

What is a Cub Scout Leader / Helper?

How do Cubs Operate ?



Cubs are aged between 8 and 10½ years old. The weekly programmes will incorporate games and activity around a theme of “Adventure and Achievement”. Cubs are organised into groups known as “Sixes” denominated by a different colour, identified by the woggle they wear. Each “Six” has a Sixer who is responsible for the “Six”. There are a number of badges that can be gained representing challenge and activity and these can be covered either at Cubs or through home or other hobbies.

What do Cubs do?

As with all Scouting, the programme can be whatever the leaders determine subject of course to the safety and welfare of the Cubs. The main objective for the Cub Leaders is to run a programme that provides a balance between fun, adventure and individual or group achievement. These programmes will combine elements from Games, making things, visits, outdoors, activities with others, helping other people, team challenges and trying something new. Cubs will be introduced to some classic Scouting skills such as knotting, fire lighting and cooking over wood fires and learning to use maps and compasses.

The other important part of Cub Scouting is to develop each Cub to their potential not only with skills but with personal development and learning about leadership, responsibility and thinking of others.

What is the Commitment ?

Each weekly programme lasts for 1½ hours onto which you should add another 30 minutes for the “before” and “after” preparation, clearing away and discussion on how it went. In addition the planning meetings last for about 2 hours each half term.

There are 6 or 7 activities that take place outside of the pack meetings each year. These could be a pack or group camp, a special pack activity, taking part in District or County events such as the Football or orienteering.

What Skills do I need?

The main skills required to help Cubs are enthusiasm, a sense of fun and some basic common sense. You will be surprised how much of your own life experience will be of benefit to the Cubs and how quickly you will learn new skills by working with other adults and the Cubs themselves. Previous Scouting and Guiding experience is not necessary.

What will I do?

You will be part of the Leadership team. This means that you will be involved in the execution of the weekly programme which could mean helping or running an activity or game, helping a small group of Cubs complete a task or taking part in a trip, visit or camp. As your experience and confidence grows you may want to take the responsibility of organising the evening programme.

But I don't know what to do!

Don't Worry! We all had to start somewhere and others in the Leadership team will have varying amount of experience to help you. There are also a number of books and online resources to provide ideas for games and activities that will be available to you when you are ready to read them!