

# 2013-2014

## Handbook for Cub (Pack) Parents

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### 1<sup>st</sup> Kanata

Welcome to 1<sup>st</sup> Kanata Cubs, typically referred to as Pack. We hope your youth will enjoy the Pack program, have fun and learn with their friends. This handbook is aimed at answering most of the questions that parents generally ask. If you require further information, please feel free to ask any of the Pack Leaders, or read more:

- <http://www.scouts.ca/ca/programs/cub-scouts>
- <http://www.scouts.ca/sites/default/files/cubs-parents-guide.pdf>
- Cub Book

## 1. General

New cubs, called tenderpads, will be taught the Cub Law, Motto, and Promise, all while having fun. Upon having learned these basics, sometime in early October, a ceremony will be held to invest tenderpads into our pack. At investiture, newly welcomed cubs will receive their neckers and woggles to complete their uniform.

### 1.1. Who are my leaders?

The leaders are named, Akela, Rikki Tikki Tavi, Bagheera or Baloo..... These are names of characters in the Jungle Book, a book written by Rudyard Kipling, long ago. It's the story of Mowgli, a young boy who is raised by animal friends in the jungle, and the basis for the Wolf Cub program. All leaders are volunteers and responsible for delivering a program in accordance with Scout's Canada Program requirements.

### 1.2. Organization of Pack

A Cub will become part of a smaller group called a "Six". One of the six will be chosen as the leader - he or she is called a "Sixer". There will also be an assistant called a "Second".

### 1.3. Volunteers

Typically, these are parents or siblings.

- 1st Kanata is always looking for Leaders in order to deliver a quality program for 2013 and 2014. If you are interest please approach one of the leaders.

- Offer of Service. 1st Kanata has and will continue to provide High School students the opportunity to complete offer of service hours with Pack. Preference will be given to Cub siblings. Typically, offer of service hours are completed by helping to prepare for/or cleaning up camping equipment and participation in a scouting weekend. If an offer of service individual would like to attend a camping weekend they will have to cover the cost of the weekend (i.e. the Camp fee for the weekend). Please talk to one of the leaders if there is any interest.

## 1.4. Packs

### 1.4.1. Cobra Pack

This is the name of the pack that meets at All Saints High School Gym, 5115 Kanata Avenue in Kanata from September 9<sup>th</sup> to the end of May. Meetings are held Monday evenings from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

### 1.4.2. Lynx Pack

This is the name of the pack that meets at Stephen Leacock Public School Gym, 25 Leacock Drive in Kanata. Meetings are held Monday evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

### 1.4.3. Falcon Pack

This is the name of the pack that meets at St. Gabriel School Gym, 400 Keyrock Drive in Kanata. Meetings are held Monday evenings from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

### 1.4.4. Assignments of Cubs to a Pack

In order to balance the size of the three packs, the leadership will assign Cubs to each Pack taking into consider the wishes of the Cub and parents. We will do our best to accommodate everyone's wishes, please understand we will need may not be able to accommodate everyone.

## 1.5. Pitching In

We ask all families to fill out the volunteer form at <http://www.1stkanatascouts.org/parent-volunteer-list>. This lets us know if there are particular skills and interests we can draw upon to make the program better.

## 2. Communications

- Once all six and seconds are assign they will call each member of their six on Sunday to confirm they will be attending Mondays meeting.
- The contact leader or Akela of each pack will send an e-mail out between Thursday and Sunday to confirm the activities for each Monday meeting.
- Additional handouts will be provide for significant events or mailed as attachments.

- An event calendar is setup at <http://cobrapack.1stkanatascouts.org>. Please check it frequently for updates.

### 3. Pack Program

The Pack program is based primarily on The Cub Book. Each year two stars are selected for the Packs to work on. This year we will be working on the Black and Purple Stars.

#### 3.1.Meetings

Each meeting, Cubs should bring/wear the following (some items are available at the Scout Shop):

- ✓ Cub Scout Uniform
- ✓ 1<sup>st</sup> Kanata Necker and woggle
- ✓ Cub Book
- ✓ Indoor non-marking shoes
- ✓ Notepad and a pen/pencil
- ✓ Dues \$1.00
- ✓ Clean paws
- ✓ Enthusiasm, co-operation and good attitude and neat and tidy appearance.

Please ensure the Cub's name appears on:

- ✓ all uniform items
- ✓ the Cub Book
- ✓ any additional items brought to a meeting
- ✓ any clothing or camping gear brought on outings

At investiture, 1st Kanata Pack will provide a Scout woggle, epaulets and badges. The 1st Kanata neckers are provided by Group.

If parts of the Scout uniform are lost or destroyed, you will be required to purchase replacements.

Woggles are available at the Scout Shop, neckers from group.

##### 3.1.1. Attendance

At the beginning of every meeting the sixer will conduct inspections. Each six will earn points for their six if they have all parts of the uniform, hands are clean, uniform is tidy, have their Cub Book, notepad and pen/pencil with them, have paid their dues, have everyone accounted for (informed their sixer if they are not able to attend the meeting), and the six is at alert and ready for inspection. They will lose points if they fail to meet any of these requirements. The second is responsible to collect dues and good deed notes.

### 3.1.2. Typical Meetings

Inspection is followed by opening. After the flag break, cubs take part in various activities including Games, Handicrafts, Badge Work, Songs and Skits etc. During the Closing Ceremony, we have a spiritual fellowship and badges are awarded. Notices about upcoming events are given out at this time. To allow everyone to go home on time including the school custodian, we will conclude our meetings at 8:00 pm.

### 3.1.3. Dues

Each Scout is expected to bring \$1.00 dues to each weekly meeting. The dues are collected by the second during inspection. This money is used to pay for badges, other supplies and towards our outings. We can assure you that we make sure the Scouts get full value out of every cent.

### 3.1.4. Outings

In Scouting we make frequent use of the outdoors for both meetings and special outings. We try to have as many meetings outside or away from the school as possible... the "out" in ScOUTing!

For these outings we request the following:

- Be on time so that we can leave/start promptly.
- Your patience as our return time can be unpredictable and may be as late as 9:00 PM.
- If applicable, parents must return the RSVP and payment, by the specified date.
- According to Scouts Canada Standard Operating Procedures, Parents are responsible for transporting or arranging for transport of their children to and from Pack activities.

Leaders and/or 1st Kanata Group are not responsible for organizing transportation in any capacity whatsoever and are not permitted to organize car pools.

If you can participate, we would welcome your attendance and you can also accompany your cubs as a parent. Who knows, you may be surprised and have some fun.

## 3.2. Weekend Camps

Each year and based on the cub program, we will go camping approximately three (3) times. The camps usually begin on Friday evening and conclude on Sunday afternoon. Price for the camps is typically between \$30.00 and \$40.00 per person.

A list of required items will be provided prior to the camp.

Camp	Date	Location
Fall Camp	October 4 <sup>th</sup> – October 6 <sup>th</sup> 2013	Otter Lake, Quebec
Winter Camp	February 7 <sup>th</sup> – February 9 <sup>th</sup> 2014	Camp Opemikon
Spring Camp	May 23 <sup>th</sup> – May 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	Camporee – Fitzroy Park

### 3.3. Other Events

Event	Date	Info
Apple Day	Saturday, October 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	Fund raiser.
Remembrance Day	Monday, November 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	Parade with veterans to cenotaph.
Winter Break	Dec 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2013 – Jan 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	No meetings during this time.
Winter Cuboree	Saturday, February 1 <sup>st</sup> 2014	Outside Cub fun day where the cubs visit a series of stations playing games, learning skills and sing songs.
Scouts Day with 67's		
Pasta Dinner	Sat, March 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2014	1 <sup>st</sup> Kanata event for the whole family.
March Break	Mar 8 <sup>th</sup> – Mar 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	No meetings during this time.
Bike Exchange	Apr 25 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	A spring fundraiser where we sell used bikes on consignment.
Scout Trees	Saturday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2014	