

23RD ANDOVER CUB PACK



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Welcome to Cub Scouts. You are going to have a lot of fun and do lots of different and exciting things.

The first few times you come to Cubs you will be getting to know us and learn what it is all about. This booklet is designed to help you get to know us a bit quicker. It has some things you can do at Cubs and some you can do at home. One of the leaders will help you with it.

When you have completed the booklet and your leader and Sixer agrees that you are ready, you will be Invested. This means we will have a short ceremony when you will say your Promise and Law and be officially welcomed into our Cub Pack. You will be able to invite your family to come and share this with you.

If you would like to write your name here so everyone knows this is your booklet.

MY SIX

Some things at Cubs we will do as a pack together. But there will be times when we will do things in small groups called Sixes. You will be part of a Six, write down the name of your six here.

My Six.....

The Six is lead by an older Cub called a Sixer. Their job is to look after you and the rest of the Six. The Sixer has a Secunder who helps them to look after the Six and stands in for them when they are not there. Write down the name of your Sixer and Secunder here.

My Sixer

My Secunder

You are an important part of your Six, and they will come to rely on you. There will be games and competitions between Sixes and I am sure you will try your best for your Six.

Get the other Cubs in your Six to write their names here.



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One of the competitions is Inspection that we do at the beginning of each Pack meeting. Points from the Inspection are counted towards the Best Six Award. The Award is given to the Six with the most points each term. You can help your Six by making sure you come to each meeting neat and tidy.

WHAT YOU NEED FOR INSPECTION

- * Clean uniform with your scarf rolled properly
- * Clean hands and fingernails
- * Clean handkerchief
- * Pen and paper (Be Prepared)
- * 30 pence for a phone call (Be Prepared)

MY PACK

You will learn all about the history of Scouting and how we became Cubs. You will find out that all the leaders names come from the Jungle Book. Ask each leader to write their name down for you.

Cub Scout Leader.....

Assistant Cub Scout Leader.....

Assistant Cub Scout Leader.....

Group Scout Leader.....

Helper

Helper.....

GRAND HOWL

At the beginning of each Pack meeting you will see the Cubs do something called Grand Howl. You will be able to join them, just follow the others. The Grand Howl is a special way of saying hello to “Akela”, like the wolf pack does and it also reminds us of our promise.

Akela will start by calling “Pack, Pack, Pack”, and the Cubs form a circle around her.

Then Akela raises and lowers their arms, as they do the Cubs squat down.

“AKELA WE’LL DO OUR BEST” says the Cub Pack

The Cubs then jump up and stand at the alert and the Duty Sixer salutes and calls out

“CUBS DO YOUR BEST”

This is a challenge to the other Cubs who salute and shout back

“WE WILL DO OUR BEST”

Then the Duty Sixer will do the flag



MY BADGES

When you are Invested you will get these badges to sew on your uniform.



THE WORLD MEMBERSHIP BADGE

This is the same badge worn by Scouting members all over the world, you may already have this badge if you were a Beaver.

THE ANDOVER HAMPSHIRE BADGE

This badge shows people where we belong, every town and county have their own badge, see how many you can spot when you are on Cub Camp.



23RD ANDOVER GROUP TAG

This is probably the best tag in the world, because it shows that you belong to our group the 23rd Andover.

GROUP SCARF

Each group has their own unique scarf which they wear around their necks. You will need to take care of it, and you will be shown how to roll it properly. If you go on different district or county events you will see other Cubs wearing different coloured scarves from their groups.

If you were already a Beaver and are swimming up to Cubs you might have some Beaver badges that you can wear on your Cub uniform, these are:-

- * Joining In Badge
- * Moving on Award
- * Chief's Scout Bronze Award
- * Any Staged Activity Badges

After you have been Invested you can start to earn more different types of badges.



JOINING IN BADGES

You should get one of these every year if you try to join in with all the games and activities we do.

ACTIVITY BADGES

There are 32 different types of activity badges to do, so you are bound to find one you like.

There are also special badges you can do including THE CHIEF SCOUT SILVER AWARD

Ask the other Cubs in your Six to show you their badges and explain what the different ones mean. Or if you can look in your Cub Scout Powerpack book, or ask a leader.

Which activity badge would you like to try first?

MY PROMISE AND LAW

The Scout movement is really special because everyone (including your leaders) makes a special promise. When you are invested as a Cub Scout you will have to know the Cub Scout Promise and Law.

CUB SCOUT PROMISE

I promise to do my best
To do my duty to God and to the Queen
To help other people
And to keep the Cub Scout Law

CUB SCOUT LAW

Cub Scouts always do their best
Think of others before
themselves
And do a good turn every day

THE SCOUTING MOTTO IS: Be Prepared

We also have a special salute that we do at Cubs like this:



This is the Scout sign we make when we take our promise.

In the Scout Association we shake hands using our left hand, the reason for this goes back to BP's days. There are two stories to how the left handshake came to be.

The first is simply that the left hand is closest to the heart.

But there is a much more interesting story which comes from the Ashanti tribe itself. When BP entered the Kumasi, the capital of Ashanti, he was greeted by a Warrior Chief who held out his left hand. He told BP that "the bravest of warriors uses their left hand". The reason for this is that

a warrior uses his left hand to hold his shield, while the right hand holds the spear.



So to show your trust in someone, you put down the shield and greet them by holding our your left hand, leaving yourself open.

So began the left handshake which is used by millions of Scouts all over the world.



PROMISE AND LAW WORD SEARCH

Find the missing words below in the word search, they are all to do with your Promise and Law. Remember in the square the word can go up, down or diagonally—not just straight.

CUB SCOUT PROMISE

I _____ to do my _____
 To do my _____ to _____ and to the Queen
 To _____ other _____
 And to keep the Cub Scout _____



CUB SCOUT LAW

_____ Scouts always _____
 Think of _____ before themselves
 And do a _____ every day
 Also in the grid is the motto _____
 And the name of the founder of Scouts B _____ P _____

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YOUR INVESTITURE

When you have worked through this booklet, Akela will talk to your Sixer to see if they think you are ready to be a Cub Scout. If you are, then Akela will fix a time with you when you will be Invested. If you like you can ask your family to come to your Investiture

Ceremony. It will be either at the beginning or the end of the Pack meeting.

This is what will happen at your Investiture:

When the Pack is ready to do Grand Howl, your Sixer will bring you to Akela in front of the flag and say that you are ready to become a Cub Scout.

Akela will ask you if you know the Cub Scout Law, then you will need to repeat it after them.

Then Akela will ask if you are ready to make your Promise. If you are ready—you must think hard because it is an important decision.,
If you are ready then Akela will tell the whole Pack to make the Scout sign. You will make the Scout sign with all the other Cubs, and then repeat the Promise after Akela.

Akela will then shake hands with you, using the left handshake, and welcome you into the Pack. You are now a Cub Scout in the world-wide family of Scouts.

One of the other leaders will help Akela give you your badges and scarf. Then you need to salute Akela and the other leaders, then turn and salute the pack. They will salute y you back to welcome you.

Now you can go back to your Six for Grand Howl and take part as a Cub Scout.

WELL DONE YOU ARE NOW A CUB SCOUT

