

1st Meadowvale West Beavers

2015/2016 Newsletter #1



1st Meadowvale West 'Swamp Rat' Beaver colony would like to welcome parents and beavers both new and returning to our Monday night program. We have 2 returning leaders from last year; Tic Tac (Scouter Shane) and Sunshine (Scouter Amanda).

With the feedback from last years Colony we have begun planning an action pack fun filled program. Including Fall, Winter, and Spring Camps (more than any other year!!), more hikes, linking events with pack, Themed driven meetings, lots of new games, crafts and other adventures! The Leaders and youth will continue adapting their program using the Canadian Path. The Canadian Path is defined by its four key elements: Youth-led, Plan-Do-Review, Adventure and SPICES. The Four Elements provide youth with the opportunity to play an active role in facilitating and creating their own Youth-Led Path and program. The Plan-Do-Review element creates a more engaged and reflective process for our members, which they can apply to all their Adventures –and there will be many Adventures! SPICES will provide youth with a program that fosters well-rounded individuals, better prepared for success in the world. For more info please visit <http://www.scouts.ca/canadianpath>

On pages 2-4 of this year's newsletter we have included a "draft" calendar of key events up to the christmas break. Some dates and locations may change. We will be using scout tracker as our main planning tool and we encourage both parents and youth to visit the site often. You will each be emailed your login and password shortly.

This newsletter will be updated from time to time and future versions can be found on the 1st Meadowvale West Scout Group Website <http://www.1stmeadowvalescouts.org>. Once on the site look for the "Group News" Page.

Regular meeting location details:

Generally the 'swamp rat' Beaver colony meets on Mondays from 7-8pm at St Teresa of Avila School 6675 Montevideo Road, Mississauga, ON L5N 4E8

NOTE: During the Winter/wet months please bring non-scuffing shoes to wear indoors at St Teresa of Avila School, Wet Winter boots make a mess of the gym floor, increase the risk of injury due to the floor being slippery when wet, and wearing shoes is safer and more fun when running around in the gym.

Core Program Values listed below for the basis of the program we deliver:

Beaver Motto: Sharing, Sharing, Sharing

Beaver Law: A Beaver has fun, works hard and helps family and friends.

Beaver Promise: I promise to love God and to help take care of the world.

Finally on a personal note as an active member of Scouts Canada for a number of years now I would like to encourage parents to get involved in the program. As your child moves up in the program from beavers to cubs and beyond the outdoor adventures are sure to offer a lifetime of memories that you can share with your child as they develop into leaders themselves.

Sincerely,

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1st Meadowvale Beavers (Swamp Rat Colony) Key Dates 2015-2016

Date	Day	Event	Description	Group
14-Sept	Mon	1st Meeting - Outside 7-8pm	Hike around lake Aquataine. Meet @ St. Teresa of Avila 6675 Montevideo Road in parking lot	Colony
21-Sept	Mon	2nd Meeting - Indoors 7-8pm	Cooperative Games Night, Welcome to new and returning Beavers.	Colony
23-Sept	Wed	Group Pasta Supper & Popcorn Kickoff 630-8pm	Meet at Meadowvale Church Centre, located behind Meadowvale Town Centre. RSVP shane_nesbitt@hotmail.com	Group
28-Sept	Mon	3rd Meeting - Indoors 7-8pm	Mount Nemo Hike signup dead line. Colony will learn to tie an Overhand knot and Reef knot. Prep for hike and preliminary prep for camp	Colony
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3-Oct	Sat	1st Outing Mount Nemo Hike 10am-2pm	Hike around Mount Nemo South Loop and Bruce Trail 4km lunch included, basic compass demonstration	Colony
5-Oct	Mon	4th Meeting - Indoors 7-8pm	Thanksgiving theme, prep for camp	Group
6-Oct	Tues	Lake Aquitaine Park Clean-up 630-8pm	Meet @splash pad	
11-Oct	Sun	Eco-spirit Camp Deadline		Colony
17-Oct	Sat	Door to Door	Apple Drive Oct-17 (Pick-up apples at Church center)	Group
19-Oct	Mon	5th Meeting - Outdoors 7-8pm	Plant Bulbs @ Meadowvale Church Centre	Colony
23-Oct	Fri	Eco-Spirit Camp - Linking Event with Pack	Station Hotel - Blue Springs Scout Reserve - 14175 Sixth Line Nassagaweya, Acton, ON L7J 2W8 - Ebor Gate	Colony
24-Oct	Sat	Eco-Spirit Camp - Linking Event with Pack	Station Hotel - Blue Springs Scout Reserve - 14175 Sixth Line Nassagaweya, Acton, ON L7J 2W8 - Ebor Gate	Colony
25-Oct	Sun	Eco-Spirit Camp - Linking Event with Pack	Station Hotel - Blue Springs Scout Reserve - 14175 Sixth Line Nassagaweya, Acton, ON L7J 2W8 - Ebor Gate	Colony
27-Oct	Tues	Halloween Fun House 7-830pm Popcorn orders Due	Haunted house event cubs and scouts put on. Location St. Theresa of Avila School	Group

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2-Nov	Mon	6th Meeting - Indoors 7-8pm	Games night, Preparation for Investiture, Friends of the Forest	Colony
9-Nov	Mon	7th Meeting - Indoors 7-8pm	Investiture / Parent participation requested. (Remembrance day)	Colony
16-Nov	Mon	8th Meeting - Indoors 7-8pm	String Art Craft and prep for campfire	Colony
21-Nov	Sat	Campfire with 3rd Meadowvale	Camp Manitou - 7484 Twiss Road 6pm to 830	Group
23-Nov	Mon	9th Meeting - Indoors 7-8pm	Cooperatives games night and crafts	Colony
28-Nov	Sat	Popcorn Pickup tbd 10am-1pm	Meadowvale Church Centre	
30-Nov	Mon	10th Meeting - Indoors 7-8pm	Lodge prepared Cooperatives games night and crafts	Colony
Date	Day	Event	Description	Group
7-Dec	Mon	11th Meeting - Indoors 7-8pm	Prep for visit to seniors centre	Colony
14-Dec	Mon	Caroling 7:00-8:00pm pm	Caroling at Seniors Home (Erin Meadows, 2930 Erin Centre Boulevard)	Colony-A
16-Dec	Wed	Pot Luck Dinner - Group	Group meeting (Bring your favorite dish!) RSVP required by Dec-10) *** Please confirm to Tic Tac!	Group
21-Dec	Mon	No use of gym Bake-off at Loblaws (Argentia and WinstonChurhill) 7pm sharp!	Bake-off at Loblaws come and see what you can create.	Colony-A
28-Dec	Mon	NO MEETING	No meeting Christmas Break	Group