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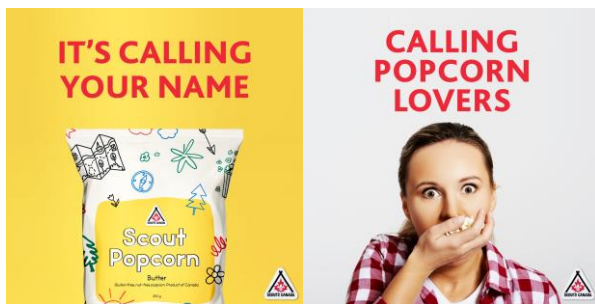


101st Ottawa (St. Aidan's) Scouting Group

Newsletter

[NEW – Follow Us on Social Media @101stOttawa](#)

The 101st is now on social media. Follow us @101stOttawa on:



[Scout Popcorn Fundraiser is On Now!](#)

Our annual Scout Popcorn fundraiser is on now until the end of November. 45% of sales come back to the 101st.

Sales are either online and can be shipped anywhere in Canada or picked up at the Papa Jack store. Or you can fill out the form you got in your fundraising envelope and return with payments from your customers by November 24th at the latest. Online sales close on November 30th.



[Beaver Tales](#)

Well, the Beavers are really in the swing of things now. We had a fantastic October. After the soggy camp, the Beavers held their first indoor meeting at St. Aidan's since March 2020. It was good to be back inside the hall at the church and we prepared for the following week's investiture ceremony.

The investiture ceremony is a special occasion for all Beavers as they officially become part of the world's largest youth movement.

Each Beaver recited their promise and received their tails. New Beavers received their neckers and badges for their uniform. Thanks for all the parents who came to witness and be part of this special ceremony.



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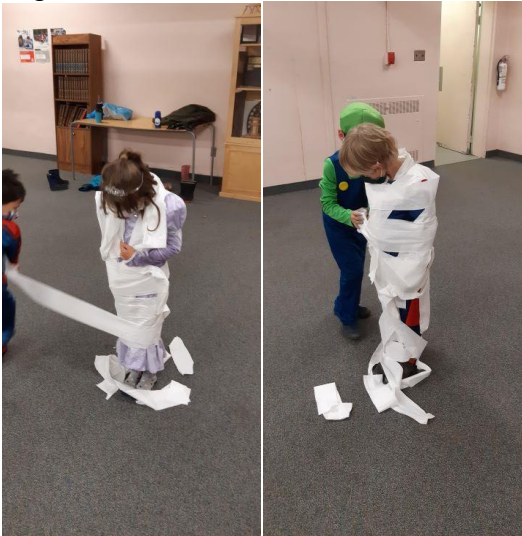
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The following week, we linked up with the Cubs at Canterbury Park for our annual fall cleanup of the park. The park was free of all trash at the end of the evening and because the Beavers and Cubs worked so hard, they got a special treat at the end. Community service is an important part of scouting and we were happy to see almost all Beavers turn out.

The last meeting of October was held at the church and we had a Halloween party. Every Beaver and Scouter came dressed up in their costumes and we played some fun Halloween-themed games.



We had four super heroes, a couple princesses, Harry Potter, Luigi, a witch, a jaguar and a fox. And the Scouters ranged from dressing up as a Beaver, a witch, an iPhone and themselves! And thanks to Beaver William for bringing a treat to share with his Beaver friends. We look forward to another action-packed November.



Cub Corner

Back from Camp, and our Cubs took to the trails of McKay Lake and, with homemade boats in hand we had a great time seeing how they float. At special request from the Cubs, we also did our water testing! This completed our first Adventure for the Scouts Canada Around the World in 60 Days Challenge! Way to go Cubs!



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The third week of October found us doing the Traditional Semi-Annual Canterbury Park Clean up and Playground Inspection with our Beaver Colony.



The second week of October found us learning about Climate Change and what we can do to help the Earth – the second challenge in Around the World in 60 Days. Walking and using cleaner energy sources are paramount. Akela also challenged the Cubs to figure out how to keep their freezies from melting. Great ideas were shared – like using our buckets to keep the cold in! Digging holes for them because under the earth is cooler than in the air! Putting all the freezies together in a bucket and filling the bucket with leaves to insulate them! Then of course, we had to eat the freezie – BECAUSE!



We are happy to report that the Playground is in excellent shape and very clean. The Cubs were very good about testing the swing sets, running around the empty pool, and letting the Scouters know when a mask, glass or metal were found so that the Scouters could deal with those items.



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The Cubs were attentive and asked excellent questions. We might have to plan this again in a few years! Many thanks to Scouter Rich and Scouter Shaz who came to help us keep ratio!



We celebrated Hallowe'en not with a party or costumes, but with the Haunted Walk of Ottawa! Thank you Hathi for organizing this Adventure for us! With Sarah and Brenda as our Guides, the Cubs braved not only the rain but also the risk of nightmares as we explored a few of the haunted places around downtown Ottawa.

Stay tuned for more Cub Adventures in November!



Scout Trails

After a very wet camp, we were happy to see that the weather was fantastic for our investiture ceremony.



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We hold it down on a point in the Dominion Arboretum facing Dow's Lake. We invested our Patrol Leaders first, followed by our Assistant Patrol Leaders.



It was great to see our Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders play a role in the ceremony.



We then invested each Patrol and this year with 20 Scouts in the Troop, we have four Patrols.



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We also welcomed our two new Scouters who came up from Cubs – Scouters Tom and Kerry.



The following week, we met at the church with was supposed to be a camp preparation meeting. We held a “Court of Honour”, which means a meeting of the Scouts to make decisions on whether we will attend camp (in the rain) or not and to pull out the gear we needed and plan our menu. While the majority of Scouts voted in favour of attending camp, we had to cancel it given the weather forecast of some 40 mm of rain. Even our hardest Scouts and Scouters thought this was too much.

The week after, we did something a little different – we got discounted tickets to attend the Atletico Ottawa soccer game at Lansdowne TD Place stadium.



Atletico Ottawa is the new team in the Canadian Premiere League and the Scouts had a blast – and their fill of probably everything you can eat and drink that they could legally buy.



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At half time, they even announced we were there and the home team won the game 2-0 over Valour FC of Winnipeg.

We definitely need to go again.

The last meeting of October, we went on a hike at a new spot we had not tried before. We hiked the trail at P19 on Leitrim Road. In total we did about 4 KM in a couple loops. Most were easy and dry but one loop was pretty muddy and had lots of big puddles that we had to navigate around or across – a good test for when we go hiking in the spring.



Venturer News

October brought cooler weather, no bugs and lots of activities for the Vents. While unfortunately all the senior Vents had scheduling conflicts, several of the younger Vents enjoyed the Apple Hill camp, and enjoyed a great opportunity to connect with many in other sections they had missed.

The following week they took a “leisurely” stroll to Lansdowne, playing on the hill there and enjoying some gelato.



After that came investiture of our newest vent, Masson, and the elections! Venturers is youth led, and us adults are merely advisors who often have to wait patiently as they plan at their pace. Thus they youth have the opportunity to try out leadership in various forms, and also have to be voted in by their peers. We enjoyed a very spirited campaign and debate by many applicants. If there were not enough applicants, applicants were “voluntold” by their peers (a



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prelude to being an adult hehe). Thankfully, this campaign is one-night only and costs far less than the last election. By the end of the evening, we had a new President (Indira) and Vice President (Chloe), along with a new Treasurer (Sam) and Secretary (Luca). The Vents were so interested, they even suggested new roles (PM, Deputy PM, Minister of Finance, and Minister of Communications).



The youth then decided to burn some energy with a 3.5 hrs trek at Arbraska aerial park and zip line. It was a beautiful day and all had a great time, even if this was a new experience for them.



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A few days later we got to watch others burn energy, as we watched a great evening of soccer (or rather Football). One of the Athletico members even used to play with one of our Vents, so it was very cool to see them up close as they won.

Finally we had one evening to sit and relax indoors and watch a scary movie. It seemed odd to be in the church after so long. Not to sit on their laurels, the Vents are busy discussing their new roles and planning with exuberance.

They've now taken the lead - November will be action packed for sure.

First Aid Course

Four of our Scouters got to recertify their Standard First Aid and CPR in October at St. Aidan's. Thanks to Tic Tac who ran the course and looks like they covered all sorts of scenarios.



Registration Information

Registration is now open for 2022. New members joining us this Fall will have 2022 included in their registration fee so do not need to register for January. Returning members will need to register to continue scouting in January.

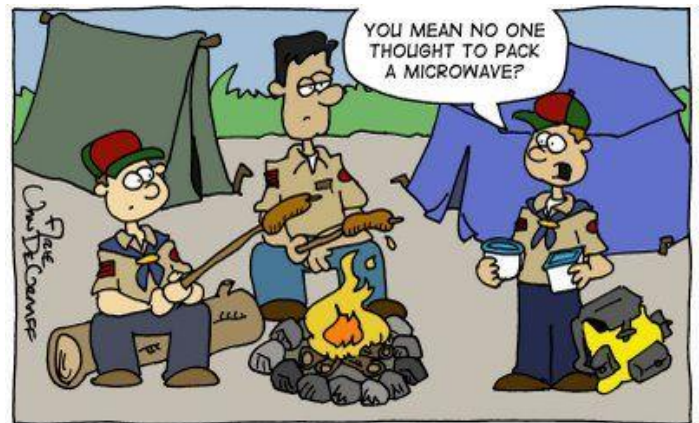
Our registration fee for 2022 is \$235.

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