

MOVING ON FROM BEAVERS TO CUBS

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The scout troop meets on Mondays. It is run by a Scout Leader and two Assistant Scout Leaders), assisted by two Young Leaders.

Scouts are placed in patrols (similar to sixes in Cubs) led by the patrol leader (PL) and assistant patrol leader (APL), who are older Scouts. Over the course of the first few weeks, they will learn the Scout Promise (which is similar to the Cub sSout promise) and Law.

The Scout Promise

On my honour, I promise that I will do my best
To do my duty to God and to the Queen
To help other people
And to keep the Scout Law.

The Scout Association has recently introduced an alternative versions of the Promise for young people who are Muslim, Hindu, humanist or with no affirmed faith who wish to join Scouting, which are listed on page 6 of the Parents Guide to Scouts. If your child would prefer to make an alternative promise, please let us know.

The Scout Law

1. A Scout is to be trusted.
2. A Scout is loyal.
3. A Scout is friendly and considerate.
4. A Scout belongs to the world-wide family of Scouts.
5. A Scout has courage in all difficulties.
6. A Scout makes good use of time and is careful of possessions and property.
7. A Scout has self-respect and respect for others.

The Scout Motto

Be Prepared.



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What happens next?

After about 3-5 weeks, your child will be asked if they would like to be invested as a Scout. They will need to have the uniform shirt by this point. They wear the same neck scarf as for Cubs, and we will provide a woggle which replaces the Cub one. Parents will be invited to watch the investiture at the end of a troop meeting. When they are invested, they are re-awarded the membership badges (so no need to transfer these from the Cub uniform). However, the following badges should be transferred from the Cub jumper, once invested:

- The most recent year badge.
- Any staged activity badges (light blue with purple edge).
- The Chief Scout's Silver Award, if achieved in Cubs.
- The Lest We Forget remembrance badge, if awarded in Cubs.

See: [http://members.scouts.org.uk/documents/000%20PG%20Uniform%20Diagrams%20\(2015\)_Scouts.pdf](http://members.scouts.org.uk/documents/000%20PG%20Uniform%20Diagrams%20(2015)_Scouts.pdf) for the position of the badges on the sweatshirt.

Uniform can be purchased from various scout shops online (e.g. shop.scouts.org.uk), or from John Lewis, or from the Cambridge scout shop (see <http://www.cambridgeshirescouts.org.uk/members/scout-shops/25-cambridge-scout-shop>).

Further general information can be found about Scouts at: http://scouts.org.uk/media/792119/A6-Parents-guide-to-Scouts-v5_Final.pdf

What do the Leaders Expect from Scouts?

Although the underlying principles of Scouting are exactly the same, Scouts are expected to be more self-reliant than Cubs, in particular taking responsibility for themselves and their belongings. Scouts are invited to Winter and Easter camp each year, together with other scouts in the District. They do more challenging activities than cubs, as is appropriate for their age.

Scouts are expected to:

- Arrive on time (do not leave your child if the Leader is not present).
- Attend regularly (it is of course OK to miss an occasional meeting, but we usually have a waiting list, so it is not fair to take up a place and not make full use of it).
- Wear their uniform - with neck scarves and badges sewn on in the right places.
- Know and abide by the Scout Promise and Law.



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How do we keep in contact?

Most communication is by email. We also need a mobile phone number, so that we can contact you in case of emergency. This information is passed on automatically from Cubs, but if your details have changed or you're not getting email messages please let us know.

As with cubs, we use My.SCOUT, which is a website that allows you to:

- Sign your child up for events.
- See and edit their personal details.
- View the term's programme.
- See you child's badge progress.

You will receive an email inviting you into My Scout in due course.

Medical and other information

When your child joined Beavers or Cubs, you completed a registration form which asked whether your child has any dietary needs, allergies, health concerns etc. Please let us know as soon as possible if anything has changed, or if there is any other information about your child that you feel we should know.

Costs

Subscriptions are the same as for Cubs (£32 per term). There are separate fees for camps. The cost of an activity is **never** a bar to participation for **any** Cub. If necessary, please feel free to speak to one of the Leaders about any difficulties which will be treated confidentially.



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