



## Welcome & Welcome Back to the 9th Guelph Cub Pack!

For those of you returning, you'll notice that we have a brand new group of leaders and cubs joining us, with the exception of Riki Tiki Tavi, who we have managed to, keep for another year. Some of our leaders have moved from different sections, and others are returning to work with the youth after taking time off, or working on our Group Committee. So make sure you say hello, and welcome our new leaders, and our new cubs to the Pack. We are all very excited about the upcoming year and we can't wait to get started!

We will continue to meet in the Church basement this fall, but we LOVE to keep the "out" in Scouting, so we have lots of opportunities for outside activities! We'll keep you posted on where we are meeting with our monthly newsletters but if you are ever in doubt, please feel free to call a leader.

We hope you had a great summer and are ready for lots of fun and excitement in Cubs this year. Here's a sneak peek at what we'll be doing from Sept to June:

**Stars & Badges:** Most of what we do this year (hikes, outings, camps, games, crafts & badge work) will go towards these stars:



Blue Star



Green Star

...and these Awards:

### Canadian Family Care

### Canadian Heritage Trails

### Canadian Camper



**Camps:** We've planned a variety camping experiences.....

- Seasonal (Fall, Winter, Spring, early Summer)
- Locally and a little farther from home
- Some with just our cub pack and some with other cub packs
- One-night sleepovers and full weekends
- Plus two involving the whole 9th Guelph Group (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & Rovers)

**Crafts:** Each year, cubs make a new Kub Kar to race in the Area-wide Kub Kar Rally at Stone Road Mall. We've planned a sleepover in the church where, from a block of wood each cub will create their very own Kub Kar!

**Games:** The old favourites and always some new ones! Youth have asked for them, so we've planned some full nights of games only.



**Visitors & Tours:** We'll be inviting special guests to come to our meetings to talk about their interests and experiences. We'll also tour community facilities and local sites which are a big part of the Blue Star work.

**Special Awards:** The Cub Motto is "Do Your Best" and doing so helps your "six" become "**Six of the Month**". How? Each "six" has a string of beads worn by the Sixer. Throughout the month, beads are given for a variety of reasons such as: being neat and clean; sitting still; listening; arriving at meetings on time; wearing the full uniform; being helpful and kind to others and participation. At the end of the month, the six with the most beads is declared the "Six of the Month". Every cub in that six gets to choose a crest to take home and put on their campfire blanket. The Sixers meet and select one youth as "**Cub of the Month**". This is quite an honour: you get to wear a unique woggle for the entire next month and you receive a special Cub crest for your camp blanket!

**For our NEW cubs** – we have something special in store just for you! In the first few weeks, we'll be teaching you all you need to know so you can run with the pack: the "Grand Howl", the Promise, Motto, and Law of the Wolf Cub Pack, how scouting began and much more. Then we'll arrange a special ceremony, called "Investiture" where you will become a full member of the pack, receive your neckerchief, woggle, "six" badge and more!

You can begin working on any badges in the Cub Handbook. Any you earn before being invested will be presented to you at the Investiture Ceremony.

What to bring with you to Cub meetings:

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| ✓ Cub Handbook        | ✓ Indoor Shoes |
| ✓ \$2.00 weekly dues  | ✓ Water Bottle |
| ✓ Any notes from home |                |
- Full uniform:** Cub shirt, sash, belt, blue cap, necker & woggle

Got questions or ideas: **tell your Sixer or a Leader.** Our best ideas come from **YOU!**

**Information for Parents:**

- Drop off starts at 6:45pm. You might see the leaders inside a little earlier with our own children. We appreciate having time to set up, so please come into the hall **starting at 6:45pm.**
- Pick up: Please come inside to pick up your cub. There can be a lot of traffic outside and safety is our number one concern. If carpooling, please let us know who your cub is going home with when you drop him/her off.
- We collect \$2.00 in dues for each meeting – whether we are at the meeting place, on a hike or at an outside location. We find it is a good responsibility for the youth to hand in their dues themselves. If you miss one meeting, not to worry – just catch up the next week.
- Non-marking soles are appreciated and navy pants are preferred. We ask that wherever possible, youth do not wear jeans.

The 9th Guelph Home Page: <http://www.uoguelph.ca/~pjf/Scouts/9thGuelph/>

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