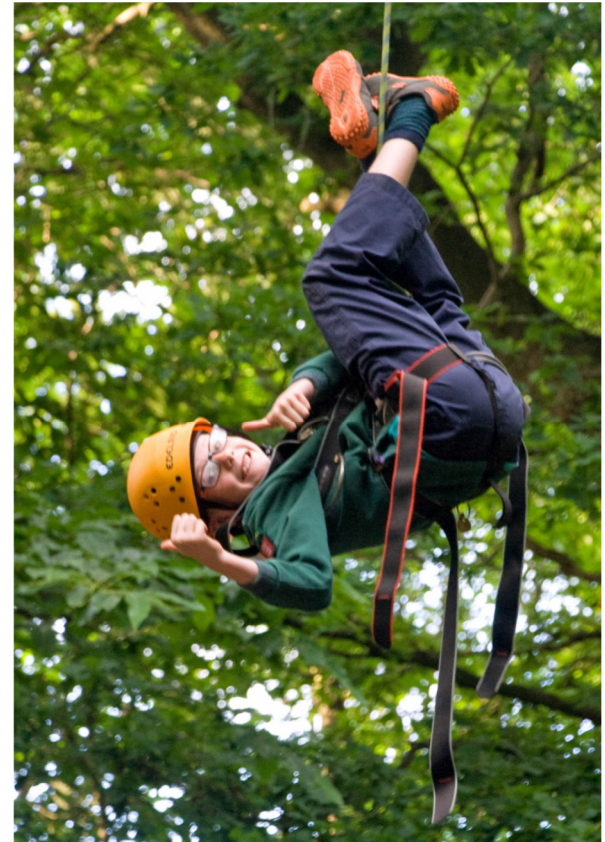


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cubs



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Whether you have been a Beaver or not I know that you will have lots of fun, challenge and adventure while in the Cub Pack.

This booklet will tell you a bit about what Cubs are, what we do and how we do it.

It will also help you complete the requirements of the Cub Scout Membership Award which you will need to do before you are "invested".

Your investiture is when you make your Cub Scout Promise and become a full member of the Cub Pack. It usually takes place about 6 weeks after you first start coming to Cubs.

Shada
1st Weald Brook Cub Pack Leader

Pack Meetings

Pack meetings are usually held in the Scout Hut, but we also meet at other places such as Thriftwood camp site or we may have a visit somewhere. In the summer term we try to be outside every week.

Pack meetings can seem very noisy and confusing to start with, but you'll soon get used to how we do things!

When you first join Cubs you will be put into a smaller group of Cubs called a "Six". At Weald Brook we have 4 Sixes - blue, red, green and yellow. You can tell which Six someone is in by the colour of their woggle - the plastic tube that holds the scarf together.

Each Six is led by a Sixer and the Sixer is helped by the Second. When you first join the Pack your Sixer will look after you and help you to settle in.

My Six is

My Sixer's name is

The "Top Six" each term is the Six that has earned the most points and they get to wear special gold-striped woggles for the following term. Your Sixer will tell you how you can help your Six to earn points.

No two Pack meetings are ever exactly the same. We try to be outside as much as possible - but that's harder in the winter when it's dark and cold!

In previous years, Weald Brook Cubs have made pancakes, lit fires (and cooked on them!), been orienteering, bouldering and climbing, learnt

some basic first aid, got into a real tangle learning new knots, made and flown kites, raced junk boats, celebrated “Up Helly Ah”, had an enormous water fight and tried yoga - and that’s just on a Tuesday evening!

As well as Pack Nights, we go camping two or three times each year and try to have a sleepover, hike, outing or other activity, sometimes with the rest of the Group or the other Cubs in Brentwood, once a month.



You can see loads more photos of what we’ve been up to by going to our website- www.1stwealdbrook.org.uk but do remember to get an adult’s permission first.

The Cub Scout Promise and Law

All members of the Scout family - even the Leaders - make a promise.

Once you have learnt the Cub Scout Promise and Law you will make your promise in front of all the other Cubs and become a full member of the Cub Pack. This ceremony is known as your investiture.

The Cub Scout Promise:

I promise that I will to 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,
think of others before themselves
and do a good turn every day.

The Jungle Book

Many of the ceremonies and traditions of Cub Scouting come from "The Jungle Book" by Rudyard Kipling.

It is about a little boy called Mowgli who got lost in the jungle. He was adopted into the Wolf Pack and was looked after by the jungle animals and taught the Law of the Jungle, and how to hunt, and other interesting things. When he got bigger he was strong and brave and could live in the jungle and look after himself.

That's a bit like Cub Scouts - you are like Mowgli joining our Pack, and the Leaders will show you and your other wolf-brothers the Law, and how to look after yourself, and you'll have adventures in the jungle.

Why not borrow a copy of the story from the library or ask your parents to download an audio version?

The Cub Leaders are called "Shada", "Bagheera", "Rikki", "Raksha", "Raccoon" and "Grey Brother" - well that's not their proper names, they are their Cub names and are taken from characters in The Jungle Book

The Grand Howl

Most meetings start and end with "The Grand Howl".

This is a special way of saying "hello" to Akela, like the wolf pack does, and it also reminds you of your Promise at the same time.

Cub Scouts start by forming a horseshoe shape in their Sixes in front of the flag pole, with the leaders standing under the pole. The Grand Howl begins when the Cub Scout Leader raises then lowers her arms. The Pack squats down like wolves and calls out

"Akela, we will do our best!"

One of the Sixers then jumps up, stands at the alert, salutes Akela and calls out

"Cub Scouts! Do your best!"

This is a challenge to the other Cubs, who jump up, stand at the alert, salute and shout back

"We WILL do our best

Flag Break

This normally follows straight on from the Grand Howl.



All the Cubs turn to face the flag pole. The Union Flag will be on the flag pole but folded up. One of the Seconders will walk forward and "break the flag" - he pulls the string that will allow the flag to unfold and fly freely. The Seconder will take two or three steps backwards and then everyone salutes the flag before the Seconder returns to his place.

At the end of the evening the flag is lowered before the Grand Howl is repeated as a way of saying "goodnight" to everyone.

The Scout Sign

The Scout sign is made by members of the Scout and Guide family all over the world. It is made with your right hand. The little finger is bent forward and held down by the thumb, leaving the three middle fingers straight up. (This isn't as easy to do as it sounds and you might want to practise a bit at home!)

The hand is then held level with your shoulder with your elbow bent. You make the Scout sign whenever you say your promise.



The Scout Salute

Make the Scout Sign and then bring your hand up to your head so that your middle finger touches the side of your head more or less level with your eyebrow with your palm facing forwards.

The Scout Handshake

Scouts always use their LEFT hand to shake hands with each other.

This is because Baden-Powell, the man who started Scouts, saw that African warriors would have to put down their shield to shake hands which was a sign of great trust as the other person would still be holding their spear in their right hand.

The Scout Motto

A motto is a short phrase that tries to tell others what a group or organisation is about in just a few words. The Scout motto is:

"Be Prepared"

Uniform

You should take pride in your uniform and wear it to every Pack meeting. Your uniform should be clean and tidy with your scarf neatly rolled and your woggle in place. If you lose your woggle we will ask you to pay 50p for a new one.

Badges

When you are invested, you will be given some badges that will need to be sewn on your uniform. These are:-

- Name tape - this shows that you belong to 1st Weald Brook Scout Group
- District/County Badge - this shows that you are part of Brentwood District and Essex County.
- Leopard's head badge - this is our Group badge and is sewn on the back of your scarf.
- The Cub Scout Membership Badge - this is also called the World Badge because the same badge is worn by all Scouts and their Leaders all over the world - it shows that you are a part of this world-wide family of Scouting.

If you were a Beaver, you may transfer some badges from your Beaver uniform to your Cub uniform. Details are in the parents' leaflet.

As you spend time in the Cub Pack there are loads of other badges that you can earn - why not look at some of the badges that your Sixer and Secondar have got and ask them what they had to do to earn them?

The Scout Family

Cub Scouts are part of the Scout family - which has over 28 million members from nearly every country in the world!

In 2007 Scouts celebrated their 100th birthday (called a centenary) and in 2016 Cubs celebrated their 100th birthday

Beavers are the youngest section of the Scout Movement, Cubs come next, then Scouts followed by Explorers.

Scouts are formed into small families called "Groups". You are part of the 1st Weald Brook Scout Group which has a Beaver Colony, a Cub Pack and a Scout Troop.

All members of a Group wear the same coloured scarf to show which Group they belong to. The Weald Brook scarf is blue with a white border, and a leopard's head badge on the back of it - why not ask your Sixer why we have these colours for our scarf?

Groups are then part of larger families called Districts. All the Scout Groups in Brentwood are part of Brentwood District.

We sometimes do activities with other Cubs in Brentwood and once a year we "Skype" with Cubs and Scouts from all over the world.

How Scouts Began

Robert Baden Powell (B-P) was born in 1857. He was one of 10 children but his father died when he was three years old and the family were not very well off.

As a child he always enjoyed the outdoors and spent his holidays camping, hiking, sailing, tent pitching, and cooking on open fires. B-P went to a boarding school – but he was not a good pupil. He would sneak into the forest when he should have been at lessons and he learned to creep through the woods, stalk animals, and cook over tiny fires which he could put out quickly when someone came to find him.

His teachers called him “lazy” in his reports, but B-P did very well in the exam to join the Army and became an officer.

B P was a very good soldier. He taught his soldiers how to draw and use maps and compasses, how to tell directions from the stars, and how to read tracks and trail signs to know what was happening. B-P wanted his soldiers to be able to look after themselves in wild country so they wouldn't need army barracks, cooks, and doctors to keep them alive.

At this time the British Army were fighting battles in areas of the world where there were no detailed maps of the country to help them and no aeroplanes or helicopters (they hadn't been invented) to fly over and take pictures.

The only way they could find out about the local area, where it might be safe to move to and where the enemy might be camped, was to send out patrols to investigate and report back – this was dangerous work.

The soldiers who B-P trained to do this work were called “Scouts” and B-P wrote a book about how to do this well - he called it “Aids to Scouting”.

B-P served in South Africa in what became known as the Boer War. It was during this war that the famous “Siege of Mafeking” took place in which B-P and his “Scouts” played a major part.

He returned home, a national hero, in 1903 and was surprised to find that "Aids to Scouting" had become a best seller! Not only that, but boys were making "patrols" and practising being Scouts themselves.

To see if his ideas really would work outside the army, B-P decided to take 20 boys on a camp. They went to Brownsea Island (in Poole harbour, near Bournemouth) which was owned by a friend of his. At this camp, the boys learnt some of the things that B-P had taught his Scouts

The camp was a great success and in 1908 the book "Scouting for Boys" was published. So many boys wanted to be "Scouts" and were forming themselves into patrols that B-P was persuaded that there needed to be a proper organisation for them to belong to and so The Scout Association was created.

But, at this early stage Scouting was only for boys aged 11-18 and the girls were not happy! So, in 1910, B-P started the Girl Guide movement and his wife Olave became Chief Guide.

By 1916, younger boys were also asking if they could join Scouts so B-P started the Cub Scout section. Back then they were known as Wolf Cubs and their programme was based on "The Jungle Book" by Rudyard Kipling.

Although there were changes made to both the uniforms and the badges from time to time over the next 60 or so years, the next major development for the Scout Movement was in 1986 when Beaver Scouts became a recognised part of the Scout Movement.

In 1991 girls were allowed to join as well as boys.

There are now over 350,000 members of Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers in the UK and there are Scout Groups in over 216 countries of the world.

The Cub Scout Membership Award

You will need to cover all the requirements before you can make your Cub Promise and be invested – but everything you need to know is in this booklet!

Area 1 – Know about the Cub Scout Pack

- i. Get to know the other Members and Leaders in your Six and Pack
- ii. Find out about the ceremonies and traditions in your Pack
- iii. Find out about the activities that your Pack does

Area 2 – Know about joining your Pack

- i. Know and understand the Cub Scout Promise and Law and the rules in your Pack
- ii. Know and understand the Cub Scout Motto, Sign, Salute and Handshake
- iii. Know what to do at your Investiture
- iv. Know the meaning of the badges that you will receive
- v. Know the history of the family of Scouts and worldwide Scouting

CONGRATULATIONS – YOU'RE A CUB SCOUT!



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