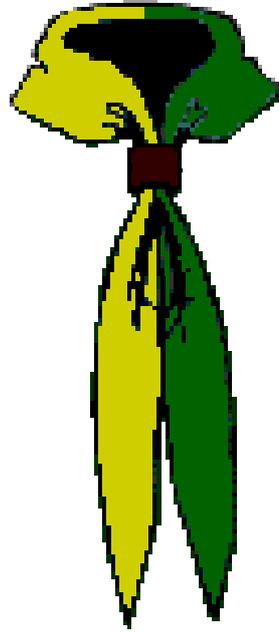


Pinkneys Green Cub Pack Handbook



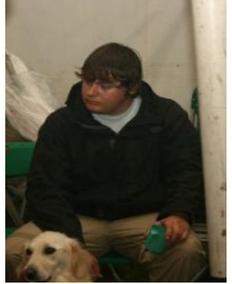
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Welcome to Pinkneys Green Cub Pack!

This is your Cub handbook. In these pages you will find lots of useful information to introduce you to Cub Scouting. It tells you what to expect and what is expected of you.

An up-to-date list of all the badges and awards available to Cub Scouts can be found at www.ScoutBase.org.uk : follow the links to **Cubs > Badges and Awards**, or if you do not have internet access ask Akela for a printed version.

Your Leaders

 Akela CSL	 Chil ACSL	 Bagheera ACSL	 Mysa ACSL
 Raksha ACSL	 Tarka ACSL	 Keego PA	 Baloo GSL
 Niven YL	<PIC> Richard YL	 Will YL	<PIC> Aiden YL
 WonTolla PA	<PIC> Robin PA	 Kaa PA	 Panda PA

Akela is in charge of the Cub Pack.

Chil and **Baloo** will tell you what you need to do for your badges and awards.

Mysa might ask you to write reports for PG Tips.

Raksha will teach you all about the Law and the Promise.

Other leaders and pack assistants will run games and badge activities.

The Cub Scout Promise, Law and Motto

All members of the Scout Movement make a special Promise. When you are invested as a Cub Scout you will have to know the Cub Scout Law and you will also have to make your promise in front of the Pack.

It is easy to learn and say these words, but it is really important that you try to keep your Promise every day. Helping other people means helping them at all times – not just when you feel like it.

Doing your best means trying your hardest all the time – and in everything you do.

Doing your duty to God and the Queen really means that you respect your God, the world in which we live, other people and the laws of the land in which you live. It means behaving properly to all those you meet every day.

A good Cub Scout is not selfish but tries to find ways of helping other people. A Good Cub Turn is something you do to help someone else. Every Cub Scout is challenged to do at least one Good Turn every day. You will see that doing your best is mentioned in both the Law and the Promise. That is because it is very important. If you want to be a good Cub Scout there is no other way – you simply **have** to do your best.

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

The Cub Scout Law

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

The Cub Scout Motto

Be Prepared

Being a Cub Scout, you will always want to be prepared for anything.
You should be prepared to...

- Help other people
- Keep yourself fit and healthy
 - Make new friends
- Keep the Cub Scout Promise and Law

Pinkneys Green Cub Pack Prayer

We end every meeting with our own service prayer:

Teach us O Lord, to serve thee as thou deservest,
To give and not to count the cost,
To fight and not to heed the wounds,
To toil and not to seek for rest,
To labour and not to ask for any reward,
Save that with knowing that we do thy will,
Amen.

Ceremonies

The Salute

All members of the Scout Movement use the same salute, although Beaver Scouts do not salute. The salute is made with the right hand and only when you are standing at the Alert. It is both a greeting and a sign of respect.



The three fingers of the salute remind you of your Promise to do your duty to God and the Queen and to help other people. Your leader will tell you when you use the salute in the Pack.

The Scout Sign

The Scout Sign is almost the same as the salute, but you hold your hand at shoulder height. It is only used when someone is making or renewing their Promise.



The Handshake

When other Scouts meet, they greet each other in a special way. They shake hands with the left hand! You will often see Akela using the left handshake – especially when a badge is presented. There is a very good reason for using the left handshake.

When Baden-Powell was a soldier in Africa, he saw lots of tribal chiefs who carried spears and shields. He noticed that it was a sign of great trust to offer your left hand when shaking hands. This was because you had to put down your shield and yet leave the other person with a spear in their hand.

The Grand Howl

You may have seen Cub Scouts doing the Grand Howl. It is a very special way of saying 'Hello' to Akela and a way of reminding you about your Cub Scout Promise every time you do it.

When you have made your Promise and been invested as a Cub Scout, you will be able to join the Grand Howl.

Cub Scouts start by forming a circle, with Akela standing in the middle. The Grand Howl begins when Akela's arms are raised then lowered. The Pack squats down like the wolves did and call out:

'Akela, we'll do our best!'

Cubs then stand up at the alert and the Duty Sixer salutes Akela and calls out:

'Cubs! Do your best!'

With a smart salute, the Cubs all call back:

'We WILL do our best!'



Straight after the Grand Howl has taken place, the Pack faces the Union Flag. The Duty Secunder will pull a string to let the flag fly freely – this is called 'breaking the flag'. Everybody salutes the flag at the same time as the Duty Secunder to show their loyalty to the Queen and the country in which they are living.

At the end of the Meeting, the Cub Scouts face the flag after the Grand Howl and stand at the alert while the flag is lowered by the Duty Secunder.

How to stand

Cub Scouts try to look as smart as they can whenever they are in uniform. To help them to look even smarter, they have two special ways of standing – one is called 'Alert' and the other is 'At Ease'.

A Leader or Sixer will call out these commands – try to see how smartly you can do the actions.

When a Leader or Sixer calls '**Pack Alert**' or '**Six Alert**', you should stand up straight with your arms smartly by your sides moving your **left** leg to put your feet together.

When a Leader calls '**Pack – at Ease**' you should move your **left** leg until it is comfortably apart from the other, with your hands held behind your back. Practice standing at Alert and At Ease.

Your Uniform

Your uniform tells everyone that you are a Cub Scout and to which Pack you belong. The uniform is a dark green, long sleeved sweatshirt with navy blue shorts and knee-high grey socks. You will also wear the green and yellow group scarf (also known as a neckerchief). The green side should be worn on the left. Underneath your sweatshirt you can wear a yellow Pinkneys Green T-Shirt. Soft soled trainers should be worn to Pack meetings.

Your Investiture

Your Investiture is a very important occasion for the whole Pack. It is a special time for you to say that you are ready to make your Promise and become a full member and for the other Cub Scouts to welcome you properly.

You may want to invite your parents or guardians and Akela may invite the Group Scout Leader to the ceremony as it is an important event and one in which they may want to be involved.

Before your investiture, Akela will make sure that you know what you are going to say and do for your special moment. It will go a bit like this...

Your sixer will bring you to Akela by walking you around the Pack Circle and under the Pack flag.

Akela: Do you want to become a Cub Scout?

You: Yes Akela, I do.

Akela: What is the Cub Scout Law?

You: Cub Scouts always do their best, think of other people and do a good turn every day.

Akela: Are you ready to make your promise?

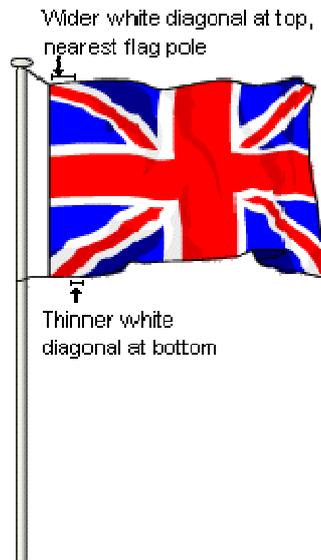
You: Yes Akela, I am.

Akela: Pack make the Scout sign.

You will make the Scout sign along with the rest of the Pack and say the Promise. Akela will let you choose whether to repeat it after him or say it on your own. Akela will then shake your left hand and welcome you into the Pack. He will then give you your badges and group scarf. Your Sixer will then put your woggle on.

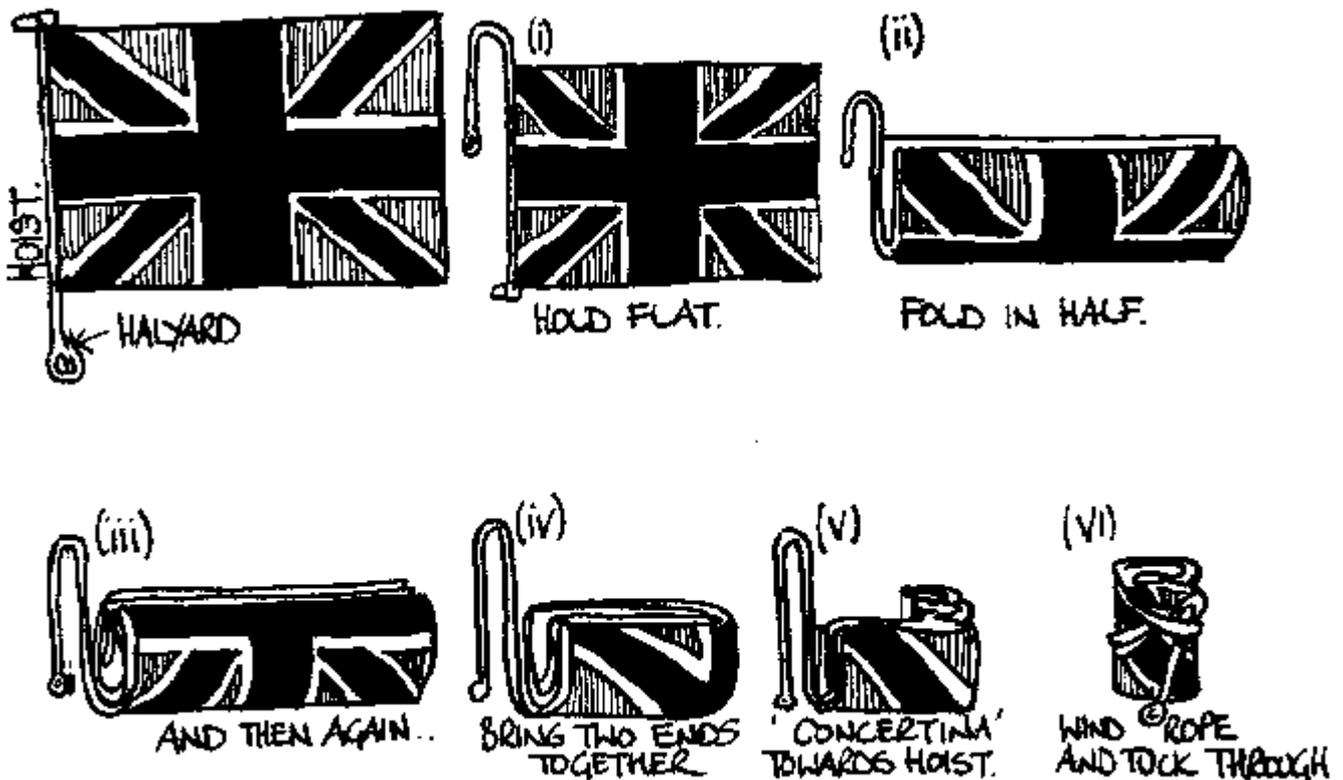
The Union Flag

The flag should be hoisted the correct way up. If it is flying upside down on a ship, it means that the ship is in some sort of distress. You tell if the flag is the right way up by looking at the white diagonal bars. The white bar at the top of the flag nearest the flagpole should be wide (see below).



Folding the Flag

Before the flag can be broken, it needs to be hoisted correctly. There is a specific way of folding the Union Flag and this is shown below.



The Family of Scouts

When you are invested as a Cub Scout you join a large Family of Scouts. Your Scout Group is part of the Family of Scouts.

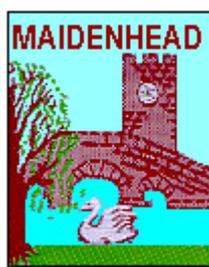
Your Group and its Leaders are all looked after by your **Group Scout Leader** (*Baloo*).

A special part of the Cub Scout uniform is your Group scarf. This scarf tells everybody to which Group you belong, as each Scout Group has its own coloured scarf.

Did you know that your Group is also part of a much bigger family? It is part of a Scout **District** (*Maidenhead*) and Scout **County** (*Berkshire*). Just as you have your Group scarf to show your identity, your Scout District and Scout County also have their own special badges.



County badge



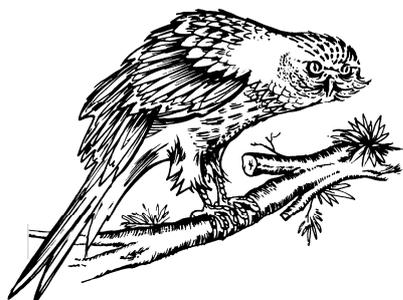
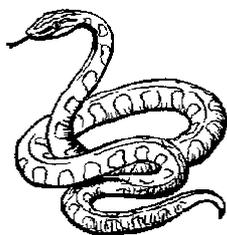
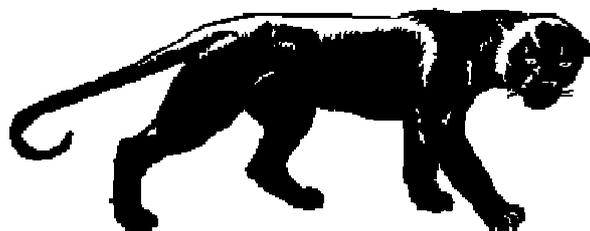
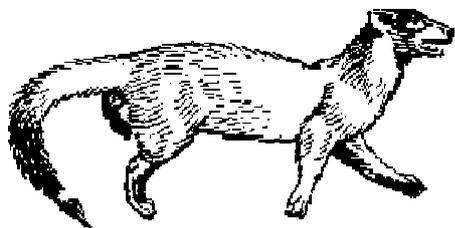
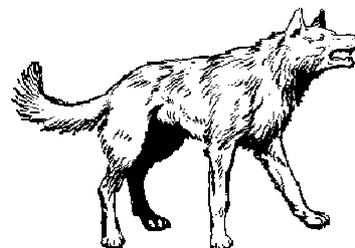
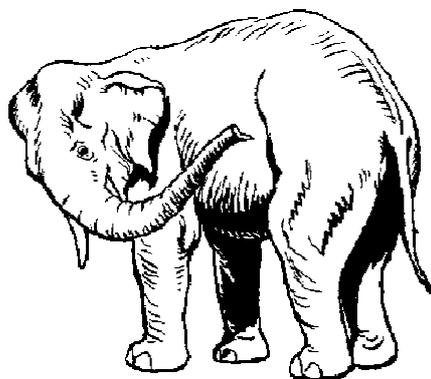
District badge

The Jungle Book

The Jungle Book was written by Rudyard Kipling and tells the story of how a boy called Mowgli became a member of the wolf cub pack and of the adventures he had in the jungle. In the story, the wolf cubs had a very good and kind leader who was called Akela.

In the Cub Scout Pack, the leader in charge is called Akela, after the wolf pack leader, and the other leaders all have names of other characters in the book.

Some of the characters from The Jungle Book



How Cub Scouting began

Many years ago, there was a young boy of about your age who had five brothers. He loved the outdoor life and would often go walking, camping, fishing, tracking and climbing trees.

This boy was called **Robert Baden-Powell** and when he left school, he decided to join the army.

He became an Officer in the army and liked to train his men with competitions and games. He even used one of his tricks to save a town called Mafeking, in South Africa. What he did was build models of soldiers and stand them up on top of the walls of the town. The people who were attacking the town were scared away because they thought the models soldiers were real.



Since Baden-Powell had only a few soldiers in Mafeking, he often used local boys to help with first-aid, carrying messages and running errands.

When he came back to England, he found out that he was being called a hero because of his bravery in South Africa. Soon after he returned to England, Baden-Powell wrote a book called ***Aids to Scouting***. He found out that boys liked to read these stories and try out the skills for themselves.



As an experiment, in 1907 Baden-Powell ran a camp for 20 boys from different backgrounds, at a place called Brownsea Island in Dorset. The boys enjoyed the games, sports and other activities at the camp so much that Baden-Powell decided to write down all his ideas in another book called ***Scouting for Boys***. This book was written in six parts like a magazine and very soon, boys had formed themselves into groups of 'Boy Scouts' and had asked adults to run Scouting activities for them.

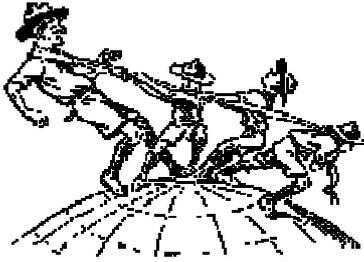
It was not long before the younger brothers of these early Scouts began to ask to join the fun of Scouting. In 1916, Baden-Powell started a special section called the Wolf Cubs for boys aged between eight and eleven. They learned all sorts of exciting and useful things like first-aid, tracking, how to keep themselves fit and healthy and how to light fires and cook meals.

Scouting grew and grew and in 1920 Baden-Powell became World Chief Scout. Nine years later, he became Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell.

After his death in 1941, Scouting continued to change with the times. In 1967, Wolf Cubs became 'Cub Scouts' and a Venture Scout section was introduced to replace Rover Scouts and Senior Scouts.

In 1986, Beaver Scouts were welcomed as full Members of The Scout Association and in 1990 girls were allowed to become Cub Scouts. In the year 2000, we saw an overhaul of the Movement with changes to the Scout and Venture Scout Sections and changes in the badges across the sections. There have also been many uniform changes over the years – who knows what other changes will take place as you go through the Scout Movement?

Every year, Scouts and Guides across the world celebrate the birthday of Lord Baden-Powell. Can you find out what date this is?



World Scouting Today

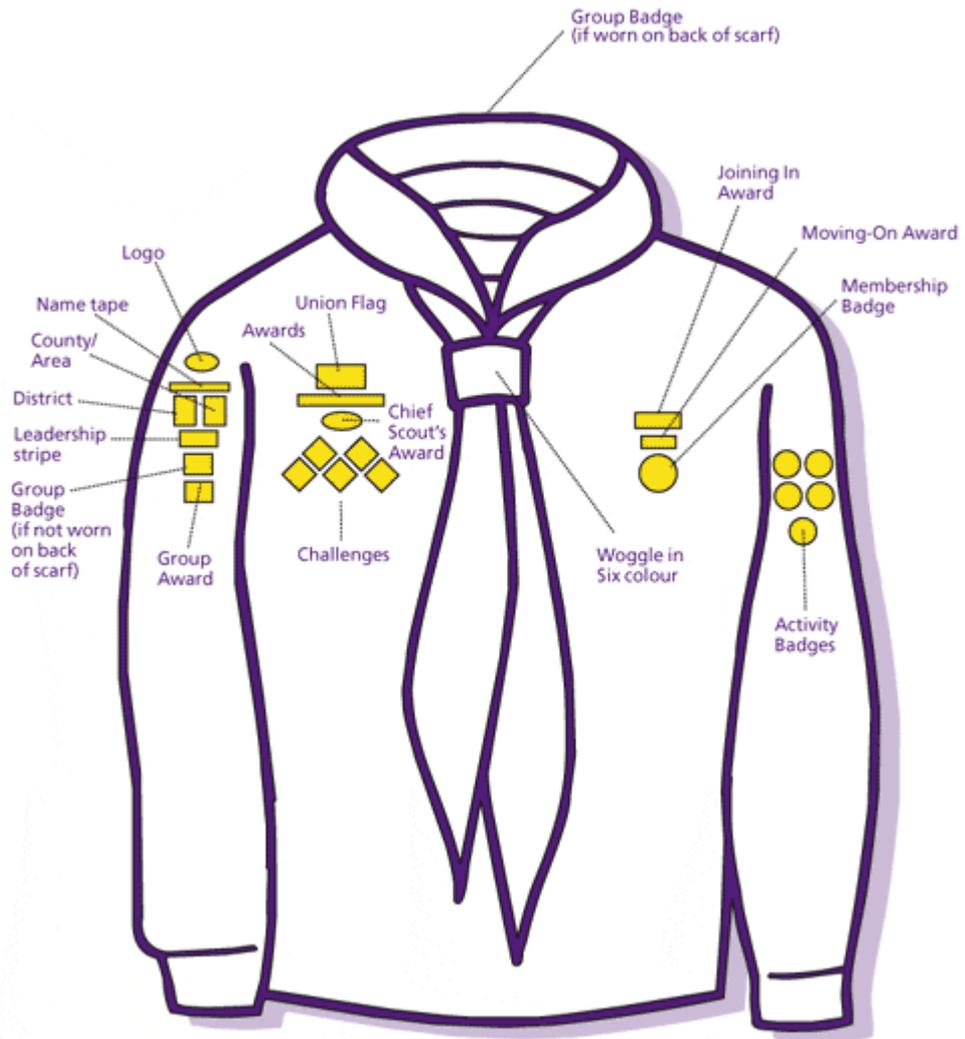
Like all good ideas, lots of boys and girls have tried Scouting and today there are Scouts in nearly every part of the world.

During your time in the Cub Scout Pack you will find out more about these Scouts in other countries. Not all Cub Scouts wear a uniform like yours, and some even make a different promise.



Whatever Scouts are doing and wherever they are, you will always be able to recognise them. How? Well, when they are in uniform they will all be wearing the same badge – The World Badge.

Location of Badges



Information for Parents

General information

Pinkneys Green Cub Pack meets on Wednesdays from 6.25pm to 8.00pm.

Letters and Information

All our cub notices and letters are dispatched by an email system. Please always make sure Akela has your latest email address. Occasionally some letters are sent out in a physical/paper format.

Changes to Admission Forms

When your son joined the Cub Pack you filled out an 'admission form' for him. If any information on this form changes you must inform Akela immediately who will provide you with a 'changes of information' form.

Collection and Dropping off

The Cub Pack strictly enforce the below rules when collecting cubs and dropping off at the Scout Hall.

1. Cars should adhere to our **One Way System** (Set by the group and *described in PG Tips*).
2. Never turn round in or block the scout hall's neighbour's driveways.
3. Do not park the road side of solid white lines (*these indicate carriageway that must not be blocked*).
4. DO NOT stop directly outside the scout hall building or green railings.
5. Cubs are to stay in the fenced area at the front of the scout hall until physically collected from that area by a parent (*Cubs are not to be beckoned or called away from this area*).

How you can help your child's Scout Group

- Do you have a skill, a hobby or an interest that would help some of the members obtain a proficiency or interest badge?
- Do you have an interesting job one or more sections would like to hear about, and/or visit?
- Can you help with transport?
- Can you help at the occasional meeting?
- Do you have some time to help maintain our equipment and headquarters?
- Are you able to help at a fundraising event, such as a Jumble Sale, Christmas or Summer Fairs or Tent Hiring?
- Could you support the Group Executive Committee?
- We need your help - even if it's only once in a while - please talk to a leader to find out more!

Contact Information: Cub Notices contain leaders contact information.

