



Welcome to Dunning Cub Pack



Welcome to the Pack. We hope that you have fun, have new experiences and learns lots of new skills - and make new friends while you are a Cub Scout.

Before you can make your Cub Scout Promise and wear our Group Scarf there are a few things that you need to do.

Ask an adult to sign each part as you complete it and when they are all signed you will be ready to make your Promise.

Task	Date completed	Carer's signature
Know about your Cub Scout Pack by attending Pack meetings for at least four weeks		
Understand the Pack's traditions and what the Leaders are called		
Learn the Cub Scout Promise and talk to an adult about it		
Know and understand the Cub Scout Motto		
Know how to make the Scout sign and when to use it		
Know how Scout's shake hands and why		
Know the meaning of your badges and what they show		



You are now ready to make
your Cub Scout Promise

The Membership Award - Getting to know the Pack

You will learn about the Cub Pack by attending meetings for at least four weeks. During this time you will get to know your Leaders.

Dunning Scout Group has a leadership team, who take it in turns to plan and run meetings.

The Cubs are going to choose the names the leaders will be known by – the welcome pack will be updated then!

Where the Pack meets

From Easter to October, we spend as many meetings as possible outside. Our normal meeting place will be Kincladie Wood. The rest of the year our normal meeting place will be the village hall – although we'll be having trips out too.

Please make sure you are prepared for the Scottish outdoors– you'll need to bring waterproofs and a labelled water bottle. Wear suitable clothes and sturdy boots and be prepared to put all your clothes in the washing machine when you get home!

We are planning to have a sleepover or camp every term, as well as other trips away.



The Cub Scout Promise

I promise that I will do my best
To uphold our Scout values, to do my duty to the Queen
To help other people
And to keep the Cub Scout Law.



When we promise something, we are telling people that we really mean what we say.

You will make your promise in front of the Pack and your parents. There are different versions of the promise, depending on your beliefs. You can find them on the [Scout website](#). The leaders will talk to you before investiture, to discuss which promise is most meaningful for you.

The Cub Scout Law:

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



The Scout Motto



Be prepared

The Scout Handshake and salute

Cub Scouts shake hands with their left hand. Do you know why?

Baden –Powell, the founder of the Scouts, was introduced to an African Chief who said 'we hold our shields in our left hands. When we shake with the left hand, we have to put our shield down, so when you put out your left hand it means "I trust you"'.

Baden-Powell adopted the left handed handshake to show that Scouts were trustworthy.

The Scout Sign is made with the right hand.

We salute when someone is taking their promise, when you are receiving a badge or award, and in our opening ceremony.



The Cub Uniform

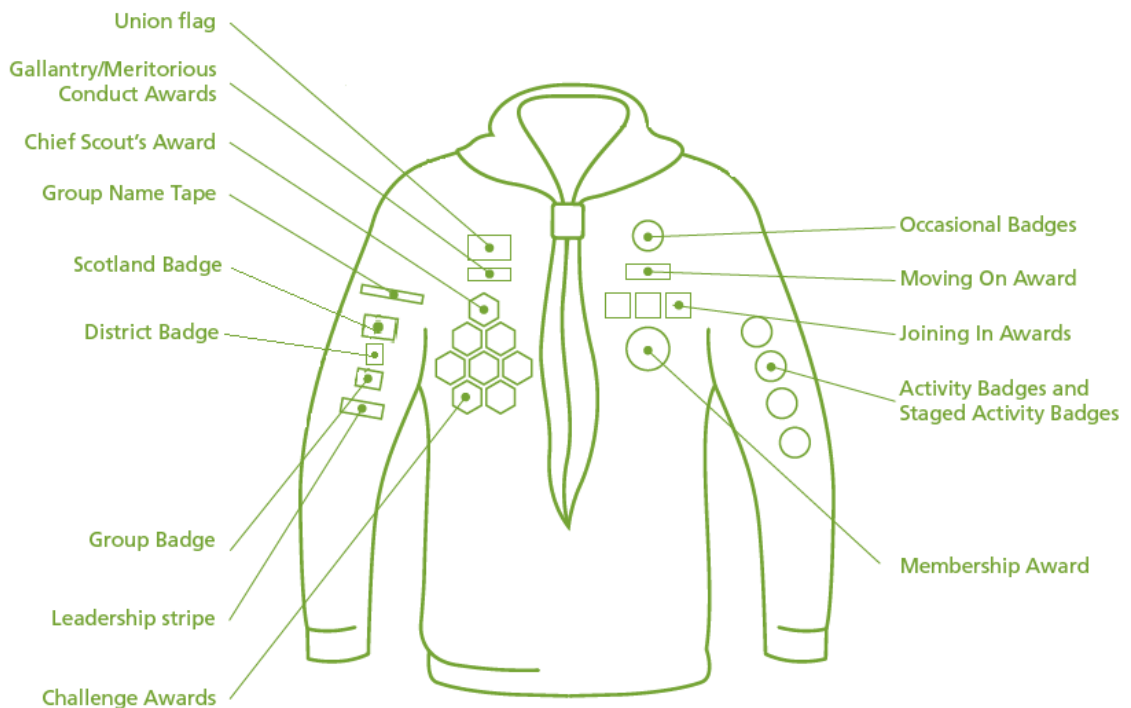


Each Scout Group in the District wears a different coloured scarf, so people know where they are from. The Dunning scarf has some of the same colours as the original scarf the Dunning Scouts wore, thirty years ago.

Once you are invested as a Cub, you must wear your uniform to all Cub meetings.

The uniform shows that you are part of the worldwide family of Scouts, and that you are from Dunning.

Cubs' official uniform is a sweatshirt. You can buy these from the [Glasgow Scout Shop](#), as well as other places on line.



We will give you all the badges you need when you are invested, as well as your neckerchief ("necker").

You should ask your Dad or Mum to help you sew the badges on, following the picture above.



Membership Badges



You are part of the 26th Perthshire (Dunning) Scout Group, in the Cub Pack.

The Scout Group is part of a Scout District.

Cub Scouts from the District sometimes meet together for activities.

Our District is Perth and Kinross.



The District is part of East Scotland Region; we wear the Scotland badge too.

Investiture

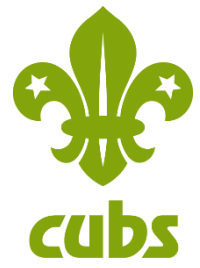
Being invested means being welcomed into the worldwide family of Scouts. That means making your promise in front of your friends, leaders and family.

At your investiture, you will make the Scout sign and say your promise along with all the other Cubs. You will be given your membership badges and your neckerchief.





Dunning Cubs; information for parents and carers



Fees

Although all the time from leaders is provided for free, running Cubs still costs money. This pays for things like the membership fee we pay to the Scouting association (who provide insurance, training for leaders etc.), hire of the hall and the equipment we need for activities. We also provide each Cub with a neckerchief, and pay for all the badges they earn (they cost £1 each!).

We carry out fundraising to defray the costs for the parents, so charge £2.50 per meeting for each Cub. We ask you to pay this in four £25 payments, one each term.

You'll receive a fee note near the beginning of each term; please help us by paying promptly. You can pay by BACS transfer (preferred), or by cheque/cash. Our bank details are:

Dunning Beaver Scout Colony. Sort code: 09-01-29 Bank account: 19586878.
Please use your child's name as the payment reference.

If payment for your child is significantly late, we reserve the right to offer their place to another child.

There may be additional charges to cover the cost of special activities or days out; we'll let you know about any charges before the activities take place.

If you have any financial difficulties, please speak in confidence to either the Cub Scout Leader or the Group Scout Leader.

Parent Helpers

Each meeting will be run by an appointed leader, as well as another PVG-checked adult. We will also have a parent-helper.

It isn't a big job – you'll be asked to do one or maybe two nights per term. On the night you'll help out with activities and help us prepare and tidy up at the end.

A rota will be sent around at the beginning of term. If you are not available for your night, please talk to other parents/carers and swap your night.

Without your help, the meetings and activities wouldn't be possible.

Cubs is about having fun, and learning new things. Part of the fun can come from earning badges.

Categories of badges:

Activity badges

These are the simplest badges, and most of them can be done at home.



Staged activity badges

These badges are designed to run throughout your time in Scouting, with four or five stages to be earned. For most badges, Cubs should be able to get to the second stage, with some being able to get higher stages.



Challenge badges

These are the backbone of the Cub Scout programme, and if you earn all of them, you will be awarded the Silver Chief Scout's Badge. That's the highest badge a Cub can get.



What will be done in meetings?

If you are in Cubs for two years and come to most of the meetings and events, you should be able to qualify for all the challenge badges. We will also do some of the activity badges in meetings.

What can be done outside meetings?

Some of the skills we'll teach you in meetings will need you to practise to get really good at them – first aid, or knots.

There are also badges you can do outside meetings (the activity badges), for example, the [swimming staged activity badge](#), or the [collector badge](#).

You can find out more on all the badges and the criteria on the [Scouting website](#). We also have some badge books you can borrow.

If you are going to do badges, have a chat with a Leader beforehand to agree how we'll test what you've learnt – we might ask you take pictures of a meal you've cooked, or get a sport coach to write us a note about your progress.