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

# Newsletter



## Beaver Tales

The Beavers moved back to virtual meetings for October and the good news is that all of the Beavers came back week after week.

Early on, the Leaders challenged the Beavers to each earn one personal achievement badge and to no surprise, our busy Beavers took up the challenge with gusto.

Already, we have three Beavers who earned a badge, with Tommy earning his Explorer Beaver, Curtis earning his Pet Care badge and Saffire earning her Creative Beaver badge.



## Scout Coffee Fundraiser

Our first fundraiser of the year is off to a great start. Thank you to those families who have purchased Scout Coffee. This fundraiser is also contactless as there is no money to collect or product for you to deliver. So share the information widely with your family, friends, neighbours and colleagues.

There are 5 different roasts available, including an espresso and decaf, in two bag sizes and either ground or whole bean. There are also bundles of two or three bags available. All of the coffee sold is organic, fair trade and roasted by Equator Coffee Roasters right here in Ottawa.

All sales are online at [www.scoutcoffee.ca](http://www.scoutcoffee.ca) and shipped directly to the buyer anywhere in Canada (sorry not internationally).

At check-out, you chose one of the following for us to benefit from 35% of sales:

- 101<sup>st</sup> Ottawa Beavers
- 101<sup>st</sup> Ottawa Cubs
- 101<sup>st</sup> Ottawa Scouts
- 101<sup>st</sup> Ottawa Venturers

So far, we have sold about \$900 in coffee, which is about 36% of our goal of \$2500.

**Sales close on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

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Our meetings were meant to be interactive and fun for the Beavers. The Leaders also asked them what they wanted to do and got some very good ideas.

We started the month with a visit by Akela who gave the Beavers a meeting about water testing, conservation and they even compared tap water with pool water – very interesting results. The second week, the Beavers did a “show and tell” of an item or two they like and tell why. The third week caused a bit of mayhem in the Beaver’s homes as they did a scavenger hunt of items the Leaders told them to go find – it was a hoot!

The last meeting was our Halloween meeting with costumes – a ninja, witch, skeleton and even Bobba Fett! We had a spooky story with actions and did a craft together of a simple bat using a clothespin, paper and tape.



### Cub Corner

Like Cubs everywhere try everyday, we're DOING OUR BEST. In person meetings being put on a pause in our area has messed with our mojo, but we are moving on!



Raksha took us on a video tour of her Pollinator Garden so we could learn about different wildflowers. She also snuck in some information on a few trees! We also encouraged Cubs to show us leaves from trees in their yards so we could do tree

identifications, and they provided! Thank you Cubs for sharing your trees with us!



The last thing we did was try out a water testing kit! Thanks to the [www.waterrangers.ca](http://www.waterrangers.ca) we have these neat tiny test kits. Akela tested her tap water as well as the water at the pool where she works! Our hope is to one day get the Cubs to use these kits in the field!



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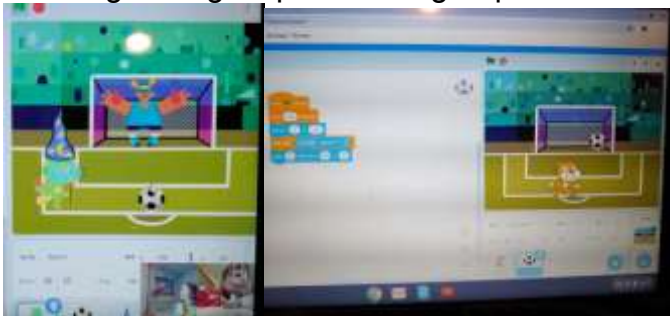
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Howler William took the weekend to drag his family to Morris Island – the sight of our planned Hike that we never got to! Great idea getting the lay of the land William! You'll have to lead our hike when we finally get there.



Our second week in October, the Cubs had a great time programming the Scratch Cat to play Soccer! Howler Liam, who has experience with the Scratch Programming Platform <https://scratch.mit.edu/> also included a Goalie! Great job Cubs! Thanks to University of Ottawa Maker Mobile Workshop for the workshop and the Lovely and Talented Diane – aka Mrs. Baloo – for organizing a spot for our group!



Howler James is working on his Earth Badge at home and found and identified some animal tracks. We're still waiting for an answer if the bear tracks he found were in his neighbourhood.



Our third October meeting, saw Chil directing the Cub's focus towards Fire Safety. We discussed why an Emergency Exit Plan was a good idea, why we need smoke detectors, and what safety equipment we need when we have a campfire. The Scouters were impressed that the Cubs knew so much about Fire Safety! Akela also did her Why Baking Soda is Good to Have Around a Kitchen Fire demonstration.



Our fourth meeting in October was our Hallowe'en Party! Cubs were encouraged to come in costume and bring their favourite

Hallowe'en snack! A Devil, a Jedi, a Mandalorian (no sign of The Child though). A ninja, a box, a cat. We even had a few come dressed as CUBS! Our Not So Murdery Murder Mystery seemed to be a hit. I can't believe how many of you thought that I- Akela Playing the Butler – DID IT! Special thanks to Scout Andrew, who was in fact, the Not So Murdery Murderer.



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Fingers crossed we can meet in person in November, if not, we'll be travelling by Google Earth to work on our World Badge.



### Scout Trails

The Scouts and Leaders were somewhat disappointed that in-person meetings and activities got cancelled the day before our planned day camp in early October. We are still hoping that we can get back to it in November.

The Scouts then had to pivot back to virtual meetings and got going with a meeting where they needed to showcase an item or two that are special to them and represents their interests or personality. We got some really insightful stuff. Of course, we also had to plan with the Scouts what we were going to do.

The following week, each Patrol and the Leaders took us through a Scout Jeopardy. Coincidentally, after Final Jeopardy, it was a tie!



Then, we did a meeting with a game led by Henry and his Bat Patrol and Scouter Dave taught us some Morse Code. The Scouts had to find the secret code in this needlepoint done by a prisoner of war in World War II.



Our last meeting was a cooking meeting where the Scouts made all together – live from their kitchens – two different mug cakes. There was a chocolate and birthday cake one. They were actually really good and turned out – well, for most of them anyways!



### Venturer News

October has been a great month for the 101<sup>st</sup> Venturers, despite the shift to virtual meetings. The month began with Scouter Ruth M. leading a meeting on Everyday Leadership and Finding your Spark. The meeting was focused on how redefining what leadership means to us, so that we can expect it of ourselves, and recognize it from others in everyday lives, whether it be through an act of kindness, sharing a moment of joy, or teaching someone else something new. With that in mind, we also discussed the concept of "sparks, and using our passions as a source of inspiration for future meetings.

In this vein, Venturers Sam and Indira volunteered to lead the rest of the Company in a virtual cooking meeting. Recipes were sent out in advance and both of the youth did an excellent job of leading their mates through the preparation of an excellent French Onion Soup and yummy Apple Crumble (both recipes that can totally work at a camp!).



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The next week, the youth engaged in a video game called "Among Us", in which they had a chance to unwind and have some fun with each other.



We finished the month with a "Shark Tank" meeting, suggested by Venturer Max. The youth divided themselves into five

teams to develop their business plans and pitches, and the Scouters served as the sharks. The youth came up with some very interesting ideas indeed, which were more hilarious than practical. Everyone really enjoyed themselves and there were a lot of laughs. The Scouters have been really pleased to see great attendance this month, and we hope the youth keep the great ideas coming!

week window to reserve your spot. Those doing a free trial will have registration open on November 9<sup>th</sup> and then for the general public on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

The registration fee is \$230 for the year and the 101<sup>st</sup> only gets \$15 of that amount as we aim to keep registration fees low and rely more on fundraising.

Important that due to group limitations imposed by local and provincial authorities, we are capping each youth section at 20 members. So, register while you can.



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### [Registration for 2021 Scouting Year](#)

Due to the pandemic, Scouts Canada extended all youth memberships from September 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, thus avoiding the need to register and pay for Fall 2020. There is also a free trial for new members for Fall and we have 4 new members who've joined us.

Registration for the 2021 Scouting Year, which is January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> opened on October 26<sup>th</sup> for existing members. This is a two-

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