February 2017

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

All Sections Winter Camp

Our highly anticipated annual All Sections Winter Camp is scheduled for the weekend of **March 3-5** at Camp Opemikon on Christie Lake near Perth. This camp is now full. It also looks like we will have great weather! See you there!!

Beaver Tales

February was a great month for the Beavers despite the weather playing tricks on us. We attempted twice to go skating at Weston Park but the first time was rained out and the second was after the warmer temperatures had already done away with the ice rink.

But the Beavers did learn to make cupcakes.

Thanks to Hawkeye who organized this well-choreographed meeting of Beavers mixing dry and wet ingredients to make the cupcake dough or the make the icing.

The even got to decorate a pre-made one. Now, the Leaders tried to tell them that it was Valentine's Day and they should give it to their mom or dad but most already had stuffed their mouth with it.

The Beavers also did some more badge trading that they tried for the first time at the Beaveree.

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Let's say they really got into it and no doubt we will see Beavers doing more badge trading in the future. We cap off February with a snowshoe hike with the Cubs after some preparation as we work towards the Beavers earning their Level 1 in both the Trail and Winter Outdoor Adventure Skills badges. We also have 26 eager Beavers attending All Sections Winter Camp.

Cub Corner

For the first half of February, the 101st Cub Pack was focused on Kub Kars. Paint, sandpaper, hot glue, feathers, metal pieces – you name it, they did it, and designed some of the coolest cars around.

In the wake of the tragic events in Quebec City, Kaa led the Pack through a discussion about values, what they are and what they mean. The Pack then did some games, and a relaxation and meditation exercise.

For Valentine's Day, the Cubs raced their cars against the White-tailed Beavers, fine tuning and adjusting their machines before the Rideau Area Kub Kar Rally on February 18th.

The 101st was well represented at the event, and Cubs Luca and Mason made it into the final top 9 race.

When it came to the design judging, Cub Indira took 1st place in Best Themed Car; and, Cub Kieran took 1st and Cub Danielle took 2nd for Wackiest Paint Job.

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Later in the month we had our first Lair-led meeting based on the different themes of the Jungle Book Map. Sixer Kieran Allo and the Red Lair (with Mang) planned a fun and active evening in Weston Park where the youth played a lively game of "Capture the Flag" and were given some warm, yummy apple cider. Our Scouters like to have fun too – Akela spent part of the evening in the "prison" during the game, and Kaa and Bagheera wandered away to make a snowman, who we included in our closing ceremony.

We finished the month with our annual snowshoe hike with the Beavers down the Pine Grove Trail, where we could enjoy the trees and a cup of cocoa under the stars.

All our cubs are looking forward to our All Sections Camp this coming weekend!

Scout Trails

The Scouts began the month of February at the Church Hall continuing with the cutting, painting and assembly of their Scout Trucks. They had lots of fun picking vibrant colours and interesting designs for their 18-wheelers. Everyone pitched in to help clean-up our make-shift workshop at the end of the night.

On February 8th the Scouts met up at City Hall for a wonderful time at the Winterlude Crystal Gardens and Rink of Dreams. They enjoyed taking in the stunning ice sculptures and shining lights. It was a chilly skate afterwards but the Scouts kept warm playing tag and grabbing a hot chocolate or beavertail. Many thanks to

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Scouter Mike for attending to all the Scouts footwear and gear during the skate.

With the painting completed the Scouts assembled for one last Scout Truck building session on February 22nd. Scouters Ruth, Melissa and Miranda helped with the drilling, gluing, and weigh-ins while the Scouts experimented with the addition of various washers and metallic bits to try to optimize the weight distribution for a speedier descent down the historic track that Scouter Mike, Zion and Emmaus so kindly assembled.

The following weekend a number of Scouts joined Scouter Jean for an adventurous afternoon of ice fishing at Petrie Island. Then it was back to the Church Hall on February 15th to make some more progress on the Scout Trucks and discuss plans for the Winter Camp at the beginning of March.

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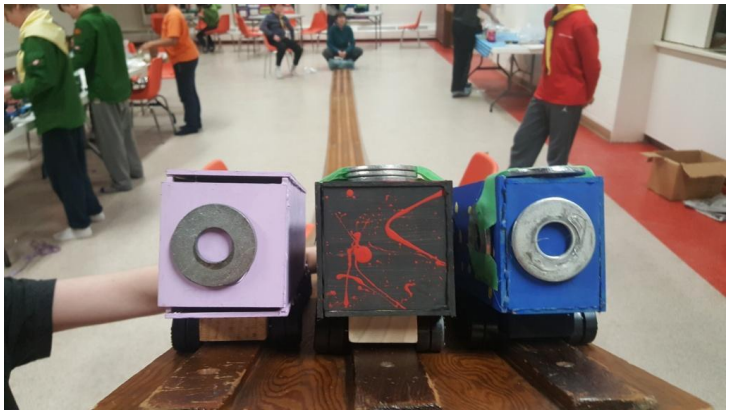

A great time was had by all and on February 25th as the Scouts got to take their awesome trucks to the competition at the Rideau Area Scout Truck Rally. A total of 40 Scouts from six Troops in Rideau Area came to race their Trucks and compete for best and most creative design. Nine of the 101st Scouts took part and two of them – Noah and Ansel - made it into the final 18 Trucks racing for first, second or third places. The 101st Scouts going to the Canadian Jamboree also ran the canteen at the Rally and were able to raise about $200 towards their trip this July.

Venturer News

February was outdoors month for the Venturers: getting out on snowshoes a couple of meetings, and going downtown to see the ice sculptures at Confederation Park. One evening was spent snowshoeing around Hog's Back - the snow was spectacular (pre-melt obviously) and the Vents were surprised at how high and wild the waterflow was for mid-February. The evening at Winterlude ended of course with Beaver Tails and hot chocolate.

year - Challenge 150. With 150 as the objective, the Vents will undertake activities in all six program

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areas of the Canadian Path. The Challenge 150 also emphasizes progress in the Outdoor Skills categories such as Camping, Winter Skills and Paddling Skills. To reach 150, Vents will be awarded 1 point per hour of community service, a point per kilometre hiked, and 5 points per weekend camp (7 if they build their accommodations). Sorry, the Ope camp in cabins would only count for 3 points! The Challenge 150 also focuses on intellectual, physical and spiritual development; for example, 3 pts for reading an inspirational book, and 5 pts for participating in a sports program. The Advisors look forward to presenting special plaques to the Vents that complete the Challenge by the end of 2017.

Campfire at Balena Park Winter Carnival

Each year, the Riverview Park Community Association puts on a Winter Carnival at Balena Park. It's a great chance to get on the ice for some skating, enjoy some games, hot apple cider, meet neighbours and of course enjoy the campfire put on by the 101st Scouts.

This year it did snow quite a bit. Scouters Francois, Dan and Bill came out and supervised Cub Indira, Scout Adrian and Scout Nick who built and maintained the campfire. They also handed out sticks and marshmallows to people attending the Carnival. Thank you.

Summer Camp at Opemikon

Camp Opemikon offers summer camping programs for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venturer aged youth. Camps includes crafts, swimming, hiking, canoeing, campfires, theme weeks, and so much more. A truly memorable summer camp experience. Information is now available at: http://voy.scouts.ca/ca/camp-opemikon-summer-programs

Dates for your Calendar

- **March 3-5:** All Sections Winter Camp at Camp Opemikon
- **March Break:** No meetings
- **May 6:** Scoutrees Planting (Dig Day)
- **May 5-7:** RSVP Camp at Opemikon
- **May 26-28:** Beavers Spring Camp at Legewade
- **June 6:** End-of-Year Banquet at Canterbury Community Centre

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