

## **Summary information for joining 4th Sevenoaks (St.John's) Scout Group - Cub Section**

This is a link to the 4th's Welcome Pack (<http://www.4thsevenoaks.org.uk/resources/welcome-pack/>), which includes lots of information about Scouting and our Group for you and your Young Person (YP).

You can also find lots of information on the UK Scout Association's website <http://scouts.org.uk/home/>

"Greatness" Cubs meet 5:45 to 7:15pm on Fridays. "Wilderness" Cubs meet 6:30 to 8pm on Wednesdays.

**What to wear?** Practical clothes until your YP wishes to wear Cub uniform or is ready to be invested (make the Cub Scout promise). Once invested your YP should wear uniform to all scouting activities unless you are informed otherwise. Footwear must always be appropriate to the activity on the programme or at least appropriate for being outside in our grounds, at a minimum we would suggest trainers - school shoes are only appropriate for parades and other official occasions.

**Where to buy uniform locally?** Our website has a link to the Sevenoaks District run Scout shop which is run by leaders to support District funds. It is also cheaper than buying online, visiting Horncastles or John Lewis! Please do try to purchase from the Scout shop. It is open term time only on the 1st 3 Saturdays of each month 10am to midday. However do check the calendar first which is on our website under Resources. You can now check stock in advance or place an order by emailing [scoutshop@sevenoaksscouts.org.uk](mailto:scoutshop@sevenoaksscouts.org.uk). We also have a few sizes of new tops and second hand items too so do ask if you would like to look at these.

**What is uniform?** *a cub sweatshirt, navy trousers and scarf (neckerchief) plus woggle.* Any navy trousers are fine for weekly activities but Scout activity trousers are best for official occasions and outings. Trousers are the same for each section. *Cub polo shirts are optional* but nice to have in the summer or to be able to remove their top when they are warm after running around. Cubs receive a *scarf plus woggle when invested if it has not moved up with them.* Please name all items - by their nature they are identical otherwise!

**What to bring with you?** To the first session a Membership details form - a copy might be emailed to you or you will find it within the Welcome pack or arrive a little earlier prepared to fill it in. We also ask for this to be completed annually, in the Autumn term. In addition we ask you to complete a Scout Association information form. We will give you a copy or it can be edited online and printed from the Scouts website. Scouting is for all - it is an open and inclusive organisation and Scout policy supports the principle that no member should be discriminated against so with this in mind please do give us as much detail as possible when completing these forms. This will enable us to give your *YP the best possible experience in Scouting.*

**What does it cost?** Subscriptions are paid at the start of each term currently £30. If you are new to the group this can be paid half termly @£15 for the first term. If starting mid way through a term subs is £3 per week for the number of remaining weeks of the term - please send it in a sealed, named envelope. Camps/outings and activities outside of normal on site meetings have separate charges but no additional event is compulsory to attend. If your YP is new to the group there is a "joining" fee of £5 when they are invested to be paid the following half term. This covers a scarf, badges and a woggle. When moving up a section, the scarf moves too and some badges transfer to the next uniform.

New badges can be bought @£1 each. Replacement woggles are £1 and a new scarf is £3.

**What do Cubs do?** For Cubs, excitement and adventure are key. Their programme offers a huge variety of activities surrounding areas of fitness, global and beliefs; whilst allowing them to be creative and get involved in their local communities. Cubs are introduced to exciting outdoor skills and take part in adventurous activities, as well as camps and residential experiences.

Each term a programme is put on our website along with other useful information and updates about the group. It is usually emailed &/or handed out to you too. Please see our online "Welcome Pack" for more information. Each year we try to produce a Key Dates list as well.

Email is our main method of communication for any changes to the programme. "Group" emails will also be sent too via the Mailchimp system. If you need any forms printed for you or communication in another way please do ask. We also use Facebook to share news too.

If you have any queries or for any reason your young person is not able to attend one week please can you send an email or text to one of your Cub leaders to let them know. Contact details are below

### **Leaders "names" and a bit of history!**

From the moment Cubs started in 1916 the themes from the "Jungle book" have been used and are still used today. Until 1967 the junior section of scouting were known as "Wolf Cubs" and the name Akela (pronounced Ar-KAY-la, accent on KAY) is usually given to the leader of the "Wolf" pack.

As the 4th has two packs we also have two Akelas!

Some of the other names given to assistant leaders are as follows:-

**BAGHEERA** is Hindustani for a panther or leopard. Pronounced *Bug-EER-a* (accent on the *EER*).

**BALOO** Brown Bear Teacher & Lawgiver

**CHIL** the Indian Kite, pronounced *Cheel*. Means Observer/Observation

**DARZEE** which means 'tailor bird', is pronounced *Dar-zy*

**HATHI** is pronounced *Huttee*. One of the Indian names for 'Elephant'

**KAA** is pronounced *Kar*. A made-up name, from the hiss sound of a big snake.

**KIM** Little Friend - Helpfulness

**KALI** pronounced *KAR-li*, is the name of an Indian Goddess (accent on *KAR*).

**MOWGLI** Little Frog - Friend to animals

**RAKSHA**, Mother Wolf pronounced *RUK-sheer* (accent on *RUK*).

**RIKKI TIKKI TAVI** is a Mongoose and means Protector & Cheeriness

### **Wilderness pack**

Richard Everest (Akela) - **Cub Scout Leader** - richardeverest@live.co.uk - 07707387188

Stephanie Everest (Chil) - **Assistant Cub Scout Leader** - Bailey7oaks@gmail.com - 07708235355

Peter Willson (Bagheera) - **Assistant Cub Scout Leader** for both packs

Freddie Willson (Hathi) - **Assistant Cub Scout Leader** for both packs

### **Greatness pack**

Steve Kelley (Akela) - **Cub Scout Leader**:- somersethobbit@live.co.uk - 07740 900652

Jo Brookbank (Raksha) - **Assistant Group Scout Leader & Greatness Assistant Cub Scout Leader**

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### **Assistant Cub Scout Leaders**

Laura Ayres (Kim) Karen Moore (Kali) Clara Kelley (Darzee) Katrien Buckens (Eagle)

**Young leaders** Riana (Tigger) Kelly (Kanga) Lizzie (Eeyore) Natasha (Kaa)

### **Being invested**

All new members to scouting will need to complete a number of weeks before we can "invest" them. This is a short Investiture Ceremony during which they will make their Cub Scout Promise and when they officially join the Pack, the 4<sup>th</sup> Sevenoaks (St.John's) Scout Group and the Worldwide Scout Movement.

All young people need to have an understanding of what Cubs is all about before they can be invested. More information can be found on the UK Scouts website as well as the wording of the Promise The Promise, Cub Scout Law and Motto along with an explanation of alternatives for the promise for those of different faiths - just let us know if you require this or need help at all in finding this information.

<https://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources/4294/membership-award/?cat=12,67,129&moduleID=10>

<http://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources/761/promise-law-and-motto>

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