

SEPTEMBER 2018



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 2018

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 \$2,600 was collected, meaning \$1,950 stays with the 101st. Thank you to all who took part.

Beaver Tales

The Beaver Leaders – Acorn, Bubbles, Hawkeye, Malak, 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 neighbourhood walk to Weston Park. The Beavers needed to follow signals on the sidewalk to make sure they were headed in the right direction.

We also had our first camp of the year with the Fall One-Night Camp at Baxter Conservation Area. The 19 Beavers who attended with a parent or grandparent were treated to great weather at a beautiful location.



We did a nature hike, a bug-themed scavenger hunt and craft, played fun relay games and had a great campfire at night with songs, skits and cheers.

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The Brown Tails and Blue Tails slept in the Interpretive Centre while the White Tails slept in the more rustic Riverside Cabin. They were all smiles, especially for Bubbles' cooking!



The month ended with a meeting devoted to crest collecting and trading. Looking forward to another great year with awesome awesome Beavers.



During our Scout's Own at the end of the camp, we reflected on the good times and friends we had and thanked the parents for coming and helping out.



Cub Corner

A huge welcome back to our Cubs for the new scouting year! We are delighted to have a full complement of youth once again, with an exciting mix of new and old faces ready to take on the challenges and adventures that come with being part of the scouting family and the 101st Ottawa Cub Pack. We have four lairs this year, each with 8 members, lead by sixers Sophie (red), George (yellow), Kaeda (Blue) and James (Orange). Each lair has an assigned scouter to guide them on the Canadian Path and encourage each Cub to explore and develop the



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six areas of youth development (the SPICES): Social, Physical, Intellectual, Character, Emotional and Spiritual. The assigned scouters are Bagheera (red), Kaa (yellow), Rikki Tikki Tavi (blue) and Baloo and Akela (Orange) and we are raring to go and keyed up for the forthcoming months!



And what better way to start the year in September than with a camp. After two meetings at the Church to get introductions under our belts and practice our camp skills, we headed west for a weekend of adventure at Camp Legewade near Renfrew.

The excellent 2 day program was put together by

Bagheera, with a focus on Scoutcraft and Paddling Outdoor Adventure Skills levels 1 and 2. Despite nature's efforts to blow us off course, many Cubs made the journey on Friday night, for some the first time away from their parents. After mug-up and a knot-tying activity - never easy when you're exhausted - we headed to bed in the cabins for fear of being blown away in our tents.

Saturday morning was cool but calm, and after a hearty breakfast (all the Cubs cleaned their own plates and cutlery at camp – so keep up the good work at home!), we divided into lairs to learn about water safety and PFDs, and then as a group about the parts of a canoe and paddle and how to row and steer a boat.



Thanks to the great resources available at Legewade, we were all able to fit into canoes and head out into the bay to practice some of what we had learned. Most Cubs paddled forward, which was the general goal, while at times having some heated philosophical discussions with their rowing partners as to which direction they should actually be heading.



When Akela blew her whistle twice to signal an emergency (it was just a drill and she hadn't actually run out of chocolate), the Cubs were able to raft-up around her in a highly proficient demonstration of oarsmanship.



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After an hour out on the water, we headed in for lunch, and then set-up our tents.

As the day began to heat up, there were many willing volunteers to jump in the lake to cool off (all part of the Paddling skills badge). Legewade has a newly built deck and diving board which was the perfect place to start, and while most jumped with aplomb, of particular note was Cub Matthew who courageously overcame his fear with huge encouragement from the rest of the pack.



Baloo was in his element as “lake security” – playing the role of big bear floating with consummate ease.



Meatballs and pasta was on the menu for dinner, followed by Campfire lead by Rikki Tikki Tavi who entertained us all as Campfire Chief. After a dessert of S'mores, the pack happily headed to their tents after a solid, exhausting day of activity.

Sunday was going home day, but not before we had learned to throw a floating rope and ventured out on a hike to learn about types of shelters and trees. Akela led Scouts' Own and Closing, to wrap up a pretty amazing weekend and a great way to start the year.



October will be just as busy, if not busier, heading out to Mer Bleue for investiture, focusing on Personal Achievement Badges in lairs, Helping to clean up Canterbury Park, Geocaching and our Halloween Party. Until next month!



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Scout Trails

Welcome to another year of Scouts – and special welcome to our new Scouts. This year, we have some 20 Scouts in the Troop and a couple new Scouters as well. Scouter Martha and Scouter Ryan are brand new Scouters and very keen. Scouter Melissa, Scouter Miranda and Scouter Shazeela are all back as well and Scouter Francois has taken on the role of Troop Scouter as Scouter Ruth has moved up to Venturers.

Our first meeting was all about what Scouts is all about and planning the year. The Scouts were divided into their Patrols and gave us some great ideas for activities.



The following week, the Scouts went on a hike at Hog's Back Park with the Venturers. It was a great night for getting outdoors.



We were back at the church the following week to discuss our Code of Conduct, learn about permits and prepare for the Brotherhood Camporee. But the Scouts are busy and took part in some important community service by serving the annual St. Aidan's Harvest Dinner. The parishioners were very impressed by well mannered and helpful the Scouts were (a Scout is helpful and trustworthy, considerate and kind..). Thank you Scouts for a job well-done.



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Our next adventure was going to the World Brotherhood Camporee. This is annual camp of Canadian and American Scouts that alternates between Canada and the US. This year it was in the US at Wellesley Island State Park in NY.

As anticipated, Brotherhood truly lived up to its name. It was a time for fun Scouting activities such as archery and badge trading, for new experiences like making your own rope, and most of all - for friendship. With over 1800 in attendance, there were lots to meet and lots to do. There were opening and closing ceremonies.



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The campsite was beautiful. The weather was cool - yet there was swimming and even some sunburn.



Looking forward to more adventures!

The Scouts and Vents knew their duties including setting up and tearing down tents, and never complained (maybe the chocolate helped motivate). What a fantastic way to spend a fall weekend!



Venturer News

The Venturer Company has 8 new members which will make a troop of ten; some new faces, some old; all already friends and working together. They started the year with some forward planning, leading the Scout's hike at Hogs Back and electing their Executive Committee.

Their first away adventure also had a theme of friendship with the Brotherhood Camporee at Wellesley Island State Park. What a great way to start the year, linking with old friends in the Scout Troop and new friends from Canada and the US.



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The Scouters certainly appreciated their experience and assistance in helping around camp. Heading into October they have another camp around the corner with Rovent at Camp Opemikon.



Great Lakes Jamboree 2018

A group of 15 Scouts and 6 Scouters took a week off in July and headed to the bi-annual Great Lakes Jamboree. We attended for the first time in 2016 and had an absolute blast so we needed to go back again this year.

The Jamboree takes place at Camp Bel in Dochester, ON just outside of London. It is attended by some 500 Scouts from Canada and the US.

Activities include: water park, leathercraft, handicraft, rapelling, archery, shooting, dutch over cooking, STEM, campfires, canoeing, blacksmithing, air band competitions, not to mention an opening and closing ceremony. So much to do in a week.



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It was a very hot week and we tried to stay cool as much as possible – many bags of ice were used under our hats or in towels around our necks.



But in addition to a day at a water park and a day canoeing and swimming at a local lake, we also took a day and went to Ipperwash Beach on Lake Huron. It was FANTASTIC!!



Our Scouts put on a great version of Thriller as zombies with Heather leading them in the dance.



While they did not make it to the finals, it was a Great effort!



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Life at camp was a routine of making meals and cleaning up. But the Scouts got fed well and lots of treats and did their chores all week. Going to a Jamboree is a unique experience and we met Scouts from many parts of Canada and the US.

We even took time honour Scouter Shazeela, who received Scouts Canada's Medal of Merit. Well-deserved as she is hard working, always there to help and a favourite Scouter among the youth.



Looking forward to Great Lakes Jamboree 2020!



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 2017, 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 is a draw for camping equipment. 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/>



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Dates for your Calendar

- **October 12-14:** Venturers at RoVent Camp
- **October 23 & 24:** Scout Popcorn orders due
- **November 2:** Scouts Food Drive
- **November 18:** Cubs FLEX Training and Scouts FAST Training at Camp Sheldrick
- **November 18:** Venturers running the canteen at Canterbury Christmas Craft Fair
- **November 30-December 2:** Scouts Pre-Winter Camp at Baxter Conservation Area
- **January 12-14, 2018:** All Sections Winter Camp at Opemikon

JAMBOREE ON THE AIR – JAMBOREE ON THE INTERNET - 2018

On October 19 to 21, 2018, JOTA will celebrate its 61st Anniversary, and JOTI will celebrate its 22nd Anniversary. JOTA is the largest on-air gathering of Scouts in the world. Scouters of all ages gather together with fellow Scouts around the world by two-way radio.

The Scouts Canada National Museum will be holding an Open House to invite Voyager Scouters, Youth, Families and Groups to join us and participate in the fun.

Our Amateur Radio Station, call sign VE3SHQ, will be operating under the guidance of our designated radio operator and his team for the whole weekend. VE3SHQ was acquired by our Museum and reactivated in 2017 for the first time in some 20 years, and has operated during Ottawa's Doors Open in 2017 and 2018, during CJ 17 in July 2017, and for the JOTA-JOTI weekend last October. On that occasion contact was made with 21 Stations in 3 provinces in Canada, and 47 Stations in 16 States of the USA. All who participated had fun, several lively

exchanges with fellow Scouts in Groups took place and, as part of JOTI, new "internet friends" were reported outside Canada.

The Open House venue will be at the rear of the Main Museum Room at Scout Headquarters. Open House hours will be Friday from 8:00 to 10:00 pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. For those interested in Amateur Radio, information will be available about how to qualify for an Amateur Radio license. We invite you to join us, and encourage you to come proudly wearing your Group neckers.



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