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[Apple Day 2022](#)

After 3 years, Apple Day is back! This was our first fundraiser of the year and what a great success it was. Did you know that Scouts have been doing Apple Day in Canada since 1932?

On October 1st, members of the 101st from Beavers to Cubs and Scouts descended on the Elmvale Shopping Mall, Princess Auto and the Tim Horton's location on Hawthorne Rd. to give away apples for donations.



We'd like to thank the parents and Scouters for taking time to make this important fundraiser a huge success and to the local businesses who support us each year we do this.

We raised a total of \$3,019.65, which the 101st gets to keep \$2,479.65 after paying for the apples. Great job everyone! Special thanks to our Venturers for helping to count the money as it came in, and to Akela Cindy and Scouter Ruth who helped manage things at the church.



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Beaver Tales

Beavers returned after our summer break with loads of energy and newfound enthusiasm for our returning and many new Beavers. Leaders Bubbles, Echo and Sunshine are very excited about being able to run a full program again this year, with fewer restrictions and more confidence. We sure have lots of fun planned.

Our first meeting was a good way to get to know each other and ease back into the swing of things. It did not take long for the Beavers to make new friends. The following week, we met at the church and walked to Weston Park. Knowing how to safely walk in the neighbourhood and cross streets was an important part of this adventure.



Once we got to Weston Park, we played soccer baseball. An easy and fun game that many Beavers played for the first time. Of course, we let them go nuts on the play structure at the end.



The weekend that followed was our first camp of the year. We went to Baxter Conservation Area on the shores of the Rideau River for this one-night adventure.



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We went on a hike, where Beavers discovered lots of new sights and learned new things – and played in makeshift shelters they found. We then did a nature scavenger hunt.



The Beavers loved to play on this small hill next to the interpretive centre where we stayed. We also played a few games that involved balloons. Yes, the Beavers popped a lot of them. After a delicious dinner thanks to Bubbles and our parent helpers, there was some free time before our campfire after it got dark. For many, this was their first campfire with songs, cheers and a couple very funny skits. Of course, this was topped off with s'mores.



Some Beavers and their parent slept inside the interpretive centre, while others slept in their tents outside.



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The following morning, we had a great breakfast, packed up and ended the camp with a Scout's Own – a quiet moment of reflection. What a great way to start off the year!



Our last meeting of the year was a hike on a local trail off at P20 on Anderson Rd. There was lots of visible damage from the windstorm of last May but the trails were clear and the Beavers were real troopers hiking over 2 KM.

The Leaders look forward to a fun-filled year of new adventures.



Cub Corner

Welcome back Cubs! And Welcome Back to Kaa, Chil and Akela. We'd also like to introduce Baloo and Raksha (Scouters formally known as TicTac and Acorn)

We have a great Cub Pack this year and we are going to have a LOT of fun and Adventures!

We started off with the boring stuff, introductions, Code of Conduct, handing out buckets, handing out neckers, learning the reef knot. Then we got into the good stuff! The GAMES! Of course we had to play What time is it Mr. Wolf. The Cubs also did some brainstorming on what they'd like to do this year. It has already been decided that we will do a Spring Camp and learn archery, and that the Cubs would like to have another water gun fight like last year. We'll see what we can do Cubs!

Our first week back at Cubs and we have a Camp! This Camp was hosted by 2nd Russell, and they invited a bunch of Cub Groups from around Ottawa. Our Cubs are keen to camp, so off we went! Camp was held at the Rideau Hill Camp in Manotick. Cubs began arriving for 7pm and we had 2 cabins. Cubs got set up and then we adjourned to the dining hall for a beading craft.



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with Awake Alert Alive and The Grand Old Duke of York - thanks to Akela and Kaa. Then it was breakfast of eggs, bacon and English muffins. Several of our Cubs also got in a good bowl of oatmeal. Hot chocolate was the drink of choice for breakfast. After breakfast everyone headed out to help Kaa and Akela set up their activity station – Akela was teaching very basic sword fighting and Kaa set up her slack line.



The Cubs started with these activities and moved on with the much dedicated Chil at their side. They had the opportunity to build a DaVinci Bridge. Look this one up, it was cool! Cubs were able to walk across it!



The theme of the camp was Minecraft so several Cubs used Minecraft patterns to make their crafts. After craft was Mug Up of juice and mini pizzas. Then it was off to get ready for bed. Thank to Kaa, Cubs remembered to brush their teeth before bed. Lights out for 10:30pm. Much later than normal for Akela, but it was a special night.

Morning wake up was at 7am and our Cubs were ready to go with a morning Dance Party



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Their next challenge was to remove the netherite (a Minecraft mineral) from the lava using teamwork. And their third challenge was to run a whiffle ball balanced on a track held by individual Cubs.



After all that excitement there was some Free Time where the Cubs spread out to play with others. A game of Capture the Flag went on while others did quiet things around the cabin like playing a game of Kluster (thank you Kaa!) playing on the swings, or napping (three guesses

what Akela did!) Lunch of BBQed burgers with chips, fruit and pudding for dessert.



Part 2 of the Events were good. Cubs got a chance to build boats but ran out of time to sail them! Drat.

That's an activity they'd like to try again. We'll look into it for the spring when we can work with water outside without freezing our fingers off. And the last activity

involved lashing to make teepees. A good activity but the Cubs were tired and dehydrated at this point and it didn't go as well as it could have. Something we can work on for next time.



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After the last activity it was time for the Goffelberg Hunt. This is a traditional activity for this camp and there is a trophy and bragging rights on the line. Each coloured Goffelberg egg – which looked remarkably like jellybeans – had a different point value. Our Cubs' total points was 461. Divided by the 11 Cubs who attended.....41.91 eggs each. We placed 4th out of 5. Still a great job for first time Goffelberg egg hunters.

Free time after the hunt and Cubs stayed close to play more games, finish off the promised sword fights with Akela, and some Cubs read, and rumour is that Kaa had a nap. Supper was Chicken Fajitas with Neapolitan ice cream for dessert. After supper we prepared the Elevator skit for Campfire. Our contributions for songs were the Martian Song and 40 years on an Iceberg. Mug up of cookies and Rice Krispie squares. We all crashed pretty hard after Campfire. Chil told a bedtime story and that was it! Out like little lights! Oh, teeth were brushed, in case anyone wanted to thank Kaa for remembering.



A later start to Sunday morning, no time for a dance party today. Akela would like to mention that she is so very proud of the Cubs – and she shared this with them – all of their gear was packed and out on the porch BEFORE we were called for Breakfast. We were used as a good example of how to set out our gear so the cabins could be cleaned. Breakfast of pancakes, sausage and hot chocolate. It has been reported that pancakes dipped in hot chocolate are decent eating. Ask Akela how she knows.



We held Our Own (aka Scout's or Cub's Own) where everyone had a chance to reflect and share on what they were thankful or grateful for. Being together and meeting new Cubs was on the list. There is another tradition at this camp that we were happy to take part in. The traditional Scouters vs Cubs Tug O War. It was a tense battle. First of three bouts went to the Scouters. Second of three went to the Cubs. Third of three.....the Scouters. It was close though.



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And of course, in true 101st Ottawa Camping tradition, it started raining at 10:30am. Just as the Cubs were getting picked up by parents. We're blaming this rain on the Johnny Appleseed grace that was done on Saturday evening. That's our story and we're sticking to it. Our Cubs had a great time and would like to come back next fall. We'll put it on the schedule.

When we got back to our regularly scheduled meetings, our Cubs were placed in Lairs. Blue, Red, Green and Yellow. They were all very excited to get started. Of course there was the now traditional games of Zombie Tag and Toilet Tag before we went back into the hall to clean up and hear about the upcoming Apple Day.



Our last meeting in September was Investiture. We invested 10 new Cubs into our Pack! One was out sick, we'll have to catch him when he feels better.



As normal, those with guests had to make sure that their guests were seated, and served first from our treat box. After that, we have to admit, it was a bit of a chaotic free for all. Cubs will do many things for Rice Krispie Squares and Chocolate Chip Bear Paw cookies. What they did this time was a GREAT JOB! Very proud of you Cubs. I hope you're all ready for October!



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Scout Trails

The Scouts are back after a well-deserved summer break. And our Troop is huge this year! Some 26 Scouts – WOW! First meeting was about getting old and new friends reacquainted. It was also about going over our Troop's code of conduct and doing some planning for the year. In Scouts, the youth drive many of the weekly meetings and activities and the Scouters help to fit what they want to do in our schedule.

Our second meeting was very well-timed. Thanks to the Venturer Advisors and the Venturers themselves, we held a camping gear check night. Our gear gets lots of wear and tear and the average age of our tents is about 10 years old. So, we needed to check them and see what kind of repairs are needed. This meant putting up tents in the church hall, going through tent pegs, tarps, etc. It was all worth it because the Scouts were using the gear that weekend for their first camp of the year.

The Scouts headed to Camp Otter Lake in Quebec on the shores of a beautiful lake, about a 90 minute drive north of Ottawa. The vista was amazing and the weather great – a little cool at night so be prepared Scouts!



Scouts camps are often more “chill” affairs and the Scouts love having plenty of unstructured free time to explore, socialize and build strong bonds with each other. Camp is good for that.



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Several Scouts are very much into Dungeons and Dragons and other similar games, so this is a favourite pastime.



Sitting around the campfire that is going almost at all hours of the day is a great gathering spot. The Scouters hear some very interesting conversations on a lot of things.



Scout camp are also run by the Scouts themselves – especially the cooking and cleaning up. The Scouters do up a kitchen duty rotation and the Scouts cook and clean with gusto – probably because they love to eat non-stop and in great quantities.



So, what gets cooked, must get cleaned. And everyone has a job to do.



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The Scouts did go canoeing for a few hours on the Saturday. And yes some ended up in the water. We have two more camps planned for this Fall – looking forward to it.



Back in Ottawa, the following Wednesday, the Scouts met at the church to first return the camping gear. They then split into their four patrols and picked their animal symbol. This year, we have the Blue Jay, Bear, Polar Bear and Raccoon patrols.

The Scouts then walked to two local parks – Hutton Park and Alda Burt Park to do some clean up. They also picked up lots of trash from the sidewalk and streets along the way. Way to go Scouts!



Venturer News

Since Scouting started back up this month, the 101st Venturer Company has been busy planning on their adventures to come - including RoVent - a capstone camp taking place in October. Activities this month included a linking activity with the Scouts to do an equipment check before groups head off camping and a movie night based around the Rovent theme (Nightmare before Christmas).



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Special thanks to Venturers Indira and Sofia (and Luca who came at the end) for volunteering during Apple Day to count all the donations the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts brought in!



[Thank a Volunteer Today!](#)

Did you know that the 101st has 21 dedicated Scouters and volunteers? Some of them have continued to volunteer even after their own children have left the program. Some of them have been Scouters for 35 and 45 years! Without them, the 101st would not exist. If you can spare 5 minutes, click on the link below and thank a volunteer today. To help you fill out the form, the 101st is part of Voyageur Council. Thank you!

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

[Passing of Her Majesty The Queen](#)

Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II was the head of many organizations, including being Patron Scout. In Canada, the Governor General is also our Patron Scout. See this link for information from Scouts Canada:

<https://www.scouts.ca/news-and-events/news/2022/09/the-passing-of-her-majesty-queen-elizabeth-ii>

This tribute from Chief Ambassador of World Scouting and the Chief Scout of UK Scouts Bear Grylls is a good read:

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/news/2022/september/chief-scout-bear-grylls-remembers-hm-the-queen/>

Our very own Venturer Advisor, Bill Woodley, snapped these photos of a young Queen and Prince Phillip when he attended the World Scout Jubilee Jamboree in the UK in 1957 at the age of 16 years old. Thanks for sharing Scouter Bill.



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