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# Newsletter



## 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 \$10,750 with another \$332 in donations. WOW! The 101<sup>st</sup> keeps about 45% of the sales amount \$4,900. 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:** Gavin Neal and Xavier Schumann

**Cubs:** James Jamieson-Bazil

**Scouts:** Indira Marier

**Venturers:** Max Stewart

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

The winner of draw will be announced soon.



## Beaver Tales

October for the Beavers was a really full month of all sorts of meetings and activities. was also when they officially became members of the world's largest youth movement. We invested many returning Beavers and 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 five lodges this year:



Eagles with Harrison as Lodge Leader



Wolves with Xavier as Lodge Leader



Moose with Marcus as Lodge Leader



Polar Bears with Isabella as Lodge Leader



Orcas with Benoit as Lodge Leader

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



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We also invested two new Scouters to the Colony: Acorn and Malak.



Then, we devoted a meeting night to exploring bugs. There was a game, a story, craft and even some interesting information about invasive bugs.



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.



After that, the Beavers came dressed up in their costumes for a Halloween party. We had everything from transformers, ghosts, ninjas, Super Mario, Darth Vader, and pirates.



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### Cub Corner

First and most important for the month of October, a huge 101st Ottawa congratulations to all our new and returning Cub Scouts who were invested at the start of the month! The ceremony took place at Mer Bleue Conservation Area, an area of natural beauty and spirituality which set the scene perfectly - even though it was a little cold and dark ... Each new Cub was invested into their lair by their Sixer and Akela, and each Scouter read a passage from Kipling's *The Law of the Jungle*, remembering that *the strength of the pack is the wolf, and the strength of the wolf is the pack*. And afterwards as a pack, we set out for a short hike around the boardwalk trail, learning about the flora and fauna of the peat bog, and its importance to the environment as one of the Earth's carbon sponges.

We followed investiture with a meeting to review and work on Personal Achievement Badges. All Cubs will be planning their adventures now so they can work on the Badges, and next month they will demonstrate to their Scouter, their lair and the Pack what they have learned and achieved. There is a wide choice of Badge topics (from Arts and Building to Community, Earth and Technology), so we are looking forward to hearing all about their experiences on these new and exciting journeys.

We joined the Beavers for the third week of the month to help clean our adopted Canterbury Park. Armed with gloves and bags, the youth scoured the ground for pieces of litter and did their best to tidy up before the onset of winter. After their hard work, they were rewarded with hot chocolate and granola bars, and some downtime on the play structures (no wonder we get such great attendance!).



A swim meeting at Deborah Anne Kirwan followed, which was a chance for the Cubs to have fun and splash around.

Baloo lead the biggest splash contest and Akela lead a rousing game of Marco Polo in the shallow end. Several Cubs also achieved levels in their swim badges.



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For the final week of the month, Rikki Tikki Tavi planned a spooky tracking adventure together with a sand cast activity (yes, that's what that plate of sand and white stuff was).



The Cubs, dressed in some super creative costumes, had an awesome time tracking the scent of the wild beast that was waiting for them in Weston Park!!



That's all for October. More excitement to come in November, with Remembrance Day, Compass navigation and a special guest speaker. See you then!



### Scout Trails

The Scout Troop got into the full swing of things in October. Loads of interesting adventures are sure to keep these pre-teens and teens engaged, especially when they chose them.

The month started with the Investiture Ceremony at a beautiful point overlooking Dows Lake in the Dominion Arboretum. The Troop has nine new Scouts and we named our three Patrol Leaders (Adrian, Nick and Edorardo) and three Assistant Patrol Leaders (Maxime, Indira and Max).



The following week was just straight-up fun at Laser Quest.



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We then headed downtown for a spooky evening of ghost stories on the Haunted Walk of Ottawa.



Yes, it was cold but the creepy stories sure gave a few goosebumps – and not from the cold.



The month was topped off by a Halloween party and dance at the church with the Venturers.



There were great costumes and let's say that musical chairs never gets old even when the Scouts do!



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Into the first weekend of November, on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Scouts did some community service by volunteering to raise cash and food donations at the annual Scouts Food Drive for the Ottawa Food Bank at Metro on Walkley.



A total of 16 Scouts participated and their help was greatly appreciated.



They were polite, enthusiastic and the Scouters were proud.



### Venturer News

The Venturers are coming together as a group and are laying big plans for a great year. October was surely filled.



They held their investiture at Mer Bleu and Scouter Bill, who has been a Scouter for over 40 years received a special award – the Bar to the Medal of Good Service. Congrats Scouter Bill and you are example to all of us.



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Next came preparations for the weekend of October 12-14 an annual medieval-themed camp called RoVent. It takes place at Opemikon with a banquet and dance. The Vents made costumes and shields.



The highlight is the siege where bags of flour are thrown at each other using catapults.



No camp is complete without a campfire.



But, the verdict was that RoVent was a blast.



On October 27<sup>th</sup>, many of our Venturers did a service project at Camp Opemikon, who partnered with the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority to help reclaim some of the eroding areas at camp, and prevent further erosion.



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The Venturers helped plant over 150 trees and shrubs along the water's edge. Unlike with Scoutree days, these plants were in pots and required larger holes and lots of stomping to ensure they were secure. Luckily the Vents have lots of energy, for an early start on a very brisk Saturday morning.



They also dug trenches to partially bury large logs, which they first had to carry up the hill. These will serve as stabilizers for some additional control methods to help reduce the sliding of the hill by the dining hall.



When Scouter Theresa, camp warden, suggested they stop for a hot chocolate break, the youth asked "Why???". Ah to be young again....

Still with time to spare, the youth lugged and stacked countless loads of logs into an area where they will later be split and used for campfires by any of a number of groups this fall and winter. Maybe we will even be burning some at our own January camp.



After some lunch (double servings of chicken burgers) the youth spied a ball and found they still had energy for a quick game of volleyball before heading home, very excited to have earned some of their volunteer hours. They worked hard for them, but didn't seem to even notice. (Scouter Jean on the other hand, had a nap when she returned home).



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### Remembrance Day Service

All families are invited to a special Remembrance Day service at St. Aidan's on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. Some of our Scouts will be taking part in the ceremony.

### Dates for your Calendar

- **November 11:** Remembrance Day Service at St. Aidan's
- **November 18:** Venturers running the canteen at Canterbury Christmas Craft Fair
- **November 30-December 2:** Scouts Pre-Winter Camp at Baxter Conservation Area
- **January 12-14, 2018:** All Sections Winter Camp at Opemikon

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