

September 2015



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

Newsletter



Apple Day – October 3

Apple Day is Saturday, October 3. This is our first fundraiser of the year and one that Scouts have been doing since 1932.

Why do we do Apple Day:

- It's a chance for the youth to give back to the program that gives them so much.
- We add minimal levies to our registration fees and are thus the lowest cost group around. That means we are almost 100% dependent on dues and fundraising to run the group.
- It shows community service and gives visibility to scouting.
- It's fun – ask any who have done it.



Beaver Tales

The Beaver Leaders – Bubbles, Hawkeye, Malak, Ringtail, Sunshine and Tic Tac welcome our returning and new Beavers. Getting to know each other was the focus of the start of another year of Beavers. That, and getting outside and reinforcing the outdoor element of the program with a walk to Weston Park. We also got together with the Cubs and performed our community service of cleaning up Canterbury Park – a park the 101st sponsors!

The Beavers also started the year with their second annual Fall Mini-Camp the weekend of September 19-20 at Baxter Conservation Area on the Rideau River near Kars.



The Beavers went on a nature hike, played games, did a scavenger hunt and craft. The rain was no deterrent for our hardy Beavers and the parents who took the time to spend a day in nature just at Ottawa's doorstep. However, the rain did prove too much when it came time for our campfire and thanks to Ringtail we had an indoor campfire with glow sticks.



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Cub Corner

This year, we will be welcoming 24 Cubs to our Pack during our Investiture on October 6, 2015 – 10 first year Cubs; 10 second year Cubs; and 4 third year Cubs. Our Pack consists of three Sixes – Red, Blue & Yellow led by our third and second year Cubs.

Our Pack's activities will be themed around the following two stars and the associated badges and awards:

- Red (Health & Fitness) – No matter who you are, having an active life is the first step in being fit and healthy (Athlete Badge, Skier Badge, Team Player Badge, Cyclist Badge, Snowboarder Badge, Skater Badge, Swimmer Badge and Canadian Healthy Living Award)



- Blue (Home & Community) – Learning how to take care of your home and getting around your community are part of becoming a responsible grownup (Disability Awareness Badge, Family

Safety Badge, Guide Badge, Family Helper Badge, Home Repair Badge, First Aider Badge, Law Awareness Badge, Pet Care Badge, Canadian Family Care Award and Emergency Preparedness Award).



We have some great activities planned around these stars including tours of the Ottawa Humane Society, Chaudière Dam, hikes, winter and spring camp. We are also working with our leaders in Beavers and arranging at least one linking activity each month. If Cubs or parents have any activities that you think our Pack would enjoy, please share it with us.



The Cubs got off to a great start this fall with our own Fall Camp in Otter Lake Quebec. Nestled on banks of Hughes Lake, the camp was a huge success.



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On Friday evening we got settled in our cabin and had mug-up. Saturday morning the Cubs were up and ready to tackle the day before the sun came up. After a hearty breakfast, we set off on a hike through the woods, followed by practicing for our skits for the camp fire and some free play. After

lunch, the Cubs enjoyed hours of fun playing Stratego followed by fishing.



A few Cubs braved the chilly water by getting wet while others preferred to help Chill get ready for the camp fire. Supper was a huge success and special thanks goes out to Scout Sam (Marier) who cooked the chicken – there wasn't a single morsel left and Cubs were begging for more!



Saturday evening we enjoyed one of the most breathtaking camp fires right beside the lake under the stars. Each Six and the Leaders prepared and performed a skit followed by singing and some stories and games. The Cubs enjoyed mug-up and were asleep as soon as their head hit the pillow. We finished the weekend off with Scout's Own and headed home with a lot of great memories.



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Scout Trails

September has kicked off with a bang as we instituted round robin stations at the meetings in order to teach the youth in smaller groups their stove, axe and lantern permits; fire safety and campfire building; basic knots and lashing; prepared them for Investiture and Voyageur requirements; prepared a camp menu and chore list for our first camp of the year.

The second week we sent 3 youth with Scouters Ruth and Shazeela to go camp shopping for the Brotherhood Camp based on their menu selections at the first meeting. This worked well as they managed to keep on budget to feed 17 people.



Last weekend we attended our first Scout camp at Brotherhood Camporee, Riverside-Cedar Campground in Morrisburg ON. This gave the youth a chance to bond, work on their axe/saw permit; fire safety permit, making an evening campfire, setting up our campsite in the dark and meeting other groups from around Ontario, Quebec and the Boys Scouts of America from across the upper US states. Saturday, most

events took place in the main field with an opening with 2000 attendees; the singing of both anthems; the passing of the torch from the American delegation to Scouts Canada as the leader of the camp; and an award ceremony with Scouts Canada, Chief Scout Terry Grant.



Our Court of Honor youth are busy planning a November camp where 6 youth will be camping alone in a temporary shelter overnight at a stand-alone campsite while the remaining group is nearby in a cabin. Leaders will be nearby to offer assistance yet the youth will need to plan their meals, chores, and complete the paperwork for our GC to review. Stay tuned more details to follow in the coming weeks.

During the day, everyone was able to participate in various activities from tomahawk throwing, rope bridge walking, quad copters, Jungle Cat World presenting some cool creatures (silver fox, Lemur, arctic wolf, and secela cat), Mantracker, Terry Grant interview and of course badge trading all day. It seems that everyone took part in the activity including trading Scouter Sara during lunch and dinner breaks for some nifty crests. A few managed to get their hands on the various crests made for the event. Scouter Shazeela was able to get a photo with Mantracker and Max got him to sign his book.



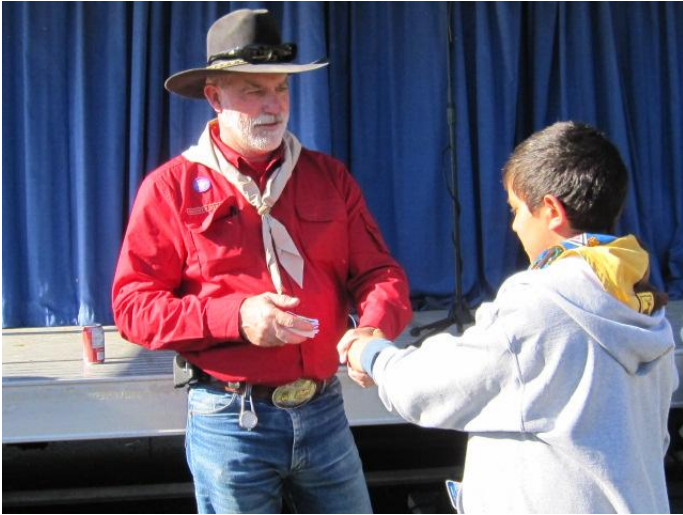
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Looking forward to a busy October ahead as we look forward to investiture and lots of community events including Apple Day.



9 Scouts and 4 Leaders traveled to Nova Scotia last July to attend ScotiaJamb 2015 with some 1000 other Scouts from across Canada and the USA. There was a lot of planning that went into getting us there, not to mention tons of fundraising.

Saturday night we opted out of attending the main campfire with 2000 people in favor of holding our own at the campsite while trying to make popcorn over the fire, which had some issues but there was one perfect batch made by Scouter Ruth. Meantime, the youth went wandering along the river bank and found skeletons of fish, crayfish, and frogs while trying not to get too muddy. Everyone enjoyed themselves despite not attending the campfire or Sunday closing ceremonies and look forward to attending next year in New York, USA.



The location was great, the weather was perfect and it was an experience to remember. All of the Scouts really stepped up to make camp life function like a well-oiled 101st machine!!



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We: swam in the ocean, built rafts and sailed them, built cardboard boats to see how far they could go, traded badges galore, did map and compass on the water, rock climbing, bubble soccer, ziplining, mud hero, axe and knife throwing and lots of swimming in the lake thanks to Scouter Tad.



Friendships were strengthened and new experiences were had. We even made friends with our neighbours – a Troop from Howick, Quebec who may come to our winter camp.

For most Scouts, it was their first time on the East Coast and before leaving we even had lobster at the airport (again thanks to Scouter Tad!!) so that made it extra special.



Looking forward to the Great Lakes Jamboree in July 2016.



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Scout Popcorn

It's that time of year again with Scout Popcorn. Youth received their envelopes, which includes all of the information to sell delicious popcorn to repeat or new customers. This is our most important fundraiser of the year. In 2014, youth raised enough funds to cover the cost of the cabin rentals for the all section winter camp at Opemikon (some \$2000). It also allows us to purchase some in badly-needed new camping equipment.

More information can be found at:

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



Welcome to our New Volunteers – More Needed!!

We welcome new Leaders to the 101st:

- Carl Hentschel in Beavers aka Malak
- William Humphries in Beavers aka Hawkeye
- Ruth Marier in Cubs aka Bagheera
- Scouter Melissa Schofield in Scouts

We also have a couple more new Leaders joining our ranks soon. Scouter Tad Higginson has also taken on the role of leading the Venturer Company (good luck!!!).

The 101st still needs volunteers! Become a Leader and share the experience of scouting. You can even become a part-time Leader. We especially need new Beaver and Cub Leaders. See Francois Marier, Group Commissioner for more information and on how to apply.

Dates for your Calendar

- October 3: Apple Day
- October 16-18: RoVent at Opemikon
- October 24: Rideau Area Spooky All Sections Day at Cannamore Orchard
- October 27-28: Scout Popcorn envelopes due
- November 7: Scouts Canada Food Drive
- November 14: Cubs Sixer/Seconder Workshop
- January 8-10, 2016: All-Sections Winter Camp at Opemikon

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