

October 2015



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

Newsletter



Apple Day – Thank You!!

Apple Day took place on Saturday, October 3rd and it was our first fundraiser of the year and one that Scouts have been doing since 1932.

Some 50 Beavers, Cubs and Scouts canvassed our three locations at Elmvale Mall, Princess Auto and Tim Horton's on Hawthorne Road. A few even canvassed their street. Over \$2,200 was raised and our group keeps 75% of that amount. This will go right back into programming for those sections who participated.

Also thank you for our three Scouts (Caitlin, Samuel and Stephan) and Scouter Sara who helped count the donations as they came in. It's a big job to count all those coins and roll them!



Beaver Tales

The Beavers coming off a great start in September moved right along with the annual Fall cleanup of Canterbury Park with the Cubs. Our Beavers take this very seriously and meticulously pick up every small bit of garbage they can get their plastic gloved hand on.

This was followed up by a meeting devoted to preparing for our Investiture Ceremony held on October 13th. Despite some missing pieces (thanks to the Scout Shop not stocking enough tails and woggles), we invested our four lodges:

- Wolves with Emily as the Lodge Leader
- Eagles with James as the Lodge Leader
- Moose with Sophie as the Lodge Leader
- Polar Bears with Josie as the Lodge Leader

Our other White Tail Beavers will help our Lodge Leaders during the year.



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We also invested Malak and Hawkeye, our newest Beaver Leaders.



On October 24th, many of our Beavers attended the Rideau Area Spooky Activity Day at Cannamore Orchard. Yes, quite a few got a good pre-Halloween scare but we just saw smiles, especially when they got to fool around with the orchard's push and pull carts.



The following week, the Beavers joined the Cubs on a behind-the-scenes tour of the Ottawa Humane Society. They learned about the responsibility of taking care of a pet and the Society's role, including in reuniting lost pets with their owners. They got to see all the animals – from hamsters to bunnies to cats that are up for adoption. Petting the cats was probably their favourite part.

Cub Corner

The Cubs started out the month of October with our bi-annual Canterbury Park Cleanup. Our Pack teamed up with the Beavers and roamed the park and surrounding area in search of garbage. Akela challenged each Six that whoever picked up the most garbage would receive bonus points. Yellow Six led by Jacob (Sixer) and Kieran (Secunder) worked collaboratively with their Six and came out ahead (but not by much).



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This was followed by our Investiture Night at the Kilborn Allotment Gardens. We formally introduced our sixers – Nate, Adrian and Jacob; our seconders – Bryden and Kieran; our KEEOs – Indira & Samuel. We also welcomed new Cubs to our Pack and invested a new Leader: Bagheera (Ruth Marier).

The following week took us to Weston Park where each Six worked together using a map and coordinates to find the hidden glow sticks.



The Beavers and Cubs linked again to visit the Ottawa Humane Society. The OHS provides a safe haven for animals with nowhere else to turn, helping to rescue, reunite and rehome them.



The Beavers and Cubs were able to go behind the scenes to learn about the growth and changes in animals and were also able to see all the animals available for adoption.



On October 24th, some 15 of our Cubs took part in the Rideau Area Spooky Activity Day at Cannamore Orchard. It was an afternoon to not soon forget and was really spooky!



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We wrapped up the month with our annual Halloween party which included the Haunted House by the Scouts.



Scout Trails

The Scouts started October serving the church parishioners and guests at the Harvest Dinner in October 1st. We had a good turnout that night with 1 Cub, 10 Scouts, 2 Venturers and a few Leaders cleaning the dishes. This was our first community service event of the season for our sponsor.

We then began working on map and compass skills, reading topographical maps, directions using a street map and working on knot basics. During our outing at Weston Park they learned a clove hitch, round turn with 2 hitches and lashings to make a chariot where two youth carry a third on a dowel across the park. The best ones were Noah and Caitlin's chariots. Sam taught lashings to Stephan and some other youth in order to make a stretcher.

We had a spooktacular time at Rideau Area Spooky Day at Cannamore Orchard on October 24th taking part in the Spooky Village, some scares at the fig Maze and House of Terrors then closed the evening with a terrifying yet funny Spooky Wagon Ride watching Scouter François freak out with the spider drop and chainsaw folks chasing us in the woods.

On October 24 we also participated at the Sears Day popcorn sales at St. Laurent Mall and collected \$119.55 in donations then all popcorn sold between the four groups provided us with

\$112.50 in sales. Kudos to Stephan, Damir, Erin, William, Ethan, Scouter's Melissa, and Shazeela for their hard work and of course making popping corn to provide as samples to customers.

This past week we put on a Haunted House for the Cubs and Beavers on Tuesday night.



Followed by our own Halloween party the following night with a Court of Honor meeting to discuss our skills camp on December 4-6 at Baxter Conservation Area at the River Cabin. Our older youth will be camping on their own and will be making lean to sleep in on Saturday night. Details will be sent out this week and all camp costs including food is covered by the section not the parents.



We have since purchased extra Scout Popcorn for sale to parents, neighbors and coworkers



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over the next month. This weekend Emmaus, Zion, Stephan and Scouter Sara are out in the Meadowbrook Ave area doing door-to door sales.

So far we have raised \$445 in sales and \$20 in donations which includes sales by Erin and Scouter Melissa over the past few weeks. These fees will be deposited in the Jamboree account to help youth attending the upcoming Great Lakes Jamboree.

Feel free to let me know if you need any more popcorn for family and friends to empty my garage. It will all be sold for \$20 except for White Cheddar which is \$15 per bag.



Venturer News

Well, because of a technical glitch, we didn't get our entry into the Newsletter last month so I'm going to start this one by giving some of the "intro" information I had included in last months failed attempt now....

We have a new crew ready to take on the responsibility and they are off to a terrific start. Graeme Hurtubise (Pres), Will Rumfeldt (VP - Secretary) and Dana Dawson (Treasurer) make up the executive and are doing a fine job getting us on the road. Returning from last year are Josh Lister, Shiloh O'Donnell, and Casey Higginson. We have two new Venturers though Kendra Hurtubise and Adam Chapman.



This month of October is one of the funnest for Venturers due to the "Rovent" camp. There is a theme to this camp and this year was Scots vs Vikings. We were Scots

except Shiloh who was a double agent....

The camp requires the building of a catapult or a ballista and we were lead in the building of ours by Will Rumfeldt and his great design for a ballista.



It was a very complex design and required much work. We were indeed blessed to have Will's father Matt help us with his many assorted tools.



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The pinnacle of the camp is the “Siege”. This is where the two sides stand meters apart from each other and fire and throw bags of flour at each other – we’re talking about 100’s of these things! We’ve got some good arms at the 101st and we were represented very well!



Our fearless leader Graeme was fully into the fray! Graeme clearly had the best costume at the

camp....that shield (like all our shields) was hand painted by each Venturer.

I know that it all seems a little crazy but there is no question that everyone had a lot of fun. Planning for this event starts a good 6 months before and is done by Venturers that volunteer for a special Rovent Committee. Our President Graeme was a big part of the committee this year. Despite periods of snow, people used the cold in “productive” ways



We would like to thank Erin (Graeme and Kendra’s mom) for her Mug up treats including scrumptious Cinnamon Rolls and Moist and flavour filled Muffins as well as Kiki (Will’s Mom) for her most appreciated Hot Chili lunch.

When you have a day like this



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.... Nice hot homemade chili hits the spot!!!

I will close off by thanking Scouter Bill Woodley and Scouter Dan McCarthy for returning as Advisors this year. Their wisdom and experience is a great benefit to both the Venturers themselves and me as a new Advisor. Welcome back as well to Scouter Mike Lister too who will be working in a part time role- very welcome addition! And finally, Sandra Donatucci is a brand new leader. She will be working mostly in an administrative role. Thank you Sandra for agreeing to this. You are a much valued member of the team!

Rideau Area Spooky Activity Day

Our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts took part in the Rideau Area Spooky Activity Day on October 24th at Cannamore Orchard, home of the Spooky Wagon Ride. This activity was organized by our Group Commissioner and the crest that everyone received was designed by Indira Marier – one of our Cubs.



The day was shared with over 300 other Scouts from 8 Rideau Area scouting groups and we had many very scared youth (and a few Leaders).



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The Beavers and Cubs went in the afternoon while the Scouts went in the evening when it was extra frightening. That wagon ride will live on in the nightmares of those on it...



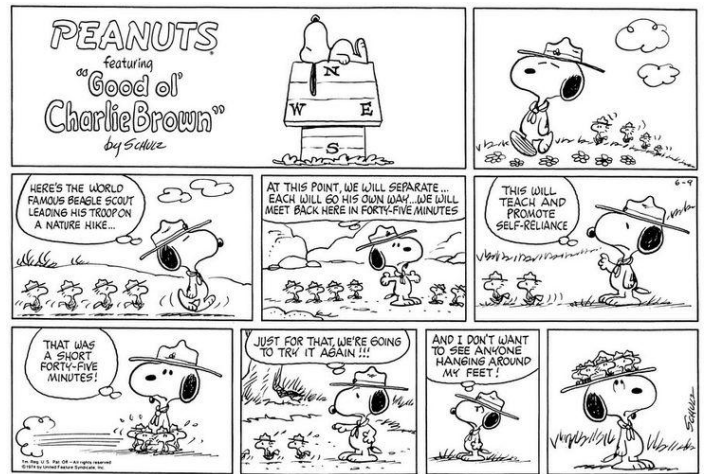
They endured the fog maze, haunted village, dark maze, house of terror and the wagon ride. Whether it was zombies, giant spiders or witches, a fantastic (and spooky) time was all had by all. Happy Halloween!!

Dates for your Calendar

- November 7: Scouts Canada Food Drive and St. Aidan's Bazaar
- November 8: Remembrance Service at St. Aidan's
- November 14: Cubs Sixer/Seconder Workshop
- November 20-21: Beavers White Tail Sleepover at Museum of History
- December 4-6: Scouts camp at Baxter Conservation Area
- January 8-10, 2016: All-Sections Winter Camp at Opemikon

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