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

Newsletter



Apple Day 2019

Apple Day is our first fundraiser of the year and one that Scouts have been doing since 1932.



We had a great turnout with the majority of youth in Beavers, Cubs and Scouts going out to get donations for apples.



They collected a total of \$2881.57. We get to keep 75% of that amount or \$2143.27 as the rest goes to pay for the apples.

Thank you to our Venturers for helping count the donations as they came in.



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 **\$7,940** with another **\$433.80** in donations. WOW! The 101st keeps about 45% of the popcorn sales or **\$3,573** and 100% of the donations. 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: Fisher Donald

Cubs: James Jamieson-Bazil (with Jarret Ellis as an honourable mention)

Scouts: Indira Marier

Venturers: Max Stewart

The top selling section is Cubs.

The winner of draw will be announced soon.

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Beaver Tales

The Beavers month of October started with our investiture ceremony. We invested many returning Beavers and new Beavers. The Beavers recited their promise they learned and received their tails, neckers and lodge crests.

We have five lodges this year:



Eagles with Ethan as Lodge Leader



Wolves with Pip as Lodge Leader



Moose with Harley as Lodge Leader



Orcas with Max 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.



We also invested two new Scouters to the Colony: Rainbow and Tic Tac.



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We even had a special cake that Bubbles baked for us (not really but he did get it made for us!!)



The following week, the Beavers linked up with the Cubs for the annual Fall clean-up of Canterbury Park. 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.

Then, we devoted a meeting night to exploring the Fall harvest. There was some games, a story and song.

After that, the Beavers came dressed up in their costumes for a Halloween party.



We had everything from a tiger, witch, Mountie, Harry Potter and Ironman to name a few.



The Scouts came to the meeting and ran the activities for the Beavers. They really liked the Halloween songs, game and craft.



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The craft was a really big hit – thank you Scouts!



Cub Corner

October! Wow, October is already done! We have certainly been busy Cubs.

Threats of Thundershowers kept us away from Mer Bleu for our Investiture – Boo! Hiss! - and then of course, it didn't even rain. I get the feeling that if we had gone there would have been thundershowers. Oh well. Everyone still got Invested and we all had fun, and that's what's important.

Apple Day went well with Cub siblings Matthew and Rosie tag teaming everyone they came across – and bringing in quite a bit of money. Great job Matthew and Rosie! Thank you to everyone who took part!

We all learned the ever important art of Reading Maps in the second week of October.



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Akela set the challenge of finding our homes, schools, meeting hall, museums, parks and shopping malls on a map of Ottawa. Then we had to find train stations and airports and museums on maps of different cities! Sometimes it took more than one of us to find the street name and grid locations, but we got it eventually. Everyone did a great job – even though the hardest part of the evening was learning to fold those maps back up!

Mid- October found us doing the Ever Awesome Canterbury Park Cleanup and Play Structure Testing. Our Cubs are pros at this. The cookies and hot chocolate are also good incentive. Everyone present earned their Vertical 1 OAS.



Cub Andrew participated in JOTA – Jamboree on The Air – on October 20. He learned about Short Wave/HAM Radio, made contact with an operator in Germany and was able to speak with an Operator in Greensberg Pennsylvania who was operating out of his car in a donut shop parking lot. Cub Andrew discovered Honey

Creullers are not a thing in Greensberg Pennsylvania and was quite disappointed.



Our fourth meeting of October brought us to our Community Service Night. Here Akela challenged us with a Service Scavenger Hunt – where we have to help in our homes and neighbourhoods – and earn points for our Lair. These points and our uniform points will be added up and the winning Lair will get to pick out Akela's spring hair colour. Our Howlers also planned out the Campfire for our Fall Camp on November 1st.

Finally, we had our Hallowe'en Party. Seven Sensational Scouts joined us for this wild night. Five of them were awesome enough to let us “mummify” them with toilet paper. Thank you Scouts!



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Akela also had words of wisdom for us about safe Trick or Treating (which everyone already knew since our Cubs are professionals in this regard). Thank you to everyone for a great night! Scouts, we hope you can join us again one evening!



They also led us on a rousing game of haunted musical chairs and the scary story of Hairy Toe.



Coming up in November – Our Fall Camp at Apple Hill Scout Reserve!; and the Howlers need to plan a WHOLE meeting that they will run in December!



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Scout Trails

October was a good month for the Scouts. It started with our Investiture Ceremony at the Dominion Arboretum on a small point overlooking Dow's Lake. It was a bit chilly with the wind but lovely nonetheless.



The Troop has three Patrol Leaders: Indira, Chloe and Luca. And there are three Assistant Patrol Leaders: Sofia, Henry and Kyle. We also have a Troop Leader in Edoardo who is our fourth year Scout.

The following week, the Scouts did some community service and visited the Rivera Alta Vista Retirement Home for a social visit.



They spent time talking to the seniors and learning about their past and the seniors were very interested to know about them.



Some Scouts spent the whole time talking to the same seniors – that's how interesting it was.



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The Scouts had a camp in October – an “epic” camp (word of mouth from the Scouts themselves).



It was a permit-earning camp because in Scouts they can earn up to four permits. We worked on stove/lantern, axe/saw, and match/fire.



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They learned the proper techniques of how to safely operate or use the camping tool. The Scouters were very impressed with their perseverance.



and it got a bit cold at night but if you were well prepared, it was a great camp.

We went on a short hike to explore the camp.



We were at Camp Trill, which is near Athens, ON, not far from Brockville. A really great spot

We also had two great campfires and ate our main meals cooked in dutch ovens on the fire – there were many requests for seconds or thirds. But keeping the fire going all weekend was a must as it was a source of warmth.



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The Scouts also did some more volunteering by running some Halloween activities for the Beavers and Cubs. Each patrol came up with some activities and they were really good.

Now, the Scouts also have some interesting choices for costumes they wore.



Ramen is a favourite (yet gross) camp food.

We ended the camp with a deep Scout's Own and contemplated on the state of the world.



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Finally, on November 2nd, the Scouts took part in the annual Scouts Canada Food Drive for the Ottawa Food Bank. Most of the Scouts spent the morning at the Metro Elmvale on Walkley getting cash and food donations for the Food Bank. Great job helping others Scouts!!!



Saying **Thanks** to a dedicated Scouter is easier than you might think...

<http://www.scouts.ca/thanks/>

Dates for your Calendar

- **November 10:** Remembrance Day Service at St. Aidan's
- **November 17:** Scouts going to Jamboree running the canteen at Canterbury Christmas Craft Fair
- **November 22-24:** Venturers Pre-Winter Camp at Baxter Conservation Area
- **November 29-December 1:** Scouts Pre-Winter Camp at Baxter Conservation Area
- **January 10-12, 2020:** All Sections Winter Camp at Opemikon



Remembrance Day Service

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



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