



Welcome to the 2017/18 Scouting Year

We hope that everyone, new and returning, has had a good summer and is ready for an activity-packed year. A major element this year will be the commemoration of 2 important anniversaries: 150 years of Canadian confederation and 100 years of Cubbing within the world Scouting movement.

Please note:

1. Pack meetings are held Tuesdays from 7-8:30PM. We ask that you drop off and pick up your youth promptly. The gym is open from 6:45, and we will make every effort to have at least one leader present at that time. However, we cannot promise to arrive early every week. Do not send your child into the school unaccompanied – if we haven't arrived yet the janitor will tell them to leave. Also, since Scouts Canada requires that at least 2 adults be present with any youth, if there is only one leader you may be asked to remain until another arrives, and in some cases for the entire meeting. We are required to leave the school by 8:45PM, and all youth must be picked up by that time; please make arrangements with another person and inform the leaders if you will not be able to return. Persistent failure to collect a child on time may lead to you being requested to remove them from the Pack.
2. All planned events will be held, regardless of weather conditions, unless you are informed by a Pack leader that they have been cancelled. This will only occur if extreme conditions make the event unsafe, or make it impossible for enough leaders to attend. Youth must arrive properly clothed for the conditions at every meeting, since we anticipate going outdoors on a regular basis. Any youth who is not properly equipped will be sent home. **NOTE:** Cancellation by another section will not affect Pack activities
3. It is a condition of our permit that we are prohibited from wearing outdoor footwear in the gym. All youth must bring a pair of indoor shoes and change before entering the gym, regardless of the weather. If they don't have suitable shoes, they will have to participate in socks, with the attendant risk of trampled toes during sports and games. Outdoor shoes and boots are to be left at the entrance to the school.
4. One object of the Scouting program is to instill a high level of personal conduct and self-discipline. There is a Code of Conduct for all members, which we review during our first



meetings every year. It will be enforced, and we ask your support in maintaining discipline.

Major events scheduled for 2017/18:

Further details will be provided closer to the date.

Investiture 10 October

Apple Day 14-16 October.

Remembrance Day 10 November

Fall Camp 24-26 November Mt Nemo Scout Camp [transportation provided]

Winter camp 9-11 February, at Everton Scout Camp [transportation provided]

Group Kub Kar rally

Area Kub Kar rally 25 February at Shops on Steeles

Group Camp June 9-11 at Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre [transportation provided]

Swim-up Ceremony & Campfire May 15 at Wilkett Creek Park

Volunteers Needed!

We have already reached our leader/youth ratio, and we have 5 youth on the wait list. We need at least 1 more adult volunteer willing to join Scouts Canada and complete training before we can add any more youth to the pack. NOTE: registration is now on a strict 1st come, 1st served basis and youth will be admitted to the Pack in order of application.

Our Group treasurer, Bob Wimmi, is retiring, and the Group Committee is looking for a volunteer to replace him in the position. If you have or know someone with accounting or bookkeeping experience and would like to serve in this role please talk to Scouter Stephen. The job involves recording all revenue and expenses and reporting to Committee at its monthly meeting.

Scouts Tracker

Scouts Tracker is an on-line system the leaders use to record the progress of Cubs as we complete the year's activities. You can access your record at <https://scoutstracker.ca/cubs/>; your login is your e-mail address [use the one you receive Pack e-mails at] and you can request a password reset by clicking the Forgot Password? link. The requirements for all Cub badges can be seen,



with completed requirements checked. This is the simplest way to see what the badge requirements are, since there will not be a new Cub Handbook.

Camping and Outdoor Activities

These activities form the core of the Scouting program, and the Outdoor Adventure Skills provide the framework for our planning for the year. Participation in these activities is important for the progress of youth in the program.

Language Strip

This is a badge for Cubs who can speak a second language. The standard is being able to converse in the language for 5 minutes, with grammar and pronunciation appropriate for their age. We have leaders who can test for French, Spanish, Cantonese and Mandarin, and we can arrange for testing in Japanese, Persian or German. If your Cub speaks another language, please speak to one of the leaders about it.

Badges

In general, you and your Cubs should be reviewing the badges in Scouts Tracker to see what badges are of interest. In the Canadian Path, Cubs must set out what they should do to earn Personal Achievement Badges and what activities they want to undertake so that these requirements have been or can be met. Leaders will be happy to assist in setting requirements and review knowledge and skills to see if the badge can be awarded. Where there is general interest we will happily include more badges in meeting activities. Retiring Cubs should note that we are no longer awarding badges from the old program. If you want to earn a badge using requirements from the Cub Handbook you will have to select the appropriate Personal Achievement badge and create an adventure following the guidance for that badge.



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