



Pack Name .....

Cub Scout Membership Award

Name .....



# The Cub Scout Membership Award



The **Membership Award** will be your first award in Cub Scouts. To receive it, you need to show that you understand what Cub Scouting is about. But don't panic! You will find everything you need to know here.

To gain the Membership Award you will need to complete all the requirements in Area One and Area Two.

Tick the boxes as you complete each item

## Area One - Know about the Cub Scout Pack

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



## Area Two - Know about joining your Pack

- Know and understand the Cub Scout Promise and Law and the rules in your Pack.
- Know and understand the Cub Scout Motto, Sign, Salute and Handshake
- Know what to do at your investiture
- Know the meaning of the badges you will receive
- Know the history of the family of Scouts

# All you need to know about Cub Scouts

## Who are Cub Scouts?

Cub Scouts are people like you, usually aged between 8 -10½. They meet together in Packs and take part in all sorts of activities.

As a Cub Scout you will:

- Have lots of fun
- Try lots of new things
- Play games
- Make friends
- Explore your local area



## My Six

I am in ..... Six

My Sixer's name is .....

My Seconder's name is .....

There are ..... other Sixes in our Pack

My leader is called Akela, the other Leaders in my Pack are called .....



### The Scout Handshake

Cub Scouts shake with their left hand. Why is this? Well it all goes back to Lord Robert Baden-Powell who began Scouting

When he was a soldier in Africa, he saw a large number of tribal chiefs who carried spears and shields. He noticed that it was a sign of great trust to offer your left hand when shaking hands. This was because you had to put down your shield and yet leave the other person holding a spear

### The Scout Salute

The Scout Salute is made with the right hand, It is used during the opening ceremony on Pack night. It is also used at other special times such as when you are presented with a badge.



### The Scout Sign

When you make your Promise you will use a special kind of salute. This is called the Scout Sign. It is the same as the Salute but you hold your hand at shoulder height.

The Scout Motto:  
**Be Prepared**

Be prepared to do your best

Be prepared to make new friends

Be prepared to have fun

Be prepared to help other people



# Cub Scout Ceremonies



## Grand Howl

One Cub Scout ceremony is the Grand Howl. This is a special greeting that the Pack gives to the Leader at the start of a Pack meeting. It is a type of opening ceremony.

### Why is this done?

It helps you to remember your Cub Scout Promise to 'Do your best'.

### How is it done?

All the Cub Scouts in the Pack form a circle around a Leader

When the Leader lowers their arms, the Pack squats down and calls out 'Akela, we'll do our best'

Then they all stand up

The Sixer leading the Grand Howl shouts out the challenge 'Cubs, do your best!'

To which the Pack salutes and shouts back 'We will do our best!'

## Flagbreak

At your Pack's opening ceremony, you will all face the flag. The Sixer leading the ceremony will pull on a rope to let the flag fly freely. This is called breaking the flag. Everyone will then salute. At the end of the meeting the Sixer will lower the flag.

### Why is this done?

This is a chance to think about your Cub Scout Promise. It also makes us think of The Queen and the country in which we live.



# My Investiture

The last part of your Membership Award is to make your Cub Scout Promise. You will do this at your Investiture ceremony.

## What is an Investiture?

An Investiture is a special ceremony where you officially become a Cub Scout. You will gain your Membership Award and you will also be presented with the World Membership Badge.



## How will I know what to do?

Before your Investiture, your Cub Scout Leader will help you practice. Your Leader will also help you to remember your Cub Scout Promise and Law.

## Who will be at my Investiture?

Your leaders and fellow Cub Scouts will be there. You might also like to invite members of your family to see you make your Promise and join the Pack.

## What happens at an Investiture?

The ceremony is very simple. Your Pack may have its own way of doing things, but it should go something like this. Your leader will ask you if you really do want to become a Cub Scout. If you do, they will ask you if you can remember the Cub Scout Law

Then your Leader will ask you and the Pack to make the Scout Sign and say the Promise. Your Leader might say a line at a time so you can repeat it.

## The Cub Scout Law

Cub Scouts always do their best  
think of others before themselves  
and do a good turn every day.

## The Promise

There are different versions of the promise and you get to choose which one you want to make.

If you are religious you can promise to give duty to your god, if you are not religious you can promise to uphold the Scout values.

Everybody promises to serve the Queen, to help other people and to keep the Cub Scout Law.



# Badges, Awards and Challenges

You already know something about the Membership Award and the World Membership Badge. But as a Cub Scout you can earn lots of other badges too.

Cubs take part in many exciting and fun activities. They play games, learn new skills, make things, share activities with other members of the Scouting family and get outside and enjoy adventure.

For taking part in these and many other exciting activities you will get a **Joining in Badge** each year



### Activity and Staged Badges

You will work together with your Pack to earn these badges, but if you have a hobby or special interest you can do them on your own too.



### Chief Scout's Silver Award

This is the top award you can achieve as a Cub



### Challenge Badges

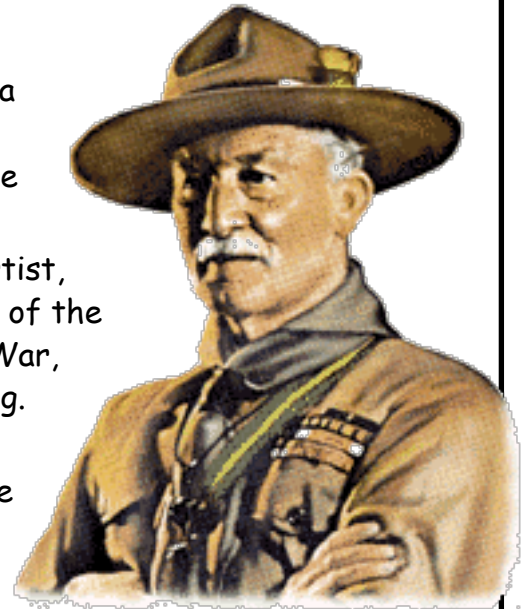
These badges are special tasks that test your skill and determination

## Scouting History.

Without everyday adventures, the world would certainly be a less interesting place, and if it wasn't for the talent and originality of one man, the Scout Movement might never have existed at all.

This man was Robert Baden-Powell (1857-1941), a soldier, artist, actor and free-thinker. Best known for his spirited defence of the small South African township of Mafeking during the Boer War, he was propelled to further fame as the Founder of Scouting.

Inspired during the siege by the initiative shown by boys under pressure, Baden-Powell (BP) realised that young people had huge potential that was often left untapped.



In 1907 Baden-Powell held a camp on Brownsea Island in Poole, Dorset, to try out his ideas and brought together 20 boys from a variety of backgrounds. The success of the camp spurred him on to create the Scout movement. In its first census in 1910, Scouting had almost 108,000 participants; over 100,000 were young people.

As numbers grew, it soon became clear that young people of all ages and in every country wanted to get involved in Scouting. Wolf Cubs came along for younger Scouts in 1916, followed four years later by Rover Scouts for an older age range.

Lord Baden-Powell died in 1941 but his legacy continued. Scouting became a byword for adventure, usefulness and global friendship. As the Movement spread across the world, Scouting continued to evolve in the United Kingdom. Following heroic work during the Second World War when Scouts acted as coast guards, couriers and stretcher bearers, members continued to show they were truly able to live their motto 'Be prepared.'

Scouting has never stood still. New branches such as Air and Sea Scouts became increasingly popular, gaining recognition from the RAF and the Royal Navy. Scouts were on hand to help out at major events such as the Queen's coronation.

The Movement continued to grow and move with the times. Rover Scouts and Senior Scouts became Venture Scouts and the badge system was updated to reflect the wider range of activities a Scout could do. Girls were invited to join the Venture Scout section; this was introduced to other sections in the early 1990s.

In the true spirit of an inclusive organisation, younger children got to experience Scouting for the first time with the official incorporation of the Beaver Scouts in 1986.

