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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.

Hosting of UK Scouts in August 2019

This past August, the 101st Ottawa hosted a unit of 36 Scouts and 4 Leaders from the United Kingdom. They were one of 40 units who came to Canada for 4 days after spending two weeks at the World Scout Jamboree in the US. Our unit was combined from the English counties of Essex, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire and even some Guides from Anglia.

We hosted them at St. Aidan's, where the basement became a big slumber party for three nights. They arrived late on Civic Holiday Monday and immediately were welcomed with some tea and biscuits.

On the Tuesday, some of our own Cubs, Scouts and Venturers and some Leaders joined them on a trip to Lac Philippe in Gatineau Park. They really enjoyed the swim but then the thunder storms rolled in and where do teenagers like to go when its raining – the mall!



On Tuesday evening, we hosted a spaghetti dinner for our guests, and members of the St. Aidan's Parish Council joined us along with Reverend Linda Hill.



Our local M.P. David McGuinty also stopped by to say a few words to the youth there.



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On Wednesday, we planned a scavenger hunt through downtown Ottawa. They did well following clues and it ended with a tour of the new temporary House of Commons in the West Block of Parliament.



There was plenty of food and a campfire with some fun songs and skits.

Thursday was departure day. But before that, they made a quick trip to the Byward Market and Rideau Centre for last minute souvenirs. They treated themselves (and us) to lunch a Zak's Dinner before making a quick stop at the Scout Shop and National Scouting Museum.



Thank you to all the youth who came out to meet them and make new friends. Thank you to the Leaders who also helped show them around and especially those who cooked the spaghetti dinner in that hot hall and the BBQ at the park. Finally, thank you to St. Aidan's, the Parish Council and Reverend Linda who allowed them to make the church their home for 4 days.

We hope to have made a connection that we can maybe visit them in the future.

That night, we went to Vincent Massey Park for a large BBQ with our neighbouring group, the 28th Ottawa, who hosted a unit from Scotland.



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Apple Day 2019

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.

Apple Day is on Saturday, October 5th.



Beaver Tales

The Beaver Leaders – Acorn, Bubbles, Malak, Rainbow, Sunshine, and Thunder 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 on September 21-22 at Otter Lake, Quebec. The 12 Beavers who attended with a parent were treated to great weather at a beautiful location.

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



The Brown Tails and Blue Tails slept in the cabin while the White Tails slept in tents. They were all smiles!

Thank you to the parents who helped with the meal prep and clean-up and thanks to Bubbles who could not attend but made sure we ate very well.



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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.

The month ended with a bike rally in the parking lot of St. Aidan's.

There were important lessons about bike safety and the Beavers had fun getting on their bikes before the colder weather starts. Looking forward to another great year with awesome Beavers.



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Meanwhile, Bucky has been eating very well at Beaver Gabriel's house. Yummy!



was laughter and team building and we think we all know at least 3 new Cub names at this point. We hope anyway.



In our second meeting we learned the history of Scouting in Canada and raised some tents so our Howlers would be ready for their Fall Howler Camp on the weekend of Sept 20-22. Still some laughter because we had to figure out which way the flies went on these new tents we inherited from the World Jamboree. We all figured it out and then we had to repack them. More learning curve there too.



Cub Corner

A HUGE Pack welcome to everyone! It's great to see familiar faces and wonderful to see some new ones. We'd like to introduce you to our leaders – Baloo, Bagheera and Raksha have returned. Riki Tikki Tavi turned into Akela and we welcome a new Hathi to the team.

We spent our first meeting playing silly games like Hello Neighbour and trying to fit ourselves through a hula hoop. Did you know Bagheera slid through no problem? So impressed. There



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6 Howlers, Bagheera, Akela Ruth and Akela Cindy made it to the Renfrew KOA for the Howler Team Building Camp on Sept 20-22. We spent Saturday learning how to fish, making and eating new food – the GORP was an especially big hit; played mini putt, jumped on the jumping cushions and eventually ended up in the lake. Which was cold. And weedy.



But all 6 Howlers teamed up and got each other to the floating dock. A good campfire and a packet cooked in coals rounded out Saturday.

There was plenty of time on Sunday after an early morning tear down and pack up and a good breakfast to go back and play on that jumping cushion before parents showed up.



Our last meeting of September brought us to our Code of Conduct meeting where we learned about the Golden Rule - Do Unto Others as you would have Others do unto You. We also learned that you can't put toothpaste back in the tube once it's out and you can't take back your words and actions once you've said or done them. We're learning to respect others, which is a good thing.

Coming up in October is our Investiture at Mer Bleu Bog, learning to read maps, Canterbury Park Cleanup, we're hoping to have a Community Service night and there's a rumour going around that the Scouts have something fun planned for us for Hallowe'en.



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Scout Trails

Welcome to another year of Scouts – and special welcome to our new Scouts. This year, we have some 18 Scouts in the Troop and a couple new Scouters as well. Scouter Ruth and Scouter Dave are new to the Troop and very keen. Scouters Francois, Melissa, Miranda and Shazeela are all back.

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. There was even time for a fund skipping game with a rope. The object – don't get hit by the swinging rope as you jump over it.



The following week, the meeting was held at Weston Park where the Scouts wanted to play several field games.

This was followed by a camp preparation meeting. For over 45 years, the World

Brotherhood Camporee 2019 was at the Riverside-Cedars Campground in Morrisburg, Ontario this year – even the rain could not stop the fun at this 101st favourite mingling with close to 1500 attendees this weekend!

Scouts had the opportunity to participate in formal opening and closing meetings, an impressive campfire where 101st was one of the participants sharing a skit.

Activities included: rock climbing, archery, tight rope walking, leather stamping, geocaching, a walk through and ambulance, putting together their own mini first aid kit, getting up close with a bald eagle and of course the most favourite activity **BADGE TRADING**, with Scouts from near, far and across the border.

Some Scouts challenged themselves.



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And others went to new heights.



Rows and rows of badge trading appeared as soon as the rain paused.



Some Scouts battled to see who could run further with a bungee cord attached.



But the weather was not the greatest this time with rain most of the day on Saturday – but there were still smiles.



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It was great to see Scouts from first to fourth years, coming together.



We also (happily) found that we have some great cooks in the making – thank you Scouts for the delicious meals. Rest up all; there are lots more camps in your near future!



Looking forward to more adventures!



Venturer News

The Venturers have started the year with as much if not more enthusiasm than last year. We had 6 of last years' Vents return, with one youth moving up from Troop. In the first week they managed to schedule the whole of the fall calendar. There may be some tweeks coming but it included their 3 camps in the Fall (Brotherhood, Rovent & Baxter), planning for the Adirondack Winter Hike, Backpacking in the Spring and the Spring Canoe Camp.

They quickly elected their representatives and are now forging ahead with their plans. Although they have representatives they have decided it will be shared, democratic leadership. If only it was that simple in politics! They were all agreed that one of their main goals this year is lightweight camping.



Starting with the Brotherhood camp they were true to the Scout Law being 'wise in the use of all resources' and planned a menu that required the minimum number of utensils used to cook and eat. Which meant fewer dishes to wash up



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The Vents were very "efficient" and minimized the use of dishes (mainly because they didn't want to wash them).



The Vents re-purposed their popcorn tins and made home made ice cream at camp. They got very creative with how to shake it...



Tossing it from person to person. Oven mitts helped keep their hands warm. The table was transformed and a lively game of air hockey ensued. Finally they put their rope tying skills to the test and turned the van into a top, which they spun between them, with a Vent on either side to keep the momentum going. The rewards of the effort were great!



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Scout Popcorn

It's that time of year again for Scout Popcorn. Youth are receiving their envelopes, which has all of the information to sell delicious popcorn to repeat or new customers. This is our most important fundraiser of the year. In 2018, youth raised enough funds to cover the cost of Leader and youth training, and the cabin rentals for the all section winter camp at Opemikon (some \$2000). It also allows us to purchase some 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.

More information can be found at:

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



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