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What a great start to a new scouting year. Our Beaver Colony has doubled in size from last year (Covid depleted our numbers). We have many new Beavers and even some families returning from past years. Welcome and the Beaver Leaders are very excited for a fun year of adventures. Our first meeting had us meeting outdoors at the church for some introductions, including Bucky who has made a return this year.

The second meeting started out at the church and we then walked to Weston Park following a trail laid down by Tic Tac. The Beavers had to decipher trail markers marked on the sidewalks to the park. Once there, they got to play and without even realizing many have earned their first badge about how to safely play and climb on structures.



Our third meeting had another walking theme – we took the Beavers on a hike on the trails off Anderson Road. For most of the Beavers, it was their first time hiking in the woods as it got dark. And we managed to complete the full loop of about 1.5 KM in one hour. Great job Beavers.



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The highlight of the Fall will no doubt be the All Sections Camp on October 2-3. Most Beavers came with a parent and braved the rain. Where they get their energy, we don't know, but they were probably asleep in the car on the way home.



The Beavers had great fun of being paired with Cubs for a hide and seek game. They loved the kite craft put so well by the Venturers and were introduced to a game of mafia by the Scouts.



The campfire was an epic one (sans rain) with our very own Tic Tac acting as Campfire Chief. Our Beavers presented the classic "invisible bench" skit, the "Pizza Hut" song and the "bow and arrow" cheer. What a fantastic job they all did and their enthusiasm was amazing. Thanks to the parents for coming.

We got lots planned for the rest of the Fall, with our investiture and some community service.



Cub Corner

Welcome back Cubs! So wonderful to see you all! We'd also like to take a moment to welcome all of our new Cubs to the Pack!

Meeting at the Church with the Beavers nearby, the Cubs were inspired to play an old favourite game – Duck Duck Goose. But of course, being Cubs, they changed it to Cub Cub Wolf. We're keeping this one in the repertoire! After a quick Swim Up Ceremony for our new Tenderpads, we started in on our Sit-Upon buckets. We'll be taking those home to decorate and personalize. Then we'll spend the year putting important and useful items in it for Cub meetings and camps.



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Our second meeting brought out the pirate in each of us! A great game of Captain's Coming/Ship to Shore led by Kaa had the Cubs ready to share the results of the take home Treasure Hunt as well as the Make Your Own Pirate Flags! We learned the Cub Promise, Law and Motto and that some pirates had an 8pm lights out on their ships! This was written down in their Pirate Code of Conduct!



The end of September brought us to our much anticipated Camp Prep Evening! Cubs had to team up and get some tents raised! Then, of course, what goes up, must come down. They had to repack the tents! This is great practice for our upcoming Camp weekend!



We also had a quick overview of Akela's main rules for camp – Cubs MUST EAT at least 2 fruit or vegetables that are offered at meals; and Tents must be packed and put away on Sunday morning BEFORE we eat breakfast. These are the rules Cubs! Can't wait to see how camp goes!

It shouldn't come as any surprise that it RAINED all through camp. Seems that's a tradition we've started that we could do without. Being the amazing 101st Cubs though, we continued on and had an amazing time doing it!

Tent set up caused some chaos because of course that's when it rained the hardest and a few tents got SOAKED. Must remember to add towels to the packing list. Lunches were brought from home, but eaten in a group. After lunch we were all ready to get to our activities!



The Cubs hosted the Beavers in the Big (Kitchener) Field for a game of Paired up Hide and Seek. We paused for a quick game of MOO! And then continued on. The Cubs would like to



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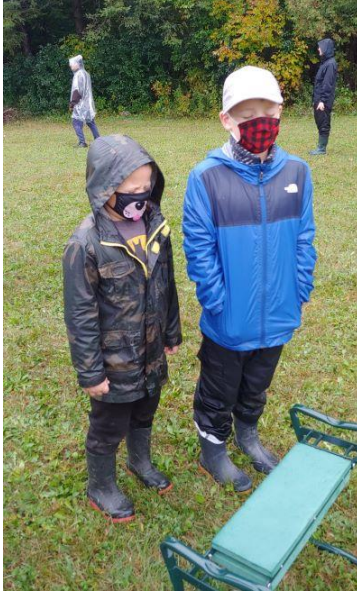


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point out that we (The Cubs and Beavers) were able to get Scouter Sunshine to laugh when we mooded him. Yay us!



Then it was the Scout's turn to keep us moving with a Scavenger Hunt around the Pole Barn Field! Snack happened! Finally, the Cubs hosted the Ventures for a quick game of Moo and then a Hide and Seek variation called Fingers! Thank you Hathi for introducing us to these new games!

Once we hit quiet time, a few of our Cubs decided that hovering in the Pole Barn next to the wood stove was the perfect way to warm up. The steam coming up off some of the Cubs was a little scary! Supper of Spaghetti (meat balls optional) with salad or veg was delicious! Many thanks to the chefs! The evening ended with a fantastic campfire built by our own Kaa (she rocked it!) and led by Beaver Scouter Tic Tac.



Sunday dawned a little cold and a lot wet. Yup, that rain continued on and on and on! The Cubs packed up and enjoyed homemade muffins! Many Thanks to Scouter Paul's family for making those! A quick Scout's Own led by the Venturers – with support from each section – and Camp was officially over!



Stay Tuned for more Cub Adventures to Come!



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Scout Trails

Welcome back Scouts! And it seems like the number of Scouts has multiplied. Not only did they mostly all come back, but we got a bunch of new Scouts coming up from Cubs and even some “old” Scouts coming back after a break.

Our first meeting was focused on getting acquainted with our Code of Conduct. This Code was developed several years ago by Scouts and serves as a good reminder to the Scouts what is expected of them at meetings and events. We also did some initial planning in patrols for what the Scouts would like to do this year. At this age, they have a significant say in their program – youth led – and we reinforce the patrol system of smaller groups that are led by a Patrol Leader and Assistant Patrol Leader. We also had a welcome crossing to Scouts ceremony for those new ones coming up from Cubs, including two Scouters – Tom and Kerry.



At our second meeting, the Scouts met for some community service – in the rain! It was raining but yet they all showed up to help pick trash and do a shoreline cleanup along the Rideau River across from Billings Bridge Mall. They did not find that much trash but this is an important part of scouting and contributes hours towards any Scout looking to earn their Chief Scout's Award.



The next meeting was held back at the church. We had a short meeting to talk about next summer's Great Lakes Jamboree. We finalized our patrols and they narrowed down their preferred activities as well as picked their patrol animals to represent them.



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Our first camp of the year was the All Sections in the rain. With most Scouts participating, it was a chance to get back into camping and tested their skills and resilience.



They ran a scavenger hunt of sorts for the Cubs that was a lot of fun. For the Beavers, Scouts Chris and Liam led a softer version of the all-time favourite mafia game. And of course, spending time with the Venturers is always a hoot and razzing them too during the campfire. A little friendly rivalry that continues. We have two more camps planned for the season and lots more adventures.



Venturer News

The Vents met at Mooney's Bay in early September to get a head start on planning for their long awaited canoe camp at Rideau Provincial Park. They planned the equipment, menu and managed to complete the grocery shop on the Wednesday before camp.

Friday night they showed how proficient they have become with setting up tents in the dark



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and then spent a relaxing evening of playing cards and chess. Saturday started with breakfast burritos and packing lunch for the canoe trip up to Baxter.



The weather was beautiful for practising canoe skills, spotting wildlife and air gliders.



Even more perfect was the arrival of the ice cream pontoon just as we arrived at Baxter!



After a picnic lunch and a stroll around Baxter we paddled back to camp. Max, James, Scott and Jean also explored Kemptville Creek on the way back. The day ended with a simple BBQ dinner and fun conversations around the campfire. After such a long time since our last camp this was a great way to start the year.

The following week they met at Vincent Massey Park to complete a shoreline cleanup and to discuss elections for the youth leadership team. Elections will take place in October.



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Some of the Vents (Edoardo, Luca, Mason, Indira and Sofia) were able to come out to the All Sections Camp, and were we ever glad they did. The Vents showed great leadership, helping the younger youth set up and take down tents in the rain, running great linking activities with the Beavers and Scouts, doing dinner service and entertaining us all at campfire with their skits and stories. The Vents were able to connect with the younger youth and brought us all together at the end with a touching Scouts Own. Great job!



Scout Popcorn Fundraiser is Coming Soon

On October 15th, we will launch our annual Scout Popcorn fundraiser. These funds are critical to support the 101st. The campaign will run to end of November. Stay tuned!



Saying Thanks to a dedicated Scouter is easier than you might think...

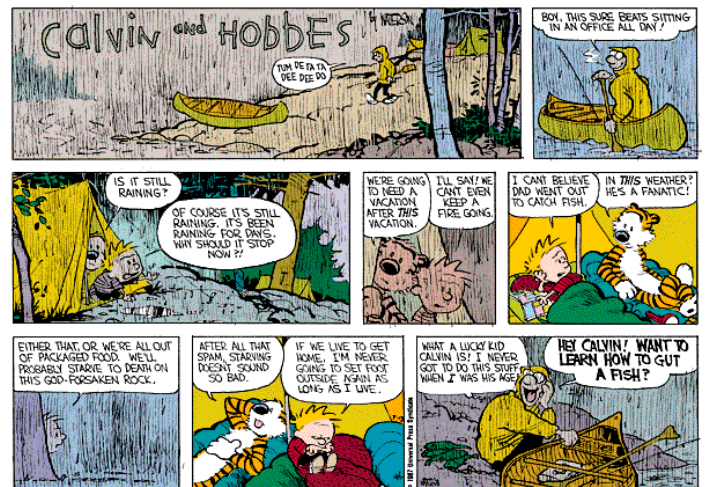
<http://www.scouts.ca/thanks/>

Registration Information

Registration is now open for 2022. New members joining us this Fall will have 2022 included in their registration fee so do not need to register for January. Returning members will need to register to continue scouting in January.

Our registration fee for 2022 is \$235.

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