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## [Apple Day 2023](#)

Apple Day 2023 took place on October 1<sup>st</sup> at the same locations we have canvassed for many years. Youth were out from early on at 9:00am until about 1:30pm at the Elmvale Mall (three spots in the mall), Princess Auto and a Tim Horton's on Hawthorne Road.

Thank you to all the youth, leaders and parents who helped out as this is an important fundraiser for the 101<sup>st</sup>. We only receive \$20 from every registration, so fundraising is how we can deliver excellent programming, have our volunteers ready to do so, and run the group.



This year we collected a total of about \$2300, which after deducting the cost of the apples and crests, is a profit of \$1700. Great job everyone!



And a special thank you to our Venturers who volunteered all day, first helping to supervise the different locations and

then at the church counting the donations.

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**Beaver Tales**

October was a big month for the Beavers. First off, they got prepared for their investiture ceremony. The ceremony saw our Beavers receive their new tails, badges, neckerchiefs and being invested in three lodges. The lodges are small groups of Beavers, led by a Lodge Leader and we use them for some games and activities.



The following week was a joint meeting with the Cubs for our annual Fall cleanup of Canterbury Park. The 101<sup>st</sup> has adopted the park and we thus have a responsibility to clean it up twice a year. After some instruction, the

Beavers split up into small groups and went hunting for trash to pick up. There was some and the Beavers were very keen to find as much of it as possible. They did an excellent job in this community service event to put their promise into practice and “help take care of the world”. They were rewarded with hot chocolate and cookies and some free time to play on structures and swings.

We have three lodges this year:

- Eagle Lodge led by Matteo
- Orca Lodge led by Isaac
- Moose Lodge led by Harrison



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The last meeting of October was our Halloween party. There were some great costumes. Even the Leaders got dressed up.



And the Beavers went home with a small pumpkin they decorated themselves.



### Cub Corner

The Cubs started October with a party. We did a LOT of investing of new Cubs AND New Scouters! Welcome to Eleanor, Melody, William H, Rhys, Owen, Myles, Dylan, Rudy, Casey, Mang, Bagheera and Rikki Tikki Tavi!

That wasn't the only thing we were celebrating! Akela's Birthday happened to be that same day and she brought in cupcakes to share. We do not suggest to try this at home, but Kaa managed to cupcake Akela right in the nose! Akela is pretty sure she inhaled a confetti sprinkle!



For our second meeting in October, the Cubs began the process of building a Zombie from the inside out. They each created - SEWED - a different organ in the body which we will then add to our Skelly at a future meeting to find out



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about Body Science, Body Systems and How NOT to become a Zombie. Well done Cubs!



Our third meeting in October was our Semi-Annual Canterbury Park Cleanup and Playground Inspection. The fall event is so much harder to do with it getting dark so early, but we DID OUR BEST – because that's what Cubs do. There was the much anticipated cookies and hot chocolate after the clean up as well and then came the inspection! The big rocking boat is unfortunately broken but everything else seemed to be in good working order. Good job Cubs!



On October 19<sup>th</sup> we got word that Kaa had her baby! Welcome to the 101<sup>st</sup> Family Zedd Baird! We can't wait to meet you! Our fourth meeting in October had us putting Skelly together! Cubs had a chance to place the organs they created into the skeleton while we shared information on each of the organs that were made.



We also need to thank Saffire for earning her Home Badge by cooking at home and bringing in cake to share with us! Thank you Saffire! The fifth Tuesday in October was Hallowe'en! There was no meeting but Cubs were invited to Trick or Treat at Akela's House! Special Cub Treat bags as well as full size chocolate bars were the incentive.



### Scout Trails

October started with the Scouts investiture ceremony. It's traditionally held at the Dominion Arboretum on a point overlooking Dow's Lake. It was a very nice evening and we even got serenaded by a gaggle of geese on the lake.



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In Scouts, we divide them into patrols who are led by a Patrol Leader and Assistant Patrol Leader.



This year, we have four patrols and we first invested the Patrol Leaders, followed by the Assistant Patrol Leaders and then finally each patrol individually.



The following week, we prepared for our first camp of the year. The Scouts took out the camping gear needed for the weekend from the church cupboard, went through the packing list

and decided on their menu for the camp. We actually had time to walk over to the Independent Grocer to do some shopping.



The first Fall camp took place at Camp Whispering Pines between Perth and Rideau Ferry. It was a gorgeous spot and we had the whole place to ourselves.

The weather was great and the Scouts very excited to get out of the city. The goal of the camp was to work on outdoor skills and for our first year Scouts to earn some of their permits.



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The older Scouts helped teach some of the skills to the younger ones. They worked on the axe and saw permit, stove and lantern permit and match and fire permit.



On the Saturday afternoon, the Scouts went for a hike around the property and checked out the nearby pond. We saw tracks of wildlife, and the trail was a little rough but a really nice hike.



At night, they went to go look at the stars. What a great spot! Thanks to the older Scouts who looked after the fire for the weekend.



The following Wednesday, the Scouts were back at the church, returning the camping gear. That night they built catapults out of materials they brought to the meeting. This was one of the patrol's idea for a meeting.



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So they worked in their patrols and built catapults to launch small objects to knock down a tower of plastic cups.



The last meeting of the month was out Halloween party. The Scouts played games, boogied to some music and indulged on some pop and chips – ah, the life of a Scout!



Venturer News

It's hard to believe that October is already over! The 101<sup>st</sup> Venturers started off the month with our investiture at Vincent Massey Park to welcome seven new youth into Company, who have come up from Scouts. The youth also elected three more individuals to the Company's Executive, to enable the younger youth to shadow the more seasoned members so as to ensure a smooth transition next year.

By and large, the Vents spent the rest of the month getting ready for Rovent, which took place the weekend of October 27-29. Rovent is a flagstone linking camp that includes Venturers and older Girl Guide sections from the Voyageur Council (and sometimes further). Our meetings for the remainder of the month included shield cutting and decoration, costume making, equipment and meal planning and grocery shopping.



The weekend of Rovent was a ton of fun. We had beautiful weather on the Saturday that allowed the you to engage in games/competitions against other Venturer groups, watch skits, follow a quest, connect with friends and make new ones.



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The highlight was an epic flour siege, where the youth used catapults or their own strength to launch bags of flour at the other side.



Our own Venturer Luca as part of the OPE Rover Crew served a wonderful roast beef dinner, which was followed by a campfire and a dance party in the Teepee late into the night!



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