

Beaver TALES



JANUARY 2010

The newsletter of the 49th Winnipeg Beaver Colony

COLONY NEWS

The 49th Colony leadership team would like to wish you and your families a happy and prosperous 2010. As you can see, the new year has brought our newsletter a new look and a new name. *BeaverTales* will be bringing you more information about our colony's activities and events, plus other Scouting events in Winnipeg.

And now a quick recap of our year so far...

September 2009 saw the revival of our colony after three years of being inactive. And what a revival it was! Our year started with 15 eager little Beavers, many more than our new leadership team expected! But like all Scouts, we were prepared. And between the games, crafts and all the running around, we managed to plan some special events.

In October we got lost (and cold) in the "A-Maze-In-Corn" corn maze near Niverville. We had a Halloween party, where we bobbed for apples, played games, told stories around the campfire and had Halloween treats. November was a time of remembrance for those that made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and for those who are currently serving away from family and friends. Our Beaver colony was honoured to host Don Collins—Sgt-at-Arms and veteran UN Peacekeeper from the Royal Canadian Legion, Charleswood Branch 100—who spoke about why the act of remembrance is so important.

December was an exciting end to 2009 for our colony, as six of our colony's Beavers attended a sleepover with members of the 60th Beaver Colony at Westboine Housing Co-Op Community Centre. Though there wasn't much sleep, a fun time was had by everyone. Even Santa made a surprise visit on Sunday with special treats for the kids!

With 2010 now well underway, the leadership team has planned an exciting January and February full of special theme nights and activities. Stay tuned!

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New leaders get Invested.



Story time with Tic-Tac.



Scary tales around the "campfire" at Halloween.



A visit from Santa!



Enjoying a muddy hike through A-Maze-In-Corn.



WELCOME TO THE GROUP!

Two new Beavers have joined since Bring-A-Buddy Night:

- **Demetrius** (Nov. 2009)
- **Jesse** (Jan. 2010)

Also, please welcome our newest member to the leadership team:

- **Junior Leader Natania Goffard** (aka "Sunshine")

"The boy is not governed by 'don't', but is led by 'do'."

- Lord Baden Powell, founder of the Scouting Movement.

49TH BEAVERS PROGRAMMING

JANUARY/FEBRUARY

The next few months will be very busy. We will be reminding everyone about the upcoming week's activities at the end of every meeting, so please ensure that you are there early enough prior to the pick up of your child at closing to hear any announcements.

THURSDAY "KNIGHTS" GET MEDIEVAL

January is "Medieval Month", where we'll be learning about Knights and Medieval times

January 14 – *Craft:* Shields
Story and games
Badge Ceremony

January 21 – *Craft:* Catapults
Medieval Feast
(be prepared to get messy...)
Stories and games

January 28 – *Craft:* Puzzling Knight
Story and games

FANTASTIC FEBRUARY

February will be exciting as we celebrate Family and the Olympics all in the same month!

February 4 – Family Day
Please bring one small, used pre-wrapped toy. This toy will be used in conjunction with a lesson about giving. The toy will NOT be returned
Craft: "I love you because..."
Story and games

February 11 – Toboggan Party
We will be meeting at the Assiniboine Park toboggan run for a night of fun. Should the weather prevent us from being outside, we will phone all the parents the day before and notify you of the alternate location and activity.

February 18 and 25 – Beaver Olympics

SCOUTING MANITOBA EVENTS

KUB KAR RALLIES

The Area 8 (Pembina Trail) will be holding their **Kub Kar Rally** on **Saturday, February 13** at the Engineering building at the University of Manitoba. Beavers are encouraged participate by building their own Beaver Buggy and racing it! The Buggies must be built prior to the first event and are available for sale at Scout HQ. These are a simple yet fun craft to do at home with your child. The Beavers' registration is at 9 AM. There will be prizes and lots of fun for the Beavers and the whole family. Entering the Pembina Trail event enables you to work out any problems your Buggy might have before the next rally. There will be a "Pit Crew" on hand to help out with your Buggy or Kub Kar.

The second rally will be held at the Glenwood Community Club, 27 Overton Street (near the junction of St. Mary's and St. Anne's Roads) on **April 10**. Beaver registration is at 10 AM. This will be a larger event where all groups (Beavers, Cubs and Scouts) from all over Winnipeg and rural Manitoba will be racing their Beaver Buggies or Kub Kars. There will also be a "Beaver Pond" and other fun activities for the Beavers.

We encourage you and your Beaver to participate in this project. Please approach anyone from the leadership team to let us know if you are attending or require assistance in acquiring a Beaver Buggy.

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THE 49TH WINNIPEG BEAVER COLONY

Where we meet:

Royal School – 450 Laxdal Road
Every Thursday, 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

In the event that we cannot use the school, the alternate location is Silver Heights United Church, 199 Garrioch Avenue

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- Patrick Murphy (Tic-Tac)
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- Ian MacLean – 49th Group Leader (all Sections)

