

October 2016



## 101<sup>st</sup> Ottawa (St. Aidan's) Scouting Group

# Newsletter



### Apple Day – October 1

Apple Day was another huge success with about \$2,800 collected at our three locations. That means we keep 75%, or about \$2,100. Great job everyone!



### Scout Popcorn

Our second fundraiser of the year has also come to an end and it was another success. The total sales in popcorn totalled \$8,580 with another \$200 in donations. WOW! The 101<sup>st</sup> keeps 45% of the sales amount so \$3,861. While the percentage we keep is lower, given the volume of sales, Scout Popcorn is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Meaning more money for training and programming and winter camp.

Our top sellers in each sections, and those having the honour of putting a pie in the Group Commissioner's face at the year-end party are:

Beavers: Jacob Pourchez  
Cubs: Indira Marier  
Scouts: Adrian Wright  
Venturers: Samuel Marier

### Beaver Tales

The Beavers had a great month of October. It started out with the annual Investiture ceremony. Here, we welcomed our many new Beavers to the Colony and those returning Beavers got their new tails. We also introduced our lodges and Lodge Leaders – who are White Tail Beavers – and who the Leaders know they will make us all proud with their leadership skills.



The week after, the Beavers teamed up with the Cubs to do the annual Fall cleanup of Canterbury Park. This is a park our group sponsors and the Beavers did some community service of picking up litter and making the park better for all to enjoy.



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The following week, the Beavers were starting on their first personal achievement badge – the Explorer Beaver Badge – and they learned about bogs and wetlands. This is in advance of our upcoming hike at the Mer Bleu bog.



The month ended with a Halloween party. The Beavers came dressed up in everything from dinosaurs to ninjas to dragons and superheroes. Even the Leaders dressed up!



The Beavers capped off an exciting month with spooky times at the Rideau Area Activity Day at Saunders Farm.



There they joined some 150 other Beavers and Cubs from around the area to have loads of fun at the various activities at the Farm. They went in the Barn of Terror, the Haunted Hayride, the various hedge

mazes, the petting zoo and play structures. Despite the rain, the Beavers has a spooktacular good time.



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### Cub Corner

The month of October was a mixed bag full of exhilarating treats, which saw the Cubs participate in an assortment of scouting adventures that captured their community spirit, challenged their minds and released their creative juices.

Our first meeting of the month was led by Mang, who demonstrated various safety tips and mechanical tasks on Kaa's rusty old CRV, discovering that one rear brake light was out and all Kaa's tires were short of air. The Cubs learned the importance of regular vehicle inspections, how to change a flat tire, and which items should be carried in a roadside emergency kit (none of which were a Tim Horton's gift card). This was all a warm-up to making a start on our Kub Kars designs which we will be moving ahead with in the month of November under the excellent tutelage of Akela Chris and his power tools.



The following week the Beavers and Cubs headed over to Canterbury Park, sponsored by 101<sup>st</sup> Ottawa, to give it a quick fall clean, ready for the winter. The youth learned the importance of safety in handling sharp objects, as well as service to the community. But mostly they came for Sunshine's hot chocolate.

Everyone realized how much pressure we're all under on the 18<sup>th</sup>. One tonne of air pressure, to be more precise. Seriously - *one tonne*. Luckily the human body, as we found out, is made to withstand these huge forces, and since it acts all over us, we don't even feel it. In learning about atmospheric pressure, we watched an egg get sucked into a jar, a table tennis ball float in a hair dryer's air flow, and a plate magically stick to an upside down cup of water. But best of all, we built rockets; and despite the rainy weather, we took our decorated Coke bottles to the home-made launch site outside channelling our inner Chris Hadfield, pumped them full of air, and successfully launched them into the night.



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The end of the month of course focused on Halloween activities. Our last meeting in the hall was the Halloween party - costumes were as varied as they were fantastic – we saw mummies and monsters, fruits and superheros; and Cub Danielle was even carried around in a box all night by a mysterious chaperone. Akela lead a spooky story activity, which was followed by competitive mummification of our Sixers, before we showed off our moves on the runway at the Freaky Fashion Show. Bagheera supplied cakes and juice to close off the night's festivities, as we all have a severe lack of sugar at this time of year.



youth joined us for the spooktastic event, splendidly hosted by our very own Sunshine. The order of the day included monstrous mazes and a haunted hay ride (only once did Bagheera drop to the floor), and we all made it through the Barn of Terror more or less unscathed.



November will be a quieter and more reflective month – with the focus of the first half on Remembrance Day, and the second half on crafting our Kub Kars. We will also have the Venturers and their Advisors hold a special information session about Winter Camping in preparation for our Winter Camp (December 2-4) at Baxter, and parents will be invited to stay and listen in. More to come on this soon. Looking forward to seeing you all then.

Scouter Melissa joined Kaa and Bagheera at the last event of the month – the Rideau Area Activity Day at Saunders Farm. Nine of our



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### Scout Trails

Wanting to take advantage of the fall weather, the Scouts started the month of October by exploring the green belt at Pine Grove off Davidson road. With the dark evenings it was a chance to work together in teams to make sure we stayed on the right trail, follow the trail maps and markers and not get lost while catching up on the latest news with our friends. Although there was some good moonlight, the Scouts were reminded how important it is to be prepared and bring your flashlights!



Investiture was also outside and we used gas lamps to wind our way along the paths and trees through the Arboretum to a spot near Dows Lake. We welcomed our new members to the troop, talked about the amazing friendships we have in Scouts and how fortunate we are to be in a city like Ottawa where there is so much green space right on our doorstep and 5mins

from Downtown. It was nice to share the evening with family and friends who were able to join us and to talk about the great adventures we have to look forward to in the year ahead. As always, hot chocolate and snacks outside was a big hit. The youth wanted to stay for longer so we'll plan on perhaps making another visit in the spring when there are lighter evenings.



The next meeting we were back in the Church Hall making paracord survival bracelets, forming our patrols, investing Sam and continuing the planning of activities for the year ahead. The leaders (Youth) also made an executive decision to have a Halloween Party

the following week with snacks, games and music.



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The older youth, Alex, Ethan and Zion did an amazing job of planning, organizing all the supplies and running the games. We had a Halloween themed memory game (including a dead Dr Who), a guess the body parts in the box and a Zombie Attack bowling game. The Scouts did an awesome job of picking the games that they wanted to do and

preparing for them at home in their own time the week before. This is what the Canadian Path means by Youth-Led. The Youth I think really enjoyed the empowerment and are ready to play a bigger role in decision making and detailed planning for the pre-winter camp.



Spooktacular times continued with the Rideau Area Activity Day nighttime visit to Saunders Farm. The Scouts met up with Scouts from other groups and enjoyed the scares in the Barn of Terror, Haunted Hay Ride and Camp Dead. All survived the multiple encounters with the Zombie cheerleaders and will be re-joining the group for some climbing fun at Coyote Rock Gym on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November.



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Remembrance Day Service

All families are invited to a special Remembrance Day service at St. Aidan's on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. Some of our Scouts will be taking part in the ceremony.



Welcome Malak!

A big welcome to our newest Beaver Leader who was invested this week. Chris Pourchez will now be known as Malak the Owl to the Beavers. It's never too late for you to join the fund too. We are especially looking for another Cub Leader.

Dates for your Calendar

- **November 5:** Scouts Annual Food Drive
- **November 13:** Special Remembrance Day Service at St. Aidan's
- **November 13:** Scouts running the canteen at the Canterbury Christmas Craft Sale
- **December 2-4:** Joint Cub and Scout Pre-Winter Camp at Baxter Conservation Area
- **March 3-5:** All Sections Winter Camp at Opemikon



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Hey Scouter Jean – nice costume!!



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