

HEXTABLE CUB PACK INFORMATION

Please read this and keep for future reference



Where and When

Hextable Cub Pack meets on Thursday evenings at the Scout Hall, College Road, Hextable BR8 7LT from 6.30-8.00pm, although we aim to have many meetings each year out and about, particularly in the longer summer evenings. Beavers meet Mondays 6-7.15pm and Scouts on Wednesdays 7-9pm.

Who's Who

Cub Scout Leader - Frances Wallace (Akela) akela@hextablescouts.org.uk Tel 07976 277906, Scout Leader - Alex Pattullo jacala@hextablescouts.org.uk, Beaver Scout Leaders – contact info@hextablescouts.org.uk

If you want any information or have any comments about Cubs, contact the Cub Scout Leader. Cubs are 8-10 1/2 years old, Beavers 6-8, Scouts 10 1/2-14, Explorers 13 1/2 - 18. There is flexibility on ages of joining and leaving.

Information

It is very important that we have up to date contact details for our members and their parents/carers, so please complete the information on Online Scout Manager and keep them up to date. If there is anything that we need to know, inform us. If your child leaves, tell us. If we don't hear after an absence of 4 weeks, we will contact you and, after that, if we don't hear from you, your child will be removed from our membership.

All the relevant programmes, event information and booking are on the Parents Portal of Online Scout Manager, so respond to the links that you receive asking you to join and set up your account. If you do not get a link, or do not have email access, let us know. Last minute information is put on WhatsApp and emailed for speedier communication. Ask to join the Cubs WhatsApp group: we don't add people automatically. Read emails and answer promptly and electronically. There is more information at www.hextablescouts.org.uk, the district website www.swanleyscouts.org.uk, the Kent Scouts website www.kentscouts.org.uk and the national website www.scouts.org.uk. The national website gives you badge requirements and lots of other things.

All our leaders are volunteers, who join in scouting out of the goodness of their hearts and for the fun of it. They get no monetary reward and they appreciate your help and courtesy. All members of the Scout Association must make a promise on becoming a member. Members of our group are expected to attend the annual Remembrance Service in November and St George's Day Parade in April.

Help

We are a volunteer organization, providing young people (and the volunteers) with #skillsforlife through fun and adventure. As they progress through the age groups, the awards earned in Scouts and Explorers are valued by employers and further education institutions. We always welcome new volunteers. Scouting has a fulfilling and useful job for everyone. This may be helping at pack meetings, teaching your skills to the Cubs for specific badges e.g. a nurse could help with the Emergency Aid badge, a policeman could come to talk about safety or an enthusiast could help with one of the many badges that cover various interests. Just one evening of valuable input in the time that your child is with us can be of enormous help - or you could join the regular leadership team, shop for our activity supplies. Every family is expected to provide an adult to help at at least one pack meeting per term. Without this help the pack would not continue. Details of specific vacancies are on our website. Please complete the skills survey at <https://forms.office.com/r/fvmhsbKBs9>

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Cost/Credits

The current annual cost is currently £150, usually paid in £12.50 instalments each month. Over a third of this is paid to Scout HQ for fixed costs, such as the head office and insurance. Events like sleepovers and outings are usually charged for. We aim to keep our costs as low as possible so that all can participate in everything. If there is a financial problem, let us know as we do not want anyone not to come for financial reasons.

We have fundraising sessions e.g. bag packing and ask everyone to help. When members help, they receive “credits” for each hour spent fundraising, based on what we raise, which can be used to pay for activities. Credits cannot be taken as cash. If a member leaves the group, the money stays here. If they move to another section in the group, unused credits go with them or be used for a sibling. These can help considerably towards costs.

Subs can be paid by direct debit through the Parents Portal, cash, cheque, or monthly online banking transfer to 1st Swanley (Hextable) Scout Group, Barclays Bank plc, 30 Swanley Centre, BR8 7TJ, Account Number 20852015, Sort Code 20-25-42

Reference them with the name of your child/children. We also use an online debit system for paying for events and we can set it up for your subscriptions. If you would like to do this, let the leader or the treasurer know. Please fill in the online gift aid form if you are eligible, so that we can reclaim gift aid on the subscriptions.

Uniform

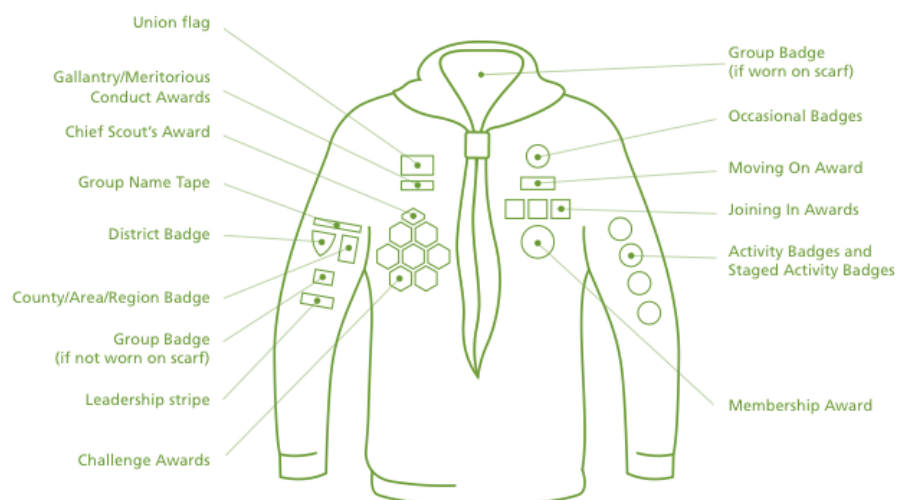
Before a Cub can be invested, they need a Cub sweatshirt and suitable trousers (preferably uniform or dark blue). These can be bought from TFS School and Dancewear in Dartford, the online scout shop: shop.scouts.org.uk, Ebay, etc. There are other items, e.g. polo shirts: they aren't essential. If cost is a problem, let us know. There are details online to show exactly where the badges go. Former Beavers can wear their Chief Scout's Bronze Award, Moving-on Award (yellow arrow badge), any Joining In awards (these are the numbered stars), staged activity badges (turquoise and purple ones with numbers on) and any current occasional badges on their Cub sweatshirt.

Badges

Encourage your Cub to participate in the challenges and activity badges. Details of how to earn the badges are on the scout website. Some of these will be worked through in the meetings and others can be done at home.

Some activities need to be completed at home so that the badge can be awarded. Please ensure that these are finished off as it is very frustrating for the leaders and the Cubs to get almost to the end and then not get the badge.

The top badge is the Chief Scout's Silver Award, which can be worn on the scout uniform, too. All the Challenge Awards have to be gained to get the Silver Award. For Cubs in the pack for 18+ months this should be quite achievable, with regular attendance.



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