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

Newsletter

Welcome Back!

A warm welcome to all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers both new members to the group and returning ones. This is the first of our monthly newsletters. We hope you enjoy them.



Apple Day 2017

Apple Day 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 (it means we only keep \$15 of the registration fee you pay) and are thus the lowest cost group around. That means we are almost 100% dependent on dues and fundraising to run the group.
- It's fun – ask any who have done it.



Early results show that some \$1,900 was collected, meaning \$1,425 stays with the 101st. Thank you to all who took part.

Beaver Tales

The Beaver Leaders – Bubbles, Hawkeye, Sunshine, Thunder 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.

The Beavers also started the year with their annual Fall Mini-Camp the weekend of September 23-24 at Baxter Conservation Area on the Rideau River near Kars. We had 17 Beavers attend camp.



The Beavers went on a nature hike, played games, did a scavenger hunt and craft.



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For a change, the weather was hot and our hardy Beavers and parents needed a cooling down so we went for a swim at the beach – a highlight of the weekend along with the campfire.

Our Brown and Blue Tails slept in Baxter's Interpretation Center while the White Tails spent the night in the River Cabin. What a great way to kick off the year.



We capped off the month with another outdoor meeting exploring the grounds of the Science and Tech Museum.



Next we will prepare for our Investiture Ceremony, which is when they officially become member of the Colony. We look forward to another fun-filled year of adventure.



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Cub Corner

September has barely had time to arrive and it is already gone ... and in that short time our cubs have already gained much experience on the Canadian Path. This year sees our new Akela, Scouter Ruth (formerly Bagheera) at the helm, keeping a tight ship and making sure her leadership team are on the ball and ship-shape. We have adopted a new format that is more lair-focused, allowing the youth to have a closer relationship with their lead Scouter as a mentor, which in turn will aid their development in the scouting program and give them the confidence to explore new opportunities.

Camping is always one of the core scouting activities of the year, and our Fall trip to Foley Mountain provided the first opportunity to see our youth come into their own. Many arrived in darkness on Friday night, which meant that setting up the tents was a little challenging but all the more rewarding, and made mug-up all the more sweeter. Having had no major injuries in the first few hours of arrival, we decided to test our luck further by opening with a game of Burning Bridges; it was dark, it was uneven, it was scary and it was fun! DG (as always) managed to slip the defence of the Scouter circle and reach the lantern first, and despite cries for another round we hit the hay ready for the rest of the week-end's activities.

After Red Six cooked up A Breakfast of Champions on Saturday morning, Mang led an

activity that focused on trail skills and map reading. Each lair was given a topographical map of the area, a whistle, and a hunting knife, and told they had to survive for 24 hours on their own. (Not really – just checking you were still reading.)

Each lair, led by its Sixer, had to make its own way to Spy Rock Lookout by using the map and identifying features on the way. At the destination, the youth were rewarded with incredible panoramic views of the town of Westport below and understood why contour lines on a map get closer together the steeper the terrain.



As the heat of the day began to intensify, we made our way back for lunch, and then headed down to the beach for an afternoon of splashing around in Little Bay on Upper Rideau Lake.

Thoroughly refreshed and famished, we headed back to camp for a Burrito dinner, and made preparations for campfire. The songs and skits



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were second to none – we would try to explain them, but couldn't do them justice - really you just had to be there.



Sunday morning left just enough time for clean up and tear-down, with Akela leading a thought-provoking and reflective Scout's Own.



The last meeting of the month saw the youth volunteering at the gardens of Shepherds of Good Hope, getting their green fingers on. All vegetable patches were thoroughly weeded ready for another season of growing.

Cooler days are ahead, and in October we will be investing the Cubs into the pack. We will also be enjoying some Halloween fun – so look out for a spooktacular newsletter next month!!



Scout Trails



The Scouts started their 2017 season off with a beautiful hike near Mer Bleue Bog NCC P21. A perfect setting for reuniting with old friends, catching up and hearing about everyone's summer adventures. It was also a chance for our new Scouts and Scouter A.J. who has come up from Cubs, to get to know everyone!



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The second week we had our first meeting back at the church. The Scouts prepped all of their tents, broke into groups and then decided on our menu for the Brotherhood Camp. Got to say, well done Scouts. Not only were the tents well prepared, the food was healthy and pretty tasty this year!

The Brotherhood Camporee was hosted this year in Canada at the Riverside-Cedars Campground in Morrisburg, Ontario. Perfect weekend despite the extremely hot weather! Badge trading, making new friends and swimming were the high lights this year!



The Scouts helped serve and clear tables at the annual Harvest Dinner at St. Aidan's last Thursday. They did an amazing job. All smiles and eager to help!

The Scouts that attended also received their Scout Popcorn envelopes! Good luck Scouts! Remember, the highest selling Scout gets to pie Scouter Francois at the end of the year!



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We ended the month of September with Apple Day. Our Scouts got out with each other and some with some youth from other sections of the 101st, and offered apples to everyone at their designated areas. The donations that they received will go towards equipment, camps, adventures etc. Again, we had perfect weather for it!



Venturer News

The Venturer year is well underway by the first week of October. The 101st Company has 6 members this year with 2 doing double Venturer duty as members of Service Corp. This group of Venturers provides ongoing community service to events such as Canada Day, Winterlude and a number of larger Scouting events through the year. And another two of our former Venturers continue their medic-related training and

community service through Med-Vents. A busy group of teens for sure!

Two weekends ago the Venturers attended the annual Canada-USA Brotherhood on the St. Lawrence River. Accompanied by Scouters Mike, and Dan, the Vents shared a campsite with friends from the 137th Ottawa. With a smaller Company this year, a focus will be placed on linking activities with other area Companies, such as the 137th, Pleasant Park's 104th, and Hunt Club's 11th Companies. The first of these sessions took place on Sept. 18th when the 137th hosted an evening of games, songs and activities. Our turn to host an evening will occur in November.



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The next significant activity on the calendar is the much anticipated Rovent camp at Ope to be held the weekend after Thanksgiving. Attracting up to 400 youth, this medieval-themed camp features costumes, shields, the raucous siege, the evening Feast in the dining hall, the dance, and more. This year's theme is Dungeons and Dragons. Photo evidence of all the fun to follow in next months' newsletter!

Apple Day this year dawned bright and sunny, and three of the Company were on hand to help with counting and rolling of the donations in by the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Congratulations to the younger Sections for their commitment and effort on this important day on the Scouting calendar!



Scout Popcorn

It's that time of year again with Scout Popcorn. Youth are receiving 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 2016, youth raised enough funds to cover the cost of paying for Leader and youth training, neckers and 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.

This year, there are incentives in buttons they can earn and we will ask the youth to set a realistic goal. Plus top selling youth in each section get to pie the Group Commish in the face at the end of year banquet and the top selling section get a special section prize.

More information can be found at:
<http://www.scouts.ca/popcorn/>



Dates for your Calendar

- **October 13-14:** Venturers at RoVent Camp
- **October 20-22:** Scouts at Rideau Challenge
- **October 24-25:** Scout Popcorn orders due
- **October 28:** Rideau Area Activity Day
- **November 4:** Scouts & Venturers Food Drive
- **November 18:** Cubs FLEX Training and Scouts FAST Training at Camp Sheldrick
- **January 12-14, 2018:** All Sections Winter Camp at Opemikon



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