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Newsletter



Scout Popcorn 2017

Our second fundraiser of the year has also come to an end and it was another success. The total sales in popcorn totalled \$8,270 with another \$266.50 in donations. WOW! The 101st keeps 45% of the sales amount so \$3,777. 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 incentive buttons were very popular and more of them will be given out in the weeks to come.



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: Xavier Schumann

Cubs: Denis-Guillaume Casault

Scouts: Indira Marier

The top selling section are the Cubs who will enjoy a treat they can all share.



Beaver Tales

The Beavers certainly had a fun-filled October with lots of different activities. This was also when they officially became members of the

world's largest youth movement. This year, we invested 11 returning Beavers and 10 new Beavers. And we are still growing with another new Beaver added recently.



Our investiture ceremony was held in early October where the Beavers recited their promise they learned and received their tails, neckers and lodge crests.



We have four lodges this year:

- Eagles with Liam as Lodge Leader
- Wolves with Rosie as Lodge Leader
- Moose with Kayleigh as Lodge Leader
- Polar Bears with Alexander as Lodge Leader



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Parents were welcome to help put on their Beaver's necker and tail and the Leaders were happy to see so many proud faces.



After that, the Beavers came dressed up in their costumes for a Halloween party. They played games and made a craft (our first of the year) and had a treat at the end. We had fantastic costumes. Everything from pirates, zombies, ghosts, ninjas, kittens, chickens, superheroes, and even a beaver. Given our next meeting fell on Halloween, the Leaders cancelled the meeting for that week.



The following week, the Beavers linked up with the Cubs for the annual Fall clean-up of Canterbury Park. This is a park we adopted back in 1999 and have a commitment to clean-up twice a year. The park was certainly spic-and-span after the garbage was all picked up and they were able to enjoy some hot chocolate and cookies. It was a beautiful night to be outdoors.



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The Leaders have now handed out two personal achievement badges so far to William and Alexander and hope to hand out more. The Beavers who are interested in earning one of these badges can make a plan using the following template:

www.scouts.ca/wp-content/uploads/bs/bs-pab-template.pdf

The Beaver can then talk to Tic Tac or Sunshine about their plan and once they have completed their adventures, they can come see either of them and earn their badge. Parents can get a sense of the types of things that they can do to earn their badge using the following guide:

www.scouts.ca/wp-content/uploads/bs/bs-pab-guide.pdf



Cub Corner

We fell heavily in to and then spooktacularly out of our Cub program for October, with a whole host of tricks and treats on the way. Personal Achievement Badge awards were on the up and up, with several of the youth receiving their first crests of the year by showing off their newly found talents such as baking or building to the pack (more baking, and particularly the sampling, is strongly encouraged by the Scouters). We opened the month with our investiture meeting at Mer Bleue where our Tenderpads became fully fledged pack members, and the Sixers had the opportunity to formally welcome the new members of their lairs. Akela lead an inspirational ceremony,

reminding us of the loyalties we share as a group, and our commitment as Scouts both to ourselves and each other. Once the formalities were complete, we went on a refreshing hike around the bog's interpretive boardwalk (with some interesting interpretations from Kaa).



The following week the focus was on our beliefs and values, and we learned about how and why Sir Robert Baden-Powell started the scouting movement in 1907 on Brownsea Island. Indeed, it's a little known fact that Bubbles was actually one of the original leaders on that trip. The scouting movement was so popular that within 18 months it had grown from the original 21 boys to a global membership of 60,000 boys (that bit's true; the bit about Bubbles maybe not so much),



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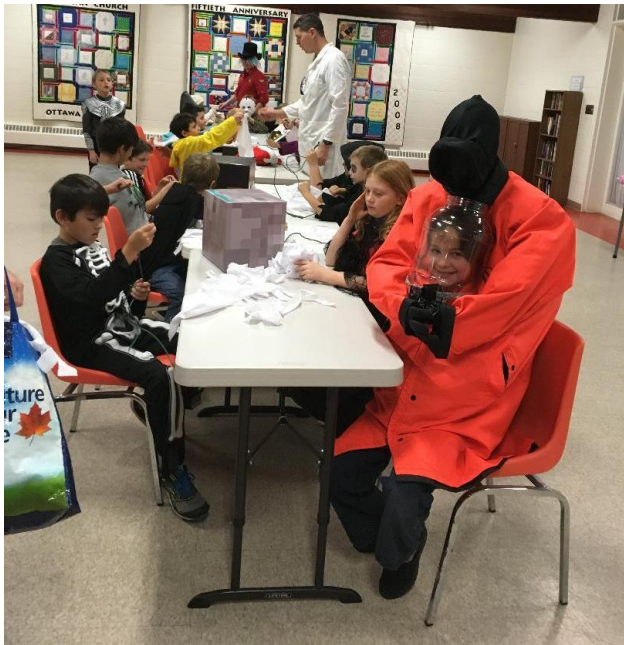
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and in 1910, the Girl Guides was formed under the leadership of Agnes Baden-Powell, Baden-Powell's sister. The night's fun came by way of a game of Beliefs and Values Wheel of Fortune (a show renowned for its ethical undertones), where each Lair was pitted against other Lairs to uncover the ethical phrase letter by letter.

Week 3 was our bi-annual park clean-up at Canterbury, where cubs do their best to walk around looking like they're looking for garbage, and Scouters do their best not to lose any cubs. All's well that ends well, with hot chocolate and cookies provided by Scouter Sunshine, and generally all go home safe and sound after they've finished playing on the play structure.



We closed October with our Halloween party with some fantastic garb on display, but the best costume undoubtedly went to Danielle, who lost

her head for her efforts. There was also Akela in her Sunday best, Mad Scientist Mang, and Hot Dog Baloo. Hathi dug out his inmate costume from the closet (which he "acquired" a few years back"). After the mummy craft, things got a little livelier with a hard fought game of dodge ball, in which occasionally one team was declared the winner for no reason whatsoever other than it looked like things need to calm down a bit.



We start November with an exciting trip to the War Museum for Remembrance Sunday (no meeting on the 7th), and follow that up with a visit to Parliament later in the month. We'll also be starting our rehearsals for our Christmas Play at The Perley Rideau - more news of that to come. Until then, have a safe November!



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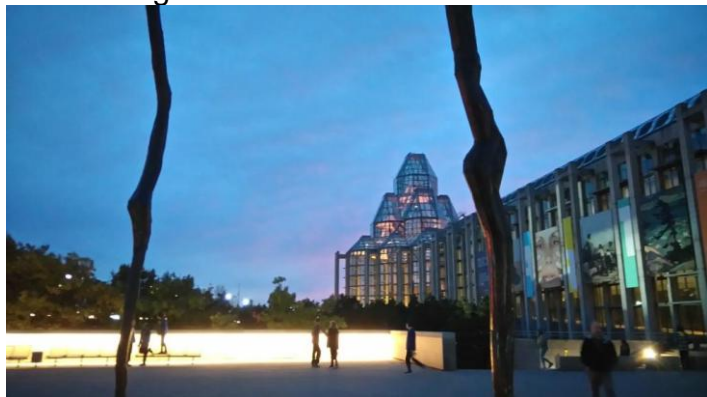
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Scout Trails

Every year the Scouts choose a new location for Investiture to make it a unique experience and to explore more of our great parks in our National Capital. This year the Investiture Ceremony took place downtown at Nepean Point with the backdrop of the Parliament buildings and vistas overlooking the Ottawa River to Gatineau.



Along with the Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol leaders we invested our 4th year Scouts as Troop Leaders. At the end of last year the fourth years expressed that they wanted to stay with the Troop and take a more active role in the planning of our camps and outdoor pursuits. They will be working on their organisation and leadership skills this year to help plan the activities for the 20 plus youth and prepare themselves for their roles as Venturers. Watch this space as the Troop continues to grow. We will be investing more Scouts to the Troop at the end of November! This is the largest we have been for several years.

Back in the Church Hall we developed the Troop Code of Conduct. The youth put a lot of thought into a Code that was important to them and our program. They then reviewed their map and team skills in preparation for the Rideau Challenge hike in the Marlborough Forest. The weather was beautiful for both the practice hike and the Challenge weekend with a chance to enjoy the fall foliage on the last stretches of the hikes.



The 101st had one Silver Team with four Scouts who hiked 22km over 2 days on their own; and a Bronze Team with nine Scouts who hiked over 16km with Leaders.



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Everyone rose to the challenge, including some of the newest Scouts. The Leaders were very proud of all youth who were taking turns leading the way, watching for obstacles and taking care of their team members. Those who stayed overnight even found enough energy to set-up camp and cook dinner!



So two months in the troop have already completed our second camp of the year and are preparing for our pre-winter camp at the beginning of December.



Venturer News

The October highlight for the Venturers was the annual RoVent medieval-themed camp held at Ope. Along with 350 other Scouting youth and Advisors enjoyed Dungeons and Dragons-inspired activities, the flour-bombed siege, the roast beef feast, and the dance to close out Saturday evening.



The Vents prepared for the weekend by planning costumes, and brightly painting their shields. The camp is chock-a-block with activities, and with so many youth in camp, there is a great deal of socializing and catching up with friends from other Companies.



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As old as they get, Scouting youth at the 101st never tire of going for a crisp, moonlit walk at Mer Bleu. Once again, this was the selected site to invest our new Company member Zion. The Vents chose a spot overlooking the pond where the moonlight crossed the water, to recite the Scout Promise and Law. Always beautiful on a clear fall evening!

Most of the Venturers play an instrument, either on their own or as part of their high school program. So, a Venturer garage band jam seemed an obvious activity!



The evening we gathered for it though was cold and rainy so we moved into the basement. The Vents had a cello, violin, drums, bongos and guitars ready to go. The most interesting part was when they switched up their instruments, playing something they were not totally familiar with!



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Remembrance Day Service

All families are invited to a special Remembrance Day service at St. Aidan's on Sunday, November 12th at 10:30am. Some of our Scouts will be taking part in the ceremony.

Dates for your Calendar

- **November 12:** Remembrance Day Service at St. Aidan's
- **November 25:** Ottawa Senators Scout Night
- **December 1-3:** Scouts Pre-Winter Camp at Baxter Conservation Area
- **January 12-14, 2018:** All Sections Winter Camp at Opemikon
- **January 20:** Rideau Area Winter Beaverie at Vernon Community Center



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