



**Calling for New Cub Scouts for 2018-19
(Note for Parents)**

About the Wolf Cub Scouts Program

Cub Scouts are young scouts of age around 8 to 10 generally from G3 to G5. With the Cub motto of "Do Your Best", Cub Scouts are encouraged to try new and more challenging activities. Cub Scouts will experience a variety of activities including overnight camps in tents, full-day outings, various field trips and hikes spread throughout the school year. Outdoor skills related to scout crafts, emergency aid, camping, trail, vertical, and water are a core part of our program. During these activities, Cub Scouts will earn a wide variety of badges and awards by completing specific tasks and activities or demonstrating certain skills throughout the program. Like Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts enjoy their adventures with their friends too. All activities are guided by the Cub Law, Promise and Motto.

Cub Law: *"The Cub respects the Old Wolf; The Cub respects himself/herself."*

Cub Promise: *"I promise to do my best; To love and serve God; To do my duty to the Queen; To keep the Law of the Wolf Cub pack; And to do a good turn for somebody everyday."*

Cub Motto: *"Do Your Best."*

Role of Parents in the Cub Scout Program

Become a Volunteer Scouter who leads the Cub Scout Program

To achieve all of the above with a group of 8-10 year-old children, we cannot do without parental support. ***In fact, all Cub Scout adult leaders are committed parent volunteers of the Cub Scouts and not employees of the Scout Group.*** Although they have many other obligations and commitments (80% have full-time jobs), they are willing to make a difference not only in their own child's life, but the whole Cubs Section. They volunteer their time and effort to plan and run a quality Cub Scouts program as best they can. There are training programs and on-the-job-training for all the Scouters, and we are supported by the Service Team of the Scout Group which offers specific skills and support in scouting activities, especially those in camping and outdoor activities. Anyone interested can join us to become a Volunteer Scouter!

Cubs Parents who support the Program

We also rely on Cubs parents' commitment to make it a rewarding program for the Cub Scouts. We expect you to help particularly in the following areas if your child is admitted to the Cub Scout Program:

- * ***Read and respond to emails from the group timely and regularly,***
- * ***Return consent or information forms consciously and promptly,***
- * ***See that your child has proper uniform and handbook,***
- * ***Encourage full attendance and ensure your child come to meetings on time,***
- * ***Work with your child in achieving badges and awards at home,***
- * ***Agree to help when requested as best you can.***

Before you apply

1. **The child's personal initiative is vital to his / her success in the program.** Parents are expected to discuss the program with their children to ensure their interest and commitment before applying. All new applicants will go through an interview and will be notified of the acceptance or refusal.
2. The program runs between Sept 2018 and May 2019. The pack usually meets on Saturdays from 8:45am – 11am with ~25 meetings per school year. Meetings are held on the school premises, except for outings and camps. Outings for the Pack often start earlier than 8:45am and run beyond the 11am ending time. *Cub Scouts take turn to help with the set up and clean up and hence will need to come to the meeting 15 minutes prior and leave 15 minutes later when it is their turn for duty.*
3. **Your child should not have other Saturday activities that may conflict with Cub Scouts' meetings.** Cub Scouts are expected to make every effort to attend all meetings. Our attendance policy is that we allow Cub Scouts to take leave up to 3 times with legitimate reasons. Cub Scouts who fail to comply with this requirement will be asked to leave the group in order to free up the space for children who are on the waiting list and are eager and genuinely interested in the program.
4. Parents are aware of and will live up to the expectation of parents' commitment as outlined on previous section.
5. The 1st Hong Kong Canadian Scout Group is registered under Scouts Canada. To enroll your child to become a Cub Scout under Scouts Canada, a registration fee of HK\$2,000 is charged. Following the new offer of Scouts Canada, we extend Early Bird Discount to youth who return the registration form and the discounted fees of HK\$1,800 before 31 May 2018. Please note there is no refund of registration fees as we will process the early birds' registration in June 2018.
6. Like all Scout Groups, we are non-profit making. In addition to the registration fees charged by Scouts Canada, we also collect charges to run activities such as camping, hiking, and cover expenses such as insurance, badges and supplies. Uniforms also need to be purchased separately. All fees are cost-recovery and will be collected as required during the program.

How to apply

The Cub Scouts section now has a limited number of vacancies open for application by students going into G3, G4 and G5 in Aug 2018. We do anticipate more applicants than available spaces. Unsuccessful applicants will be placed on the waiting list. Priority will be given to applicants:

- * *who are returning youth members with active participation and performance meeting the Group's criteria and expectations as well as demonstrated parental support.*
- * *whose parents are 1st HKCSG volunteer scouters.*

*If your child is interested in becoming a Cub Scout, **please download and complete the Registration Form** from <http://www.1sthkcs.org/recruitment-for-the-201819-scouting-year.html> and send back to us by email to cubscouts.1hkcs@gmail.com **on or before 25 May, 2018 (Friday)**. An interview will be conducted with your child on 28/29 May 2018 and decision will be made on or before 29 May, 2018. Registration fee will be due and payable upon acceptance. To enjoy early bird discount, please submit the cheque by 31 May 2018 (Attention: Cub Scouts Program) to the Scout Mail Box located in the 9/F General Office.*

Should you have any questions about Cub Scouts activities, please contact Akela Yvonne by email: cubscouts.1hkcs@gmail.com. We look forward to another exciting year of Scouting!