Perth Central Scout Group

Guide For New Chums
Welcome To Cub Scouts!

Over the next few weeks, you will be learning all the things that you need to know to become a Cub. You will be put into a group of Cubs (called a Six) who will help you with your journey.

Investiture requirement

Attend 4-6 Cub Scout Meetings

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Know and understand the meaning of the Cub Scout Law and Promise

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Know and understand the Scout sign and the hand shake

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Know and understand the opening and closing ceremony with grand howl and the salute

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Have read this booklet and can explain how Scouting began and listen to the first Jungle Story

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Know and understand what a good turn is.

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Getting invested

Once you have completed this booklet and have decided you would like to become a Cub, you will be invested. You will need to invite your family and bring a camera. At your investiture you will be given your badges and a scarf.
Why Do You Wear A White Scarf?

The white scarf is given to children who have joined the pack, and have not yet been invested.

The white scarf can best be explained to the Cub as being like the white paint that is put on Zulu boys when they are ready to prove that they are men, or warriors of the tribe. A boy is completely painted with white paint. He would be given a shield for protection and a small spear to hunt and obtain food. If he was seen by any other Zulu during this time the Zulu may capture and kill him, and that white paint would take about 6 weeks to wear off - it would not wash off.

And so, for a period of 6 weeks, the boy would have to hide in the jungle, and live as best he could. He would have to follow deer tracks and creep up near enough to spear the animal in order to get food and clothing for himself. He had to make fires to cook his food by rubbing two sticks; he had no matches with him. He had to be careful not to let his fire smoke too much, or it would catch the eye of Zulu hunters.

He had to be able to run long distances, to climb trees and to swim rivers in order to escape those chasing and hunting him. He had to be brave and stand up to a lion or tiger or any other animal that attacked him.

He had to know which plants were good to eat and which were poisonous and how to cook them. He had, of course, to make his own cooking pots of the bark of a tree or of clay. He had to build himself a hut to live in, but well hidden.

He had to care that he left no tracks, which could be followed. He had to learn not to snore, to keep his mouth shut and to breathe quietly through his nose.

All this he had to do for 6 weeks, sometimes in burning heat, sometimes in cold rain, while the white paint wore off.

If the boy can survive until his paint wears off he can return to the tribe and is accepted as a man and a warrior.

So you can see Cub Scouts, the white paint test of Zulu boys is a pretty tough test. In presenting you with this white scarf, it means that you have to prove to us, your leaders, that you are ready to become a Cub Scout. You will have to learn and live the Cub Scout Law and Cub Scout Promise and know and understand about our jungle names and jungle ways. In about 6 weeks you will be invested and you will be given a scarf like all the other members of this pack.
Cub Promise (your choice)

On my honour    On my honour
I promise that I will do my best    I promise that I will do my best
To do my duty to my God, and    To do my duty to my God, and
To the Queen of Australia    To Australia
To help other people, and    To help other people, and
To live by the Cub Scout Law    To live by the Cub Scout Law

Meaning Of The Cub Scout Promise

I promise

When you promise to do something, you mean you will do it. Even if it is difficult, a Cub Scout keeps their promise, because it’s the right thing to do. They want people to know they can be trusted.

To do my best

When you say,” I will do my best,” you mean, “I will try as hard as I can.” One Cub’s best can be different from another Cub’s best. Cub Scout Leaders don’t expect you to be perfect, but they want you to do your best.

To do my duty

When you do your duty, you do your share. You do what you ought to do. Your duty to our country means being a good Australian. You obey the laws. You’re a good citizen, and you help your community in any way you can.

To help other people

This means thinking about other people and their needs. Sometimes this isn’t easy, but a Cub Scout will help others when he can.
The Cub Scout Law

Cubs Scouts are loyal and obedient
Cub Scouts do not give in to themselves

Prayer

Help us O Lord
To serve you day by day
To do our duty and enjoy our play
To keep the Cub Scout Promise and to rest
Happy that we have tried to do our best
Amen.
The First Jungle Story

It was a warm summer night when Tabaqui, the jackal, the mean sly, mischief maker, crept to the cave of Mother and Father Wolf.
“Shere Khan, the big one, has shifted his hunting grounds. He will hunt among these hills”, he told them.
Father Wolf was upset, because Shere Khan, the tiger killed cattle and angered the villagers, bringing trouble to the jungle. But as they listened, they heard the angry snarly whine of the tiger.
“He is hunting man!” said Mother Wolf.
“Listen! Something is coming!” Father Wolf crouched – then halted in mid-spring. “Man!” he snapped. “A man’s cub. Look!” His jaws closed gently over the little boy’s back and he carried him into the cave and placed him amongst the other cubs.
Then a dark shadow crossed the doorway.
“The man cub is mine, give him to me!” Shere Khan’s roar filled the cave. But Mother and Father wolf were not to be ordered around by somebody not from the Pack. So Shere Khan slunk away.

“I will call him Mowgli (the frog)”, said Raksha, the Mother Wolf, “because his skin is smooth and without hair like the frog’s”

So Mowgli stayed with Raksha and Father Wolf and their own four cubs. When they were old enough to run a little, they set off on the night of the full moon, through the jungle to Council Circle where the wolves looked over the young cubs.
Then Shere Khan roared from the trees. “What have the free people to do with a man cub in the Pack?”
Akela, the Pack Leader reminded the wolves that if there was an argument about a cub, two people would have to speak for him.

So Baloo, the brown bear, stood up and said “I will speak for the man cub”
Then a black shadow dropped from the trees. It was the mighty hunter, Bagheera, the panther.

"I have a bull newly killed, to pay for the man cub's life" he said. And that is how Mowgli was accepted as a member of the Pack, at the price of a bull and on Baloo's good word.

He learned the Laws of the Jungle from old Baloo and how to creep and stalk and hunt from Bagheera.
Jungle Book Questions

Match these –
A. Shere Khan  Black Panther
B. Tabaqui  Brown Bear
C. Mowgli  Jackal
D. Raksha  Leader of the Pack
E. Akela  Man Cub
F. Baloo  Mother Wolf
G. Bagheera  Tiger

What did Mother and Father Wolf name the baby that crawled into their cave? What does Mowgli mean?

Who was Mowgli's Best friend?

Who was Akela?

Who was Shere Khan?

Why did Shere Khan want to kill Mowgli?

Who spoke for Mowgli to join the wolf pack?

Who taught Mowgli the “Law of the Jungle”?

See if you can find out the answers to these from your own reading

What did Kaa do to help Mowgli?

What was the “Red Flower?” Why did Mowgli use it?

What is the name of the Elephant in the Jungle Book?

Who wrote the Jungle Book?

Where was he born and what year?
The Grand Howl

In the Jungle, on the night of the full moon, all the wolves in the Pack would creep into the circle around the Council Rock. In the middle, on a rock, crouched their leader, Akela. The wolves would throw up their heads and howl their welcome. This was how they acknowledged Akela was their leader.

At the opening and closing of each meeting, the Cub Scouts do the Grand Howl.

This is a special way of saying ‘Hello’ to the Leaders and a way of reminding you about your Cub Scout Promise every time you do it.

When you have made your Promise and been invested as a Cub Scout, you will be able to join the Grand Howl.

Cub Scouts start by forming a circle, with Akela (or another leader) standing in the middle.

The Grand Howl begins when Akela’s arms are raised then lowered.

The Pack squats down like the wolves did and call out: "A-K-E-L-A, we'll do our best!"

The Duty Sixer then stands at alert, salutes Akela and says "Cub Scouts! Do your best!"

The rest of the Pack then stands and salutes, saying "We'll do our best!"

This is an act of respect for your leaders, and is not a time to fidget and fool around.
How Cubbing Began

Once there was a child just like you, who had four brothers. At weekends and holidays they would sleep in a tent, go camping, sail boats and enjoy the outdoor life. When this child became a man, he joined the army and eventually became a Major General. His name was Robert Baden-Powell. He was a great hero in Africa where he saved the town of Mafeking from an attack which lasted 217 days. He had so few soldiers with him that he had to use boys to help with first aid, to carry messages and to do lots of other important jobs. He wrote a book about it.

When Baden Powell returned to England, he found boys were reading his book. So he wrote them a book called ‘Scouting for Boys’. There were lots of other boys who wanted to be Scouts too, but they were too young. So Baden Powell started a new section for them called Wolf Cubs – using ideas he got from the “Jungle Book”, by Rudyard Kipling. Lord Baden Powell of Gilwell died in 1941.

Each year on his birthday, 22nd February, we celebrate ‘World Scout Day’ we remember how he started Scouting and Cubbing for millions of boys and girls in over 100 countries around the world.
**The Scout Sign and Salute**

The Scout Sign is made only by members of the movement in uniform. It is made by raising your right hand, palm forward, thumb resting on the nail of the little finger, and the other fingers upright, pointing upwards.

The Scout Sign is given when making the promise, or as a greeting.

When the hand is raised to the forehead, it is the Scout Salute. The salute is used as a token of respect.

**The Hand Shake**

When other Scouts greet each other, they shake hands with the left hand! You will often see Akela using the left handshake – especially when a badge is presented. This is because when Baden-Powell was a soldier in Africa, he saw lots of tribal chiefs who carried spears and shields. He noticed that it was a sign of great trust to offer your left hand when shaking hands. This was because you had to put down your shield and yet leave the other person with a spear in their hand.

**A Good Turn**

What is a good turn? A good turn is when you do something for someone without necessarily being asked, or being thanked. Doing a good turn for someone is in itself its own reward.

Over a two week period, you are going to be doing a good turn for your parents. Things that they want you to do, but they need to keep reminding you. At the end of the 2 week period they will need to sign the sheets for you, and you will need to bring them into Akela.
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MY SIX

My Six is _______

My Sixer's name is _______________________

My Seconder's name is ____________________

The other Cubs in my Six are:

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