

13/21 Harrow Cub Pack

## Cub Pack Meetings – What every parent wants to know



Cub Scouts is open to boys and girls from the ages of 8 to 10½. Our aim is to give them the opportunity to develop, to learn, and to have fun. We meet on Friday evening between 6.30 pm and 8pm at the following address:

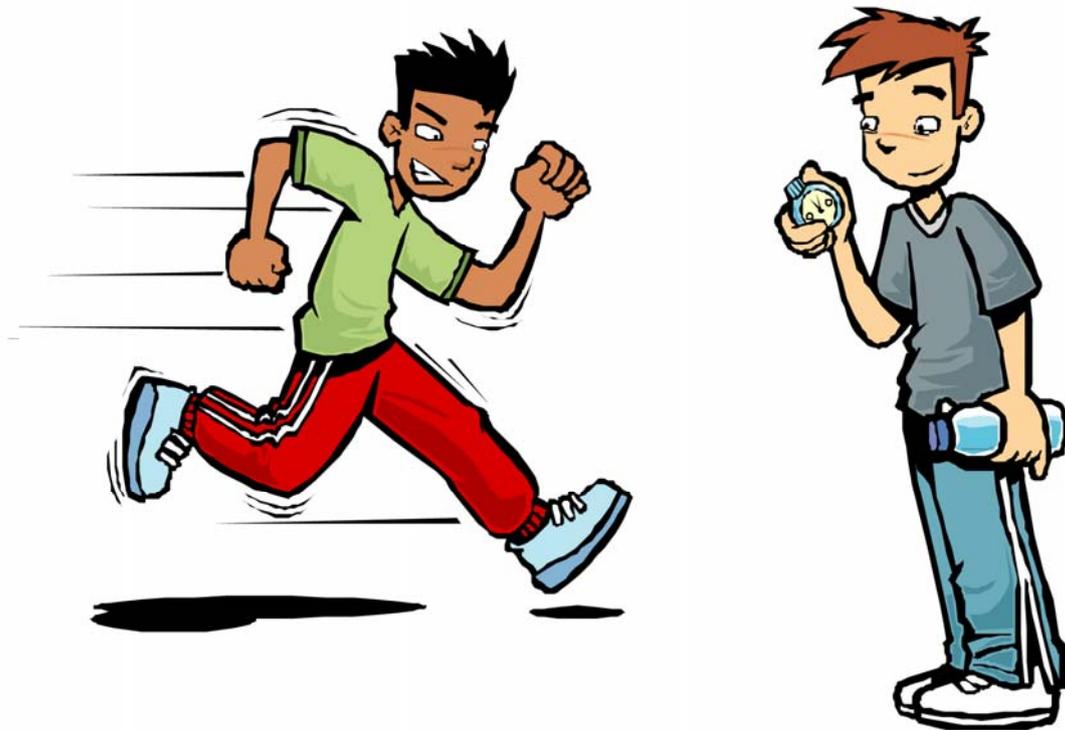
Trinity Church, Hindes Road, Harrow. HA1 1RX

You enter via the entrance by Quainton Hall School. There are a limited number of parking places outside, but there are more around the corner in Radnor Road, behind the Church.

We meet during the Harrow state school terms, and we break for half term.

### **What happens first?**

Your child is invited to attend a Cub meeting.  
They don't need to pay a subscription yet.  
They don't need to wear Cub uniform.  
If they are in Beavers they should continue to wear Beaver Uniform.



They have a couple of weeks to 'try us out' to see if they like Cubs. During this time they meet with one of the Leaders to learn about the Cub Law and Promise. They haven't got to learn them but they do have to know what they are and they will be asked to say them when they do join us.

For your information:

#### *The Cub Law*

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

#### *The Cub 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.

*There are variations of line 3 to suit different religious faiths.*

For those who decide to join Cubs, we hold a ceremony at the end of a Cub meeting to which parents/guardians are invited. They will need a uniform for this ceremony.

### **Cub Uniform**



Cubs is a uniformed organisation and they are required to wear uniform to every Pack Meeting (unless we inform you otherwise), to Cub outings and when arriving at and leaving Camp.

They need:

- A Cub Scout jumper
- A Group Neckerchief (which you buy from us and which is kept through their time in the Group).
- A woggle (which we give them).

Below the belt they can wear anything reasonable (including jeans and trainers). You can buy official blue activity trousers for cubs and you are welcome to do so but we appreciate that cubs get through clothes at a high rate so we don't insist on these.

Uniforms can be obtained from either Teenywear, 325, High Street, Harrow Weald. Tel 8863 3892 or from Angels, 363, Rayners Lane, Pinner Tel 8866 9972. , or online from:

[www.scoutshops.com](http://www.scoutshops.com)

## Website

Please visit the Group website at <http://www.1321harrowscouts.org.uk/> which contains useful information, programme details and our latest Newsletter.

## Photos

Photos are taken of cubs as they join and these are put on a board as a memory aid to who is who. However cub photos may also find themselves on the Group web site. Any that are included there will normally not have any name at all, though occasionally their first name only may appear. No other identifying names will ever appear. However if you would prefer your cub to not appear at all on our web page then please tell one of the Leaders.

## Sixes

Cubs borrow from the 'Jungle Book' made famous by Rudyard Kipling. The Friday night meeting is called a 'Pack Meeting' (as in Pack of Wolves). The Cub Leader is called Akela (The leader of the wolf pack) and other leaders may take jungle book names, e.g. Bagheera. Besides adult leaders we also have a number of 'Young Leaders'. At the beginning and end of the meeting is a ceremony called the 'Grand Howl' and every meeting begins with Flag Break.



Cubs are organised into groups called sixes. The Cub in charge is called a Sixer and he is helped by a Seconder. Being made a Sixer or seconder usually depends on good behaviour, regular attendance and having been to Camp.

Sixers who regularly come to Pack meetings and Camps, who behave well and are enthusiastic about being Cubs will be invited to become a Senior Sixer.

## **Behaviour**

Cubs are expected to behave well. Minor misdeeds will be dealt with by the Leader/Young Leader concerned and will normally involve a telling off or being told to sit out of the activity. More serious actions will be dealt with by the Cub Leader (Akela) and may involve them being banned (suspended) for a week or more and/or their parent/guardian being asked to come to a Pack Meeting to discuss their behaviour.

Bullying is unacceptable and is never tolerated. Sometimes we miss things however, so if your child complains about being picked on, or teased beyond a point, or you find they are suddenly reluctant to come to the meetings, please don't hesitate to let us know.

## **Camps**



We run up to three weekends camps away each year, one of which is a summer camp weekend. The other two are in bunk bed accommodation. The latter two can be booked up quite quickly and we use a first come first served basis. Summer camp has no limits on numbers and we are much more flexible on when they come or go.

There is more information on the Camps we run on the website.

## **Subs**

Subs are currently £25 a term payable at the beginning of each term.

## **Parents/Guardians... we need your help**

Scouting is a voluntary organisation; none of the adults get paid. To run well we need the involvement of as many parents as we can. That said, if you help, we need to ask you to complete an appropriate form.

Please consider volunteering to help us in one or more of these ways:

- Join a rota to occasionally help out during a Pack meeting.
- Come to camp to help with either cooking or the main activities.
- Join the Executive committee (including fund raising)

## **Any concerns?**

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