

72nd Ottawa Cubs May 29 Update

NOTE: In Myscouts we are listed as 'Hogs Back Scouting Group'

Next meeting

Monday June 3

St Ritas School

6:30-7:45

72nd Cubs Website: <http://www.72ndottawascouting.ca/cubs.html>

- **Hello everyone:**
 - Last Saturday was the General Burns Fun Day. Our Scouts and Venturers did a fantastic job with the rope bridge and helping with games. Great to see lots of Cubs and former Cubs too.
 - 3 of our 1st year Cubs Harper Sam and Evan ran a great meeting this past Monday. Hopefully the flowers will bloom (in the small yogurt containers) and you will enjoy the salad dressing!
 - Lots of new information after the events – please keep reading!
 - **Monday June 3** is the last regular meeting until September. We'll be talking camp prep
 - **Spring Camp**
 - Spring Camp will be at a Scouts Canada campground in Otter Lake, QC
 - Camp website: '<https://www.campotterlake.ca/home>'
 - Date is June 7-9
 - Cost is \$50 for the weekend, \$30 for Saturday only
 - **Registration closes ON FRIDAY.**
 - payment can be made in cash at a mtg, or via e-transfer to **72ndpayments@gmail.com**
 - **Camp INFO:** <https://www.72ndottawascouting.ca/formsandnotes/Spring-CampInfo2024.pdf>
 - **GEAR LIST:** <https://www.72ndottawascouting.ca/formsandnotes/Spring-CampGearList.pdf>
 - **LAST MINUTE CAMP NOTES (IMPORTANT):** <https://www.72ndottawascouting.ca/formsandnotes/SpringCamp2024-FinalNotes.pdf>
 - Summer camp registration for many programs are now open

- Camp Opemikon, our regional Scout camp, runs weekly residential camps. More info on these camps can be found online at <https://www.scouts.ca/camps/camp-opemikon.html>
- Nepean Sailing Club runs camps as well. If you use the discount code 'Scouts2024' You will get a \$35 discount!

Upcoming Schedule – *always open to change*

- **Monday June 3** – spring camp planning – last regular mtg until September
- **June 7 – 9** : Spring Camp
 - <https://www.72ndottawascouting.ca/formsandnotes/SpringCampInfo2024.pdf>

Registration for 2025 Scouting year

- Scouts Canada youth registration runs on a CALENDAR YEAR basis
- Registration for the following Scouting year begins in late summer.
- We expect the Cub Pack to be full in the fall. Please take note of the registration period and deadlines. Scouts Canada gives returning members first chance at renewal, then opens up registration to new members. It is highly advised that if your child will return to Cubs that you register them in the August 'returning members' period.
- Group registration fees for 2025 have not yet been set but like everything else, they will increase next year.
- Scouts Canada refund policy – you can get a refund on your 2025 registration up to January 2025.



Timeline for Registration

To optimize youth registration, we're introducing a new streamlined process.

RETURNING YOUTH	NEW YOUTH REGISTRATIONS New youth can register for Scouts Canada programs across three distinct regions in Canada.			REGISTRATION OPEN TO ALL YOUTH
AUGUST 1-SEPTEMBER 7	SEPTEMBER 8-14	SEPTEMBER 15-21	SEPTEMBER 22-ONWARDS	
ALL REGIONS Best time to secure your spot in your favorite Group.	BRITISH COLUMBIA ALBERTA	ONTARIO	EAST COAST MANITOBA SASKATCHEWAN QUEBEC	ALL REGIONS

Register at [Scouts.ca/Join](https://scouts.ca/join)

What did we do in Cubs this year?

We will be reminding the Cubs on Monday of everything we did this year. Here is a list of our main meeting topics!

What we did this year

- Welcome Back – making ballistas
- evening hike
- shoreline cleanup
- apple day
- Fall camp prep
- Fall Camp
- Emergency skills OAS
- Halloween party
- practical first aid
- tech night at the Apple Store
- outing to City of Ottawa Traffic Operations Centre
- Knots!
- 3rd years run mtg
- Evening hike to see Christmas lights
- seasonal party
- songs skits cheers
- 2nd years run mtg
- joint mtg with the Scouts
- winter camp prep
- winter camp
- skating evening
- Kub Kar cutting
- Cooking & Debra Dynes helping

Escape Manor
Pack Kub Kar rally
spring evening hike arboretum
I missed our Sunday winter hike because we could not go x-country skiing
pot luck dinner
indoor wall climbing
Cubs move-up
bike stuff and lashing
1st year cubs run mtg
Spring camp

- As many of you are aware, I will be stepping back from running the Pack. Scouter Scott will be Akela in September, but unless I evaporate during the summer, I will be back in a reduced role. When the Cubs can catch up to me, it is time for me to throttle back 😊
- Everyone hears from me but there is a great team of Scouters behind me. A comparison – I guess I'm like the lead singer in your favorite rock band, but without a drummer, bass player, keyboardist, etc, the band would not exist. If you stop by next Monday or at camp, thank Scouters Scott, Martha, Marc, Jenny and Andrew. 2 are doctors – I know they often get home after 6, grab something quick to eat and show up at Cubs always with a BIG smile and ready to go. We have a university prof, and a member of the Forces. They all come with lots of energy and smiles (to balance my bad-cop persona) I might be the front-man, but none of this program would happen without them. I can't thank them enough. (BTW, on the Scouts.ca website, there is a link somewhere after scrolling down down down called the THANKS button. If you feel a Scouter, or a youth, has done something special, but in a THANKS for them! We are in Voyageur Council, HogsBack Scouting Group)
- In the fall we have Scouter Rosanna joining us from Beavers, and new-Scouter Mike will be joining us. If you are interested in being a leader, pop me an email and I'll set you up with the appropriate people to get you going.
- If your child attends any summer camps, they may earn some badges. We don't do a sailing program, so if your child attends a sailing camp, well, they probably earn level 1-3 sailing. Attend a pottery camp? Part of the Personal Achievement Badges (Art). We love giving out badges!
 - <https://www.scouts.ca/programs/sections/outdoor-adventure-skills.html>
 - <https://www.scouts.ca/programs/personal-achievement-badges/personal-achievement-badges-cubs.html>
- Some of the Beavers who have just moved up achieved a 'top section' award called the North Star award. A few of our Cubs achieved that as well when in Beavers. In Cubs, we

have an award, usually for the 3rd year Cubs, called the Seeonee Award. I mention it to the Cubs, they sound excited, but don't follow up. My stipulation is that they initiate the process by coming to talk to us about their project and getting their 10 Outdoor Adventure Skills levels. It is the next step in our leadership promotion, and we will help them to achieve their goal. I know in the group moving from 2nd to 3rd year that a few could work and earn the Seeonee Award next year. Something to think about over the summer

- <https://scouts.ca/scoutinglife/wp-content/uploads/all/Top-Section-Awards-Requirements-and-Transition.pdf>
- We are always looking for great program ideas. If you have suggestions, pop me an email. If you work somewhere interesting that would give us a tour, let me know. In the past, we had a parent that worked at Canada Border Services. She got us a tour of the International Arrivals at the airport. Highlight for the leaders – seeing the Cubs locked up in the 'drug room' (ie the room with only a toilet). We had parent who got us a tour of the First Air terminal at the airport (very interesting!!!) We love getting out and about.
- A few dates to note for the fall
 - Re-registration for 2025 runs from August 1 to Sept 7. We will be filled.
 - First meeting of the fall will be Monday September 9.
 - Fall camp will be at Baxter Conservation Area October 4-6. This is earlier than we typically do Fall Camp, but as Thanksgiving is not until October 14 this year, we felt it better to get camp in earlier in October.
 - Apple Day will be Saturday October 19

Questions? Pop me an email (henry.starzynski@sympatico.ca)

Yours in Scouting,

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