



Welcome

Your child is now one of the 31 million young people from all over the world who enjoy the fun, friendship and adventure that is Scouting.

Cub Scouts are the second section in the Scouting family in the UK and, in various guises, have been part of Scouting since 1916. Originally known as Wolf Cubs, they represent the energy, optimism and cheerfulness for which Scouting is famous.

Boys and girls in Cubs enjoy new adventures while making new friends along the way. They go on weekend camps and pack holidays, play games, explore the outdoors, try adventurous activities – such as climbing, kayaking and archery, meet people from their local community, experience the culture of other countries and learn to keep themselves and others safe.

52nd Reading

Scouting in the UK is organised into Counties and Districts: 52nd Reading Scout Group is one of many Groups in Reading Central District and over a hundred Groups in Berkshire!

Our Group was started in 1925, is based at Reading Scout & Guide Headquarters in Northcourt Avenue and, over the years, we have grown to become a thriving and dynamic Group numbering over 120 youth and adult members.

The Group is split into three main sections: Beavers (6-8 years), Cubs (8-10½) and Scouts (10½-14) and is partnered with Explorers (14-18) – so your child can enjoy many years of Scouting with us!

Getting Started

Your section leader will let you know when to bring your child along for their first session at Cubs - all they need to do is turn up, have fun, get to make new friends and begin to get a feel for what we're all about and the way things are run.

We will ask you to complete a Personal & Medical Details form so that we have all the information we need about your child and any specific requirements he or she may have. Please let us know immediately if any of these detail changes.

Scouting at 52nd Reading is great value for money and we aim to make it as affordable as possible.

Each term there is a subscription fee to pay – this covers the weekly meeting programme costs, overheads and the national membership fee we pay to The Scout Association. There is normally an extra charge for adventurous activities, trips and camps.

We would never want any of our Scouts to miss out, so if you are having difficulty paying the subscription or activity fee, please speak to your section leader and we will see what we can do to help.

The Cub Pack

Our Cub Pack is the largest section in the Group with up to 36 Cubs organised into Sixes, each named after a colour, with a Sixer and a Seconder in charge. Each Six has a leader allocated to provide support and guidance.

Normal sessions are every Tuesday during term-time from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. We try to start with “Grand Howl” at 7 on the dot so Cubs should be brought to the hut just before that.

We must have a minimum number of adult leaders present to run each session so please do not leave your Cubs without checking that it is ok to do so.

Before each session, our leaders will be busy setting up, so if you have anything you want to discuss, please speak to Akela at the end of the meeting.

Uniform

Akela will tell you when your child is ready to make their Cub Scout Promise and be invested into the Pack. This is normally between four and six weeks after joining. At this time you will need to buy the Cubs uniform green sweatshirt, scarlet Group scarf (necker) and also a purple Group polo shirt.

The sweatshirt and necker can be bought at the Scout Shop, next door to our meeting hall - please give a copy of the receipt to your section leader as we can claim back 10% to benefit the Group. The purple Group polo shirt should be ordered through your section leader.

At the investiture ceremony, your child will be presented a woggle and a set of badges to show that they are now a full member of the 52nd Reading Cub Pack.

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Full Cub uniform should be worn to all sessions and activities unless told otherwise.

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Programme

We design each term's programme to help the Cubs have a balanced range of activities and work towards achieving a number of the Challenge and Activity Badges. In addition a Cub may choose to work on a badge individually, at home. The programme will be sent out before the first session of each term.

Sixes take it in turns to be on duty - this means leading us in "Grand Howl", serving drinks and washing up the cups at the end of the session. Your Cub will be slightly later finishing so check on the programme to see when your child's Six is on duty.

Activities

Some activities will take place away from the Scout Hut or require other specific parental consent. In these cases you will be required to complete an email permission form so that your Cub may join in.

For walks, wide games and other outdoor activities appropriate clothing (rather than uniform) and sturdy footwear will be needed. Man-made fabrics are quicker drying and are more suitable than cotton. If not suitably kitted out, your Cub will not be able to come with us. Sometimes a Tuesday session will be cancelled if an activity is arranged at the weekend.

Transport & Lift Sharing

To reduce the number of cars travelling and from Cub sessions, we ask that, wherever possible, you arrange to share lifts with other parents.

It is especially important when the activity is away from the Scout Hut, that you ensure you know where we are meeting and arrive on time. It is very awkward to have to contact or wait for late-comers and may even mean that we can't complete the activity or finish on time.

Behaviour

Our aim is to help all of our Cubs to learn and develop in an enjoyable and productive environment and expect them to do their best to abide by the Cub Scout Law and Promise.

We aim to deal with any misbehaviour appropriately and immediately, and will only escalate to you if necessary. In the event of persistent or extreme misbehaviour we reserve the right to ask you to remove your child from the pack.

Contact

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To save on the cost of paper, it would help us if you always provide an email address we can use for correspondence.

Get Involved

All the adult leaders and administrators are trained volunteers - they give their time, without payment, to organise and run the Group and its activities because they believe that Scouting changes lives and helps children to fulfil their full potential.

If you have a hobby, skill or interest that you would like to share with us, to be involved by helping at your child's section meetings, by being a member of our Exec Committee, or in any other way, please speak to your section leader or email our Group Scout Leader on gsl@52ndReadingScoutGroup.org.uk – it's very rewarding and can also be a lot of fun!

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