



## **Calling for Cub Scouts for 2021-22**

### **About the 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, water activities and hikes throughout the school year. Outdoor skills related to scout crafts, emergency aid, camping, trail, vertical, and water are core parts of our program. 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 every day."*

**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 support by parents. ***In fact, all our adult scouters are committed parent volunteers and not employees of the Scout Group.*** Although they have many other obligations and commitments, they are willing to make a difference not only in their own child's life, but the whole Cub Section. They volunteer their time and effort to plan and run a quality Cub Scout 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 and Training 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 rely on Cub 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 in a timely manner and regularly,***
- ★ ***Return consent or information forms consciously and promptly,***
- ★ ***See that your child has proper uniform and logbook,***
- ★ ***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.***

## **Things to know 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 that they are interested and committed before applying.
2. The program runs between Sept 2021 and May 2022. The pack usually meets on Saturdays from 8:45am – 11am with ~25 meetings per school year. Meetings are normally held on 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 setup and cleanup 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 Scout meetings.** Cub Scouts are expected to make every effort to attend all meetings, including occasional outings or day camps that finish in the afternoon or overnight camps that may end on Sunday. Leaves can only be requested with legitimate reasons.
4. The 1<sup>st</sup> 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 is charged. 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 charged on a cost-recovery basis and will be collected as required during the program.

\*In response to COVID-19 or other unexpected circumstances where our normal operation is likely affected, our Group will observe specific Scouts Canada's Safe Scouting Policies & Procedures. We also follow the relevant rules and requirements of the Hong Kong SAR Government. In addition, we take into consideration of those practices of CDNIS and the Scout Association of Hong Kong to ensure safe scouting for our youths. In such circumstances, we strive to conduct physical meetings whenever possible, but will opt for online meetings to continue with our program when it is not feasible to meet in person.

## **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 2021. 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 support by parents.*
- \* *whose parents are 1<sup>st</sup> HKCSG volunteer scouters.*

*If your child is interested in becoming a Cub Scout, please **complete the Registration Form** on <http://www.1sthkcsq.org/recruitment-for-the-202122-scouting-year.html>.*

Please send the completed Registration Form to our email address cubscouts.1hkcsq@gmail.com. The registration fee is \$2200. Please note there is no refund of registration fees. Information on payment methods will be provided once we receive your registration form.

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