cubs have certainly been busy this November, and it's not over yet!

We took an opportunity to learn some important First Aid. Cubs learned what to do with a nosebleed, how to apply bandages, how and when to contact 911 and Emergency Services, why it's important to know the address of WHERE you are. We also went through the Cubs First Aid Kit, and made a new friend named ACTAR.



Finally, each Cub had an opportunity to practice with an EpiPen Trainer. These are all scenarios that Cubs will be encountering as they head out into the world. They did a great job and seem to be ready for more.

Our last meeting in November involved the Dreaded Paperwork! It was for a worthy cause though! Cubs worked in their Lairs to plan a Saturday Adventure. Yellow Lair Planned an Outing for December, Blue for January, Green for March and Red for April.



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They helped Akela fill out the Adventure Forms and Emergency Plan for the outings. Each Emergency Plan needed the location of the Adventure and the nearest Fire Station and Hospital to that Adventure. To find this information, Cubs had to read a map. A regular, who carries this in their car anymore, map. They did a great job and we're all looking forward to our upcoming Adventures!



Scout Trails

November and jam-packed, fun-filled, adventure-bound for Scouts. Where to start? Our first meeting was a hike – a nice long hike. It was dark but we had stars out and we hiked from parking lot P21 at the corner of Anderson and Ridge roads almost all the way to the Mer Bleu bog and back. The evidence of the May wind storm was everywhere to see.

The following week, being Remembrance Day, we did a walk around downtown to visit several monuments to our veterans and past wars. We started out at the War Museum and then visited the Holocaust Monument across the street. It was a very somber and emotional experience for the Scouts to remember the horrors of war.



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We then went to the Royal Navy Monument at Richmond Landing on the Ottawa River. The monument is built to look like ship sails or a ship's bow or even an iceberg.

We then made the walk up to Parliament Hill and then to the National

War Monument. This was another solemn moment during our walk. We ended by the Peacekeeping Monument across from the National Gallery.



The following week was a camp preparation and planning night for our last camp of 2022 that coming weekend. The Scouts went to Baxter Conservation Area bright and early on Saturday morning. The objective of this camp was to work on some outdoor skills. The weather was clear during the day and hovered around 0 to -5 at

night. The Scouts spent the day building temporary shelters in the woods working in small teams of 2-3 each.



We had some very well-built shelters using deadfall wood, dead leaves and pine needles, pine bows, put together with rope and tarps.



The objective was for them to sleep in their shelters. About half the Scouts there, 6 of them slept in their shelters all night. They were well prepared with the right gear and their shelters were built to be well-insulated. Congrats Scouts!



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And camp is always a very social event for the Scouts. One when they can bond together, be a little silly, play some games they make up on the spot, and make some pretty awesome memories of their time in Scouts. Even when it snowed overnight.



The following week's meeting has become a bit of an annual tradition. It's the "egg drop challenge". What is this challenge? Well, each patrol works together to build 2-3 "vessels" that will hold their egg safe and

secure to prevent it from cracking or breaking when dropped from a certain height. Points are awarded.



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We had some very creative vessels and lots of hooping and hollering during the drop portion.



Venturer News

The Venturers spent the first half of November out and about the town. In early November, the Vents took a 7 km hike and explored a new trail along the Ottawa River near the Blair Road Boat Launch (behind the Ottawa Rockcliffe Airport). The night was dark, which allowed us to have fun looking at the stars to try to identify constellations. We are likely to explore the trail again in the spring when the daylight is longer, so we can really appreciate the scenery.



The final meeting of the month is also another annual tradition – a night at Lasermaxx. No surprise that we have some very competitive Scouts that love to zap each other – and love to zap the Leaders even more. It's a mutual thing of course as this is the one time of the year when the Leaders can zap the Scouts. And yes, the arcade games are always a big hit.



The Vents then switched gears, and took in some local culture, heading to the Ottawa Little Theatre to take in play based on Sherlock Holmes. Later in the month, we gathered again at the Church to further some ideas about some of the bigger adventures being planned for the new year, and discuss options for proceeding.

For our final meeting of the month, the Vents met at the Church to bake Christmas cookies that they will decorate in a few weeks time during their Christmas party meeting.



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They were worth the wait...



All Sections Winter Camp

Our annual winter camp for all youth sections in the 101st is back for February 10-12, 2023. We are going to Camp Opemikon on beautiful Christie Lake near Perth. This is a very popular camp with loads of outdoor winter fun and great camaraderie. Space is limited given cabin sizes so book your spot by the deadline of December 13/14. Cost is \$65 per person to attend.



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