

# Cub Program Quality Standards and Awards Application

Scouts Canada is committed to quality programs. This checklist will help you meet program standards. Upon successful completion, forward this form to your Group Commissioner (GC) for submission to your Area Commissioner (AC). Your Section will be recognized with the Program Quality Award.

## Program Planning

### The Pack has:

- Short-range (one month)
- Medium-range (three months)
- Long-range (one year) program plans which will reflect the program goals, as outlined in the B.P. &P.
- Weekly programs that are typically conducted as described in the *Wolf Cub Leader's Handbook*, and incorporate appropriate safety precautions.

## Outdoors

Opportunities are provided, for Cubs to participate in outdoor activities as often as possible, throughout the year. All activities follow Policies and Accepted Practices, as outlined by Camping/Outdoor Activities, Section 10000, B.P. &P.

### Cub minimum standards require:

- One regular meeting per month outdoors
- One weekend outing every two months
- Four nights at camp annually.

## Spiritual Emphasis

Spiritual emphasis is regularly incorporated throughout the program. Examples may include, but are not limited to:

- Opening and Closing Ceremonies, Use of Promise, Law and Motto, Scouts Own and Scouter's Five
- Religion in Life Award or Spirituality Award programs.

## Badge, Star and Award Program

- The program provides Cubs with regular opportunities to engage in and complete requirements of the Cub badge, star and award system
- The Pack program incorporates 2 stars per year.

## Environmental Awareness

Opportunities are provided for Cubs to participate in activities which increase their understanding and awareness of their role in preserving the environment. All activities are conducted in a manner that reflects appropriate environmental awareness and "leave no trace" principles.

- Minimum standard: one project/activity annually.

## Youth Input

- Cubs are regularly consulted and participate in program planning and delivery
- Sixers and seconds form essential parts of the leadership team
- A Sixers' Council is employed during each medium and long term planning session at minimum, and more frequently if required
- Youth are actively engaged in the creation of their section's Code of Conduct.



It starts with Scouts.

## Family/Parent Involvement

Opportunities are provided for family/parent involvement with adherence to National Screening Guidelines for Parental Involvement.

- Minimum standard: three events annually
- Regular communication occurs to inform parents of program plans through contacts such as meetings, phone calls, emails, calendars and newsletters, etc.

## Membership/Retention/Growth

- No youth who is willing to subscribe to the Promise and Law is denied membership (i.e. Scouts Canada does not want any waiting lists or youth turned away due to financial constraints)
- The Akela (or designate) personally invites Cubs back at the beginning or each year
- Those not returning at any time of the year are contacted by the Akela (or designate) to determine the reason why
- One activity per year focuses on increasing membership.

## Linking

Unless distance/isolation prohibits, opportunities are provided for Cubs to interact with Beavers and Scouts, with the minimum standard being:

- One regular meeting and one other activity with a Beaver Colony annually
- One regular meeting and one other activity with a Scout Troop annually
- Kim is used as part of the leadership team
- A Cub is selected to serve as a Keeo with a Beaver Colony
- Senior Cubs of advancement age have at least one other opportunity to interact with a Scout Troop.

## Community Service

Opportunities are provided for Cubs to participate in community service projects/events.

- Minimum standard: two held annually.

## Training/Leadership

- All Leaders to achieve Wood Badge Part I level during the first year
- At least one Scouter to have Wood Badge Part II (Cubs)
- Scouts Canada expects at least one member of the leadership team to hold a current, recognized first aid qualification and be present at meetings/events
- The leadership team has the necessary attitude, skills, knowledge and/or training required to conduct programs, or has recruited a skilled resource person(s) with such knowledge to attend the outing/activity
- Youth members (activity leaders, Scouters-in-Training, Kim, Sixers Council, etc.) are included as part of the leadership team
- Training is provided to assist Kim, sixers and seconds in fulfilling the position.

## Administration

The following are performed to administer the Pack:

- Maintain current and accurate Pack records, including attendance and Cubs' progress records
- Submit a plan and related budget to the Group Committee for a year's activities
- Maintain appropriate financial records, and submit proper financial statements to the Group Committee
- Provide an annual inventory of all equipment and property controlled by the Pack to the Group Committee
- Ensure a representative from the Section leadership team attends at least 90 percent of Group Committee meetings.

Name of Group \_\_\_\_\_

Area \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Leader Signature \_\_\_\_\_

GC Signature \_\_\_\_\_

AC Signature \_\_\_\_\_