

# 1<sup>st</sup> Meadowvale West Beavers

## 2016-2017 Newsletter #1



1<sup>st</sup> Meadowvale West Beavers 'swamp rat' colony would like to welcome all parents of new and returning members to this year's Monday night program. We have a few returning leaders that include Leigh-Ann, Benny, myself returning to Beavers a second time with my youngest son, and we are also excited to welcome leaders Karen and Mike from 4<sup>th</sup> Meadowvale as they join our team this year.

The leaders and group committee members of 1<sup>st</sup> Meadowvale West are ready to deliver another action pack fun filled program. When we looked back on last years' successes they included two overnight camps, 7 outdoor hikes, seasonal crafts, Christmas caroling to seniors, beaver buggy racing, linking events with the cubs, and so many games/activities specifically designed for 5-7 year olds. More than half of last year's beaver colony swam up to cubs back in May 2016, and it's something we are very proud to be part of.

On page 2-4 of this report we have included a calendar of key events in an attempt to ensure members have full visibility of the program we are offering for 2016-2017. This newsletter will be updated from time to time and future versions can be found on the 1st Meadowvale West Scout Group Website [www.1stmeadowvalescouts.org](http://www.1stmeadowvalescouts.org) Once on the site look for the "Group News" Page.

### **Regular meeting location details:**

Generally the swamp rat colony beavers meet 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 s\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,

Leader contact person Lawrence Roy (Chip)

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Date	Day	Event	Description
19-Sep	Mon	School booked	Inventory and Programming review leaders. New member orientation
24-Sep	Sat	Lisgar Park Opening 11am-2pm	Group event Park event with local councilor Pat Sato. Corner of 10th line and Aquataine
26-Sep	Mon	Regular meeting School 7-8 pm	Cooperative Games Night, Welcome to new and returning Beavers. (Create and hand-out name tags)
28-Sep	Wed	Pasta Supper - Kick-off party	Church Centre 6:30-8:30 pm
3-Oct	Mon	Regular meeting School 7-8 pm	Giving Thanks, Songs and games: Intro to Beaver Promise, Motto and Law
5-Oct	Wed	Group Committee	Monthly meeting at church for Leaders
<b>10-Oct</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>NO MEETING</b>	<b>No meeting Thanksgiving</b>
15-Oct	Sat	Door to Door	Apple Drive Oct-15 (Pick-up apples at Church center)
17-Oct	Mon	Regular Meeting School 7-8 pm	Meeting theme TBD
22-Oct	Sat	Eco Spirit Hike Blue springs	Day of hiking and events
24-Oct	Mon	Regular meeting School 7-8 pm	Investiture / Parent participation requested.
28-Oct	Fri	Fall Camp	(Acton - Station Hotel Blue Springs booked )
29-Oct	Sat	Fall Camp	(Acton - Station Hotel Blue Springs booked )
30-Oct	Sun	Fall Camp	(Acton - Station Hotel Blue Springs booked )
<b>31-Oct</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Have school won't use</b>	<b>Halloween</b>
2-Nov	Wed	Group Committee	Monthly meeting at church for Leaders
5-Nov	Sat	Fun in the Fall 1 - 4pm	Erindale Park near Dundas (Beavers & Cubs)
7-Nov	Mon	Regular Meeting School 7-8 pm	Games night & Preparation for Investiture
7-Nov	Wed	Group Committee	Monthly meeting at church for Leaders
14-Nov	Mon	Regular Meeting School 7-8 pm	Investiture part-2 if needed
21-Nov	Mon	Regular Meeting School 7-8 pm	Campfire skits and Songs
26-Nov	Sat	Popcorn pick-up day	Popcorn pick-up Meadowvale Church center (11:30am - 1:30pm)
26-Nov	Sat	Campfire Camp Manitou Milton evening event 7-9:30pm	Campfire with 3rd Meadowvale at Camp Manitou-Milton See Flyer 30 minute drive RSVP by Nov-19th
28-Nov	Mon	Regular meeting School	Meeting theme TBD
3-Dec	Sat	Santas Workshop event runs from 1:30 PM - 4:00PM	See Flyer location Erindale Presbyterian Church forms due back Nov-19th
5-Dec	Mon	Regular Meeting School 7-8 pm	Caroling Practice

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7-Dec	Wed	Pot Luck Dinner - Group	Group meeting (Bring your favorite dish!) RSVP required by Dec-10) *** Please reconfirm to Chip!
<b>12-Dec</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>No Gym based on Permit</b>	<b>School not available</b>
14-Dec	Wed	Food collection day Meet at Church center to see assigned route	Food Flyer collection night.
<b>19-Dec</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>No Gym based on Permit</b>	<b>School not available</b>
20-Dec	Tues	Caroling 7:00-8:00pm pm	Caroling at Seniors Home (Erin Meadows, 2930 Erin Centre Boulevard) Cubs,Beavers,Scouts
4-Jan	Wed	Group Committee	Monthly meeting at church for Leaders
9-Jan	Mon	Regular Meeting School 7-8 pm	New years Promise and craft, leader names
16-Jan	Mon	Regular Meeting School 7-8 pm	Beaver buggy assembly and games
23-Jan	Mon	Regular Meeting School 7-8 pm	Games night & Camp Preparation
27-Jan	Fri	Winter Camp	(Willowgrove Center - 11737 McCowan Road, Stouffville, ON, L4A 7X5)
28-Jan	Sat	Winter Camp	(Willowgrove Center - 11737 McCowan Road, Stouffville, ON, L4A 7X5)
29-Jan	Sun	Winter Camp	(Willowgrove Center - 11737 McCowan Road, Stouffville, ON, L4A 7X5)
1-Feb	Wed	Group Committee	Monthly meeting at church for Leaders
6-Feb	Mon	Regular Meeting School 7-8 pm	Beaver buggy racing.
13-Feb	Mon	Regular Meeting School 7-8 pm	Craft night and games
19-Feb	Sun	Lord Baden Powell Birthday Church center	Lord Baden Powell Birthday 1-4pm
<b>20-Feb</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>NO MEETING</b>	<b>Family Day no Gym</b>
20-Feb	Mon	Family day! Scout day at Hershey Centre (Noon-4PM)	Pre-game skating, National anthem, and tickets for the game \$13.50 a person.
27-Feb	Mon	Regular Meeting School 7-8 pm	lightning ceremony for our White tails and games
1-Mar	Wed	Group Committee	Monthly meeting at church for Leaders
6-Mar	Mon	Regular Meeting School 7-8 pm	Cooperatives games night
<b>13-Mar</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>NO MEETING</b>	<b>No Meeting March – Break!</b>
18-Mar	Sat	Earth Hour event camp fire	TBD
20-Mar	Mon	Regular Meeting School 7-8 pm	TBD
25-Mar	Sat	Meet at main building entrance 10:00AM sharp! Location 9550 Pine Valley Drive,	Tentative !!! Out in Scouting (Kortwright Center sugar bush) 10am sharp. (Think about car pooling)
27-Mar	Mon	Regular Meeting School 7-8 pm	Easter Craft & Game

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3-Apr	Mon	Regular Meeting School 7-8 pm	TBD is this Easter
5-Apr	Wed	Group Committee	Monthly meeting at church for Leaders
10-Apr	Mon	Regular Meeting School 7-8 pm	?????? Home Depo 2920 Argentia Road, Mississauga, ON L5N 8C5 (905) 814-3860
13-Apr	Tues	Group Area event out in Scouting "Litter Not" Meet at splash pad area beside Rec center *****6:30pm start	Out in Scouting (Aquitaine park – Area Meeting 6:30pm-7:30pm)
24-Apr	Mon	Regular Meeting School 7-8 pm	Advancement ceremony pre-work, games and friends of the forest.
27-Apr	Sat	<b>Saturday</b> Tree planting Birchwood Park 9am start	Tree planting – Birchwood Park (9am-12:00) Southdown & Lakeshore
<b>1-May</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>No Gym based on Permit</b>	<b>Spring Hike Location: 5800 River Grove Ave Mississauga, ON L5M 4R8 (905) 615-4780 TBD Please meet at Rivergrove community center on the north side at 7:00PM sharp (Boots recommended for the kids). Parents encouraged to join in on the hike.</b>
3-May	Wed	Group Committee	Monthly meeting at church for Leaders
6-May	Sat	<b>Saturday</b> Streetsville Bowling (On Queen St.) 7pm start	Streetsville Bowling. Area gathering (7-9:30 pm)
8-May	Mon	Regular Meeting School 7-8 pm	Camp preparation Songs & Skits
13-May	Sat	Plant Sale	Pick-up day
13-May	Sat	JOTT - Jamboree	Wordwide hiking event - Blue springs???
15-May	Mon	Regular Meeting School 7-8 pm	TBD - Fishing lake Aquitaine hand made rods.
12-May	Fri	Summer camp - Saturday	Manitou Scout Camp - Rotary Lodge
13-May	Sat	Summer camp - Saturday	Manitou Scout Camp - Rotary Lodge
14-May	Sun	Summer camp - Sunday	Manitou Scout Camp - Rotary Lodge
<b>22-May</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>NO MEETING</b>	<b>No meeting Victoria Day Holiday</b>
23-May	Tues	Aquitaine park meet at 6:30pm near Meadowvale Rec splash pad area	Out in Scouting (Aquitaine park –Area Meeting) 6:30-8:00
29-May	Mon	Open night	TBD
5-Jun	Mon	Regular meeting School	Last night Family Event (Soccer)
7-Jun	Wed	Group Committee	Monthly meeting at church for Leaders
21-Jun	Wed	AGM meeting and Spring registration	Church Center