

# GENERAL INFORMATION



The official Cub Scout Uniform consists of a dark green sweatshirt and group scarf. However, there are a few optional extras available to accompany the uniform including a dark green polo shirt, navy blue activity trousers, navy blue activity shorts and a baseball cap...all recognised and endorsed by the Scout Association.

Many scout groups will have a supply of the uniform available at their headquarters, but in some cases you may be required to purchase them elsewhere. Cub uniforms, as well as many other scouting resources are available online at [scouting.outdoors.ltd.uk](http://scouting.outdoors.ltd.uk) or you can visit the Cambridge Scout Shop.

## CAMBRIDGE SCOUT SHOP

The Cambridge Scout Shop has been in business since 1918. It stocks everything you could possibly need for scouting, including uniforms, books and camping equipment. You can find the Scout Shop at 195 Perse Road, Cambridge or phone (01223) 248768. The Scout Shop is open between 6:45-8:30pm on Mondays and Wednesdays, and 3:00-5:00pm on the first Saturday of every month (except Bank Holiday weekends) during school term time. The Scout Shop is closed throughout the majority of the Christmas, Easter and Summer holidays.

If you would like more information about Scouting in and around Cambridge, why not visit the Cambridge District website at [www.cambridgescouts.org.uk](http://www.cambridgescouts.org.uk)



	1st Fen Ditton	Fen Ditton Church ( <i>Fen Ditton</i> )	Fri
	5th Cambridge	Perse School ( <i>Queen Ediths</i> )	Tue
	11th/9th Cambridge	Newnham Croft School ( <i>Newnham</i> )	Tue
	12th Cambridge	Gilbert Road ( <i>Arbury</i> )	Mon
	13th Cambridge	Cyprus Road ( <i>Romsey</i> )	Mon
	14th Cambridge	Victoria Road ( <i>Arbury</i> )	Tue
	16th Cambridge	Queen Ediths School ( <i>Queen Ediths</i> )	Mon
	18th Cambridge	Mansel Way ( <i>Arbury</i> )	Mon
	26th Cambridge	Logan's Way ( <i>Chesterton</i> )	Wed
	27th Cambridge	Spinney School ( <i>Cherry Hinton</i> )	Wed
	28th Cambridge	Flamsteed Road ( <i>Coleridge</i> )	Tue
	29th Cambridge	Stanesfield Road ( <i>Abbey</i> )	Wed
	32nd Cambridge	Waterbeach School ( <i>Waterbeach</i> )	Thu
	50th Cambridge	Milton Community Centre ( <i>Milton</i> )	Fri
	54th Cambridge (A)	Buchan Street ( <i>Kings Hedges</i> )	Fri
	54th Cambridge (C)	Shirley School ( <i>Chesterton</i> )	Wed
	57th Cambridge	Home End, Fulbourn ( <i>Fulbourn</i> )	Mon

Want more information about Cambridge Cub Scouting?

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# CUB SCOUTING



SCOUTING FOR AGES 8 - 10½

## WHAT IS CUB SCOUTING?

Cub Scouts are boys and girls usually aged between eight and ten-and-a-half years old. They belong to the second section of the Scouting family and are arguably the most well known and recognised scouts of all the scouting sections. Cubs wear a dark green uniform and benefit from a broad scouting programme.

There are loads of fun things to do as a Cub Scout. Activities such as swimming, music, exploring, climbing and archery are just a few of the vast amount on offer. If a Cub does them properly they will get a badge which they can wear on their uniform.

Some Cub Scouts also get to go on trips and days out. Sometimes they will be able to go camping with the rest of the Pack. This will mean sleeping in a tent and doing loads of outdoor activities.

## WHERE DOES CUB SCOUTING COME FROM?

Cub Scouting, formerly known as 'Wolf Cubbing,' was introduced by Scouting founder Robert Baden-Powell in 1916 to resolve the growing problem of younger people wanting to join the Scout movement. It is based around the well known Jungle Books of Rudyard Kipling, who was a close friend of Baden-Powell. Many Cub leaders and assistants traditionally take on character names from the books, such as Baloo, Bagheera and Shere Khan, but the leader of the Pack will always be known as 'Akela'. Though Cub Scouting has been subject to many changes through the years, the core mottos and values have remained the same.

## AIM OF CUB SCOUTING

The aim of Cub Scouting is to provide a programme of fun, engaging, adventurous activities which allows children to discover and develop their own talents and skills. Getting to know other people, learning about them self, exploring the world around them, discovering creative & practical skills, plus discovering beliefs & attitudes are all included. The programme is fulfilled through weekly cub pack meetings, special camps and day trips, with each pack taking responsibility for its own activities.

## CUB SCOUTING IN CAMBRIDGE

Today, there are 17 Cub Packs in the Cambridge Scout District. Packs can be found across the entire city, stretching as far as Fen Ditton, Milton, Fulbourn and Waterbeach. Each Pack has its own identity, resources and set of scout leaders.

## COST OF CUB SCOUTING

Cub Scouting costs between £20-£35 per term depending on the Scout Group, making it much cheaper than most other kids clubs. This cost covers the weekly activities, facility hire and membership.



## JOINING A PACK

If a young person wishes to become a Cub Scout, their first task is to find a pack they would like to join. Many parents choose a pack based on where they live, what day they meet or the price of the subscription fee. Whatever you decide, it is best to talk to a representative of the pack, such as the Cub Scout Leader or Group Scout Leader who will advise you on what steps to take next. They may advise that the young person be added to their waiting list if the pack is full at the present time.

When a place becomes available, the Cub Scout Leader of the group will invite the young person to attend their first 'Pack Meeting'. From this point onwards, the young person will work towards becoming a Cub Scout.

## INVESTITURE

In order for a young person to become a Cub Scout, certain requirements must be met. A young person should attend at least four pack meetings, learn about the people and ceremonies of the pack and know a bit about the history of scouting. Finally, once all of the criteria is met, a young person will partake in a short investiture ceremony where they must recite the Cub Scout Promise and Law. They will then be given their Membership Badges, group scarf, investiture certificate and officially becoming a Cub Scout and a Member of the worldwide Scout Movement.

## THE CUB SCOUT PROMISE

'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 Cub Scout Law.'

## THE CUB SCOUT LAW

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



## WELCOME TO SCOUTING

Cub Scouts like to try new activities and be recognised for their achievements. Like the other scouting sections, Cub Scouts are encouraged to have fun and make friends by helping others, playing games, going outdoors, being creative, being adventurous, chatting and much, much more. Many of the activities carried out in the weekly pack meetings are specially designed to allow Cub Scouts to demonstrate personal development and creativity, for which they will be awarded with 'badges'.

Badges are used to symbolise that a scout has excelled in the tasks assigned to them as acknowledged by the Scout Association. There is a total of 47 badges to earn as a Cub Scout, with each one representing a different development quality.

## THE BADGES

There are three types of badges that Cub Scouts can earn:



The diamond shaped *CHALLENGE* Badges form the foundation of the 7 programme zones and all weekly pack meetings. There are 5 in total.



The round *ACTIVITY* Badges complement the programme by setting specific tasks branching off from the Challenge Badges. There are 35 in total.



The dark round *STAGED* Badges show development in certain key skills (IT, Music, Hiking, First Aid, Swimming and Night's Away). Staged Badges progress and develop throughout the other Scouting sections, which means a scout will have to demonstrate more advanced skills as they get older in order to acquire them. This ensures continuity throughout the sections.

## CHIEF SCOUT SILVER AWARD

The Chief Scout Silver Award is the highest badge a Cub Scout can earn. It symbolises great achievement in all areas covered in Cub Scouting. In order to get this badge, a Cub is expected to complete the Outdoors Challenge, plus two other Challenge Badges, as well as a personal challenge set by the leaders.

## CUB STRUCTURE & CEREMONIES

Cub Scouting is the first section of the scouting family to have a formal structure and set of ceremonies. Each meeting starts off with a ceremony called 'Grand Howl', where Cubs swear that they will 'do their best' for their leader. This is usually followed by Flag Break, where Cubs salute a raised national flag. The Cub Pack itself is split into smaller groups, known as 'sixes'. In each six, there is a leading Cub, known as a Sixer, and a deputy, known as a Secondar. These roles have special leadership responsibilities attached which, in many cases, is the first time that a child will have responsibility for managing other people.



## CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

Every so often, the Scout District will invite all of its Cub Packs to take part in specially organised events. Some of these are specific to certain members, such as the Sixers and Seconders Camp, and others, such as the District Chess Competition, Night Hike, Sports Day, Swimming Gala and Cub Camp, will be open to all members of the pack.