

1st Claygate Scout Group



About Cub Scouts



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1 Introduction from your Group Scout Leader

If your child is joining us from another Group or is new to Scouting, we welcome you to 1st Claygate Scout Group, one of the largest and most successful groups in Surrey. You may also wish to read an accompanying booklet 'About the Group' which describes how the Group is set up and run.

If your child has been a Beaver with us you will already know a lot about the way the Group works, but if you need reminding, there are electronic copies of all of our booklets on our website www.claygatescouts.org.

In this booklet we tell you about the Cub Scout Section which your child is joining. We mention the other sections but you will receive more information as you move on up through the Group.

Let me take the opportunity to remind you of what Scouting is about.

It aims to appeal to a young person's desires for fun and adventure provided through attractive and active programmes. It provides opportunities for developing in young people the qualities that make good citizens: honour, self-discipline, dependability, respect for others and self-reliance.

Young people learn by doing, and Scouting offers activities to capture their imagination and enable each individual to find something in which to participate, develop skills and gain confidence. As far as possible, these activities take place outdoors as in camping, hiking, caving, sailing, mountaineering and many others, alongside a training programme which is structured from Beaver Scouts to Explorer Scouts.

Scouting at 1st Claygate is for boys and girls. It teaches what is not learnt at home or at school and it assists their character development. However, they rely on adult volunteers to make it all possible, either as leaders to run their meetings, camps and so on, or as supporters to provide the material requirements and assist the leaders with the running of activities.

We hope your child will enjoy the new challenge of being a Cub Scout and will continue through to Scouts.

As you may already be aware, when your child joined the Group you became members of the Group Council, which usually meets once a year at the Group AGM. Thank you for your participation so far. We hope you will continue to ensure the Group survives and flourishes by either helping with a section, helping with the general running of the Group or helping with at least two fund-raising events a year.

Please complete the attached Membership Information form at the end of the booklet if you have not already done so or wish to update information, and return it to your child's section Leader as soon as possible.

Thank you

Hugh Gostling, Group Scout Leader

April 2010

2 About the Cub Scout Section

As you probably know Cubs is the second of the 3 sections in the group which your child may progress through until he/she is 14 years old: Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts and Scouts (usually known as Beavers, Cubs and Scouts). After this he/she may choose to join the District Explorer Scout Unit which is based at the 1st Claygate Scout Centre. (You may still hear people refer to Explorer Scouts as Ventures which was the section for 15½ - 25 year olds before 2002.)

Your child will belong to one of the packs in the Cub Scout Section of 1st Claygate Scout Group. There are currently 3 packs in the section: Lions, Panthers and Lynx, each meeting on different

evenings. Each pack is led by a Cub Scout Leader (CSL) referred to as Akela, assisted by one or more Assistant Cub Scout Leaders (ACSL) and one or more helpers, each with an appropriate name from the Jungle Book.

All the adults your child will come in contact with during his/her time in Scouting have been through a formal vetting process to ensure their suitability to work with young people. The leaders take part in a comprehensive training programme including First Aid Training.

If you have a query at any time please ask your child's Section Leader or one of the Assistant Leaders. The best time to ask a question is usually at the end of the meeting as the Leaders will have more time available. If you require further clarification on Scouting matters please contact Hugh Gostling, Group Scout Leader. For matters relating to the support activities of the Group please speak to Harry Jones Group Chairman of The Group Executive Committee. All contact details are in the Who's Who section.

Your pack's parent representative will be glad to receive any feedback on any aspect of the group which will be discussed at the leaders committee.

Don't forget to visit the scout association website at www.scoutbase.org.uk if you haven't already done so. If you don't have access to the Internet and would like any specific information please ask and we will make sure you receive paper copies.

2.1 Aims of the Cub Programme

Our aim is to provide a balanced programme of activities during your child's time as a Cub Scout (from 8 to 10½yrs). This is achieved by addressing the following six areas:

- Beliefs and Attitudes
- Community
- Fitness
- Creative
- Global
- Outdoor and Adventure

This means that your child will be given the opportunity to take part in:

- Games
- Making things
- Singing, stories and drama
- Visits and Visitors
- Outdoors
- Activities with others
- Helping other people
- Themes
- Prayer, worship and reflection
- Team challenges
- Trying new things

Please visit <http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/6to25/cub/programme/index.htm> for full details.

2.2 The Uniform

The Cub Uniform comprises:

- Dark Green Sweatshirt
- Dark blue Activity Trousers (these are worn right through the sections)

- Black School Style Shoes for formal occasions

If you are new to the Group your Group scarf and woggle will be awarded at your child's investiture. (Replacements can be obtained from your CSL for a small sum.)

Sweatshirt and trousers, as well as other items such as T-shirts and caps, can be obtained from the Walton & Weybridge Scout Shop, 4th Walton Headquarters, Cottimore Lane, Walton-on-Thames, KT12 2BX. It is open on Mondays from 3.30-5pm and Wednesday from 7-9pm during term time only. Alternatively items can be ordered on-line from the Scout Shop; www.scoutshops.com.

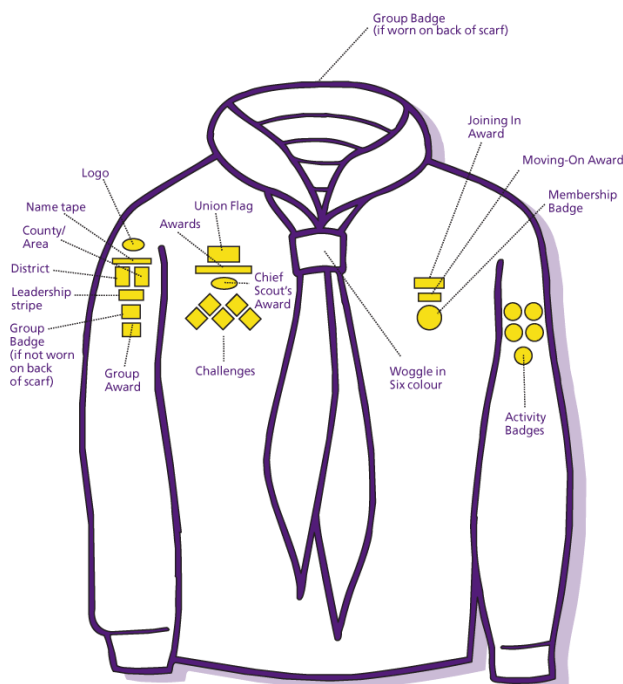
In addition we do have a limited stock of second-hand uniforms. Your child's section leader will be able to show you what we have.

2.3 Badges

During his/her time in the cub pack, your child will be able to work towards a number of badges. The following diagram shows where these need to be positioned on the Cub Uniform. You can find a larger version of this at <http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/library/clipart/uniforms/cubs.htm>.

A number of badges will be presented at your child's investiture. The main one is the Membership Badge worn on the front. We do not have a Logo but do have a green Name tape with yellow writing – 1st Claygate. Our County & District badges are combined into a single beige badge and we do not have a Group Badge.

The Challenge Badges which Cubs may achieve are Outdoor, Promise, Creative, Fitness, Global, Community and Outdoor Plus, they are diamond-shaped. The Chief Scout's Silver Award will be given towards the end of your child's time as a Cub following completion of the first six Challenge badges (all but Outdoor Plus). He/she will receive joining-in awards to mark the anniversary of joining the Group.



Activity Badges and Group Awards are gained during meetings and at planned group and district events and all 33 activity badges are described in the Cub Scout Handbook which can be bought from the same place as the uniform. As your child gets older he/she may be asked to become a second (deputy) then sixer (leader) of his/her six. He/she will then receive appropriate leadership stripes to wear below the district/county badge.

Further information on badges and awards is available on the website <http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/library/hqdocs/badges/cub-index.htm>.

2.4 The Cub Scout Promise

I promise that I will do my best
 To do my duty to God and to the Queen
 To help other people
 And to keep the Cub Scout Law

2.5 The Cub Scout Motto

Be Prepared

2.6 The Cub Scout Law

Cub Scouts always do their best
Think of others before themselves
And do a good turn every day.

2.7 The Investiture

This event usually takes place after your child has been with the pack for half a term. The GSL or one of his deputies will be present at the normal weekly meeting and will ask your child to repeat the words of the promise after him. Your new Cub Scout will then be presented with various items including a certificate, and badges for his uniform. This is an important occasion and parents are invited to attend.

2.8 Camp Kit List

Your child is now old enough to camp under canvas! He/she will now begin to accrue 'nights away' towards his 'Nights Away' Activity Badge. He/she will learn to pitch a tent and to cook various items on the fire (toasted marshmallows and twisters are the most popular). He/she will also gain a repertoire of campfire songs and sketches.

The Group provides all the non-personal camp equipment – tents, groundsheets, cooking utensils, plates, bowls, cups, cutlery etc. At camp the leaders supply, prepare and cook all the food but the boys assist with the washing up.

Each camp's kit list will be different but the basic items below will be needed.

- Holdall
- Sleeping Bag
- Roll mat
- Torch

Please refer to the kit list provided with 'Notes for Parents' for each camp and if you require advice, your Akela will be pleased to help.

Note: the Group has no Insurance cover for loss or damage to personally owned equipment. Most 'Household Comprehensive' Policies cover this type of risk.

2.9 Moving Up to Scouts

Your child will be eligible to move on to Scouts when he/she is about 10½ years old and will be part of a group of boys who move up at the end of each term. By this time you should have had the chance to see the Troop in action and read about all the exciting challenges they undertake in the Group Newsletter. We hope you will have admired the amazing 'constructions' which are erected to test your child's readiness for Scouts through your attendance at our Scouts Own & Going-Up Ceremonies each term!

2.10 Points of interest

As a cub, your child is now eligible to join the Scout and Guide Band. If he/she is interested in taking up a suitable instrument this is a great way to learn. Contact Robin Wilkinson the Band Leader.

There is a Cub Scout Annual which comes out every Christmas and makes a good stocking filler!

Members of 1st Claygate Scout Group are proud to be able to wear a khaki coloured scarf to show that we were one of the first groups to join the Scouting Movement. The other groups have more colourful scarves but it is worth remembering why we are different.

Members of the Scout Association always shake hands with their left hand. This is a sign of trust which originates from Baden Powell's meeting with Zulu warriors who laid down their shield (held in their left hand) to greet him.

3 About Group and District Activities

This chapter gives a general description of events which you will hear about through your pack. You may already have come across some of them during your child's time as a Beaver. Throughout the year the District organises and puts on various activities specifically for cubs. As with the Group events this may change from year to year so please treat this information as guidance only. The packs also run a number of other events such as sixer and seconder training. A full calendar of events is available on our website – www.claygatescouts.org.

3.1 District Cub Camp

This is organised by the District and includes cubs from all 10 Groups in Esher District, a total of around 175 young people. It usually takes place in mid June at a local camp site

3.2 Cross Country Run

This event takes place in February and is organised by the District. It takes place from the Arrow and Trefoil Hut in West End (opposite the Princess Alice Hospice). All sections can take part. Each young person participating receives a medal and points for their group.

3.3 Tug of War Competition

An afternoon in May at Polyapes and a chance to test your strength against other packs in the District in a traditional scouting pursuit.

3.4 Sports Afternoon

This is usually held in July at West Molesey Recreation Ground. There is an opportunity for all boys to take part in the standard set of races such as 100 metres, 3-legged and obstacle against cubs of a similar age.

3.5 Sausage Sizzle

This is held in October time at The Dittons Headquarters – The Shack at 15 Claygate Lane, Thames Ditton. There are usually about 50 or so cubs who spend the afternoon playing games and of course cooking sausages on the open fire to eat!

3.6 Handicraft Afternoon

Another Autumn activity which may be competitive and certainly produces plenty of things to take home!

3.7 Badge Afternoon

Usually a Saturday in January, this event is an opportunity to spend the afternoon working with other cubs from the District towards a badge such as Road Safety or Chef.

3.8 Link Events

When your child nears the age of 10½ he/she will begin to think about joining the Scout Troop. The District organises an afternoon of joint Cub & Scout activities at Polyapes, to encourage a smooth transition from the cub pack to the Troop. Activities may include knotting, backwoods cooking, aerial runway and archery.

3.9 Swimming Gala

This event is organised by the Group and usually takes place every 2 years in February or March during the early evening. The sixes compete for points against each other.

3.10 Group Activity Weekend

Each year during May the Group (Scouts and Cubs) has a weekend camp at either Polyapes (Oxshott), Walton Firs (Cobham) or Bentley Copse (Shere). The cubs have an inter-tent competition with points for tidy tents, good behaviour etc. Parental help is usually needed to put up tents on the Thursday evening before the camp so that the boys can go straight to their tents when they arrive on Friday evening. There is usually a badge or two to be gained from the weekend and opportunities (including a Camp Fire) to see the Scouts at work cooking their own meals. There is often a chance to do some specialist activity such as Archery.

3.11 Scouts Own/Going-up Ceremonies

These usually take place on a Sunday morning soon after the beginning of each term (Feb, May & Oct). After a short service which is planned by the Group, the Cub Leader says goodbye to Cubs who are old enough to join the Troop and they carry out some sort of challenge such as swinging on a rope from a frame across an imaginary river to the Scout Leader. This is a good opportunity to remind ourselves of the spiritual element of scouting and to meet other members of the Group. There are sometimes special presentations to be made where for example money has been raised for charity and/or leaders have completed training or reached milestones in their service to scouting.

3.12 Group Summer Fete

This is our annual summer fund-raiser and a big event where we can show off our skills to members of the village whilst raising money for the Group! There are lots of traditional elements such as Pimms with strawberries and cream, the plate-smashing stall, barbeque and Tug-o-war, all lots of fun. You will be asked to sign up for a short spell on one of the stalls and may receive a call from your pack parent representative. We liaise with local schools to try and ensure there are no clashes with their events.

3.13 Group AGM/Annual Awards

As a charity we need to hold an Annual General Meeting to present our accounts to the membership. This is usually some time in June and we aim to keep it as short as possible and combine it with other activities such as a barbeque and our Annual Awards. The annual awards were introduced in 2000 to reward individuals who have stood out in some way as representatives of scouting. Recipients of awards are chosen by the leaders of each pack.

3.14 Claygate Flower Show

We always have a pitch at the Village Flower Show in July and any help with this event will be appreciated. The Scout Group is an important part of the community and this is a good forum for showing them what we are about!

3.15 St Georges Day

This takes place towards the end of April and is usually held jointly with Hinchley Wood, Cobham and Oxshott so can be at either one of their village churches as well as our own. We take this as an opportunity for all members of the Scout Association to renew their promise so it is really important for all Cubs to attend. We do all we can to make sure there is something for each section.

The event usually begins with a march through the streets led by our band. Each pack has a flag which will be carried by a representative with two escorts. All members should be well turned out and apologies for non-attendance should be directed to our GSL.

3.16 Remembrance Day Parade

This is similar to St Georges Day but takes place in November and only involves 1st Claygate. We join members of the British Legion and the Guide Movement for a parade from the carpark next to Champions in Hare Lane to Holy Trinity Church. Once again apologies for non-attendance must be sent to our GSL and smart uniform is essential

3.17 Claygate Scout & Guide Carol Concert

This event is organised by local representatives of each movement on an evening near to Christmas and varies in format.

4 Subscriptions

Membership subscriptions are levied three times a year on 1st April, 1st September and 1st January. They are calculated on an annual basis and revised annually. You will receive a request for payment in the first weeks of term and will be asked to post monies to the Subscriptions Co-ordinator.

The current subscription for Cubs is £123 per annum (£41 per term)

If your son or daughter is a band member an additional subscription of £1.50 per week is requested to cover the provision of uniform, refreshments and other band expenses. This will be billed separately

4.1 Subscriptions – by Gift Aid

Since 1986 we have managed to increase our fundraising by the reclamation of tax on Covenanted Subscriptions. The system was changed and now we wish to collect all subscriptions by Gift Aid. The Scout Group reclaims the tax as a recognised and registered charity in the same way as other well known charities e.g. Cancer Research. The tax is reclaimed as it has already been paid through the donor's taxed income. This means that for every £1 of subscriptions you pay the group can claim back 22p.

This is obviously a very advantageous method of the group increasing its annual income and is put to good use in the equipment and activities that the group provides.

You will be prompted to donate in this way when paying your subscription - please do so if you can.

5 Contact Details

There is a complete list of all adults who do voluntary work for the Group, with their addresses and phone numbers, at the Scout Centre. Details below should be sufficient to enable to contact anyone you might need to speak with. If you are interested in joining the team – there is usually room for more help!

5.1 Group Leaders

G.S.L.	:	Hugh Gostling
A.G.S.L.	:	Graham Gibbs
A.G.S.L.	:	Debbie Bowles

Group : Harry Jones
Chairman

5.2 Cub Scouts Lion Pack

C.S.L. : Catherine Hackett

A.C.S.L. : Sue Hoad

A.C.S.L. : Bob Lonnon

A.C.S.L. : Jacob Hoad

5.3 Cub Scouts Lynx Pack

C.S.L. : David Creigh

A.C.S.L. : Tim Davies

Assistant : Ingrid Baker

Assistant : Paul Smith

5.4 Cub Scouts Panther Pack

C.S.L. : Deborah Gann

A.C.S.L. : Christine Paddick

Assistant : David Vorbrich

Assistant : Luke White

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Membership Information

Not only does this form give us important information it also enables parents to take part in activities (If only for providing transport to and from camp) having been 'cleared' by the Scout Association, a necessary process before all adults have contact with young people. Please return this form to your child's section Leader at the next meeting or e-mail it and copy to gostling.family@ntlworld.com An electronic version of this form is available from Hugh Gostling or the Group Web Site – www.claygatescouts.org.

Section: _____ (e.g. Maple Beavers)

Child's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____

Tel. No: _____

E-mail address: _____

Emergency Contact details for during meeting: _____

School: _____

Place of worship/faith: _____

Parents/Guardians names: _____

Fathers occupation: _____

Mothers Occupation: _____

Child's special needs-medical, dietary, social, educational: _____

Relatives in Group/ Friends in section: _____

Is there anything else you would like us to know? _____

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Registered Charity No.308135

Child's Name: _____

Section: _____

As mentioned already it is a requirement of your child's membership that you either help with a section, help with the general running of the Group or help with two fund-raising events per year. If you want further details on these please either contact your child's section Leader, or Hugh Gostling. Could you please indicate your preference below:

	Father	Mother
Help with a section:	_____	_____
Help with Service Crew:	_____	_____
Help at a camp etc:	_____	_____
Help with transport for camp: (Have Van/lorry for transporting equipment)	_____	_____
Help with fund-raising:	_____	_____
Serve on a sub-committee: (Please indicate which one)	_____	_____
Help with building maintenance:	_____	_____
Help with grounds maintenance:	_____	_____
Help with cleaning of the Centre:	_____	_____
Please indicate if either of you have ever been involved in Scouting or Guiding as a member or helper	_____	_____

Data Protection

This information will be held on computer for the Group's use and will only be used for scouting purposes. The Group will not pass on e-mail address to other parties outside of Scouting and e-mail addresses will only be used to provide information about Scouting events.

If you object please contact Harry Jones.