



72nd St Mark's Ottawa Cub Pack

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Dear Cubs and Parents,

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer. Only a month before kids are back at school!

Pack Size

To start off the year, we have 5 youth registered from Spring registration. I have a few others interested, hopefully their children will join. Please mention Scouting to your friends who are looking for a great activity! If you are returning but have not yet registered, you can register online anytime

- Go to scouts.ca
- Click on the **JOIN** button in the top **red** banner, then **JOIN** again
- Put in your postal code, click on **Cubs**, and hit the '**Find Groups**' button.
- 72nd should show up, hit **DETAILS** and you should be in the registration system

Leaders

We are always looking for new leaders in all sections. If interested contact our Group Commissioner – Jean Peart @ 72ndottawa@gmail.com

What to expect in costs

We strive to run a balanced program for the youth, but some things will cost beyond the basic registration. No youth should miss any event due to cost – if you need any assistance, *please talk to me*. Scout's Canada philosophy is that no child is to be left behind!

Here are the main program costs for the year – there could be others but generally they are \$10 or less.

- Fall Camp (October) - \$50
- December – Indoor Wall climbing \$10 (actual cost is \$16, we subsidize this outing)
- January - skating, Free!
- **Saturday January 21st, Polar Day** – Approx \$10
- **Winter camp** (February) \$60/Cub
- **Kub Kars** (\$10)
- **Spring camp** - June (\$35 approx.)

As you can see, the camps are the most expensive part of the program. Again, we want your Cub to attend camp – but you need to talk to me if you need any assistance in paying for camp.

Events

Here's a list of a few of the things we have planned so far. Pencil them in on your calendar!

- **Tuesday August 21** – All-sections get together @ Mooney's Bay 6:00 – 7:30 pm
- **Monday September 10th** – Our first regular Monday evening meeting @ St. Rita's
- **Saturday September 22nd** – Shoreline / Park Cleanup in the morning – Hog's back Park. More to come soon
- **Saturday September 29th** – Apple Day (morning). This is one of our main fundraisers, a few hours really helps us out!
- **October 19-21** – Fall camp @ Scout Camp Legewade just outside of Renfrew NOTE: Parents are responsible for transportation to/from camp
- **Saturday, January 19th** – Polar Day (here in town in Vanier)
- **February 01 – 03** – Winter camp @ Scout Camp Opemikon just past Perth (this is the furthest we go)
- **June 02-03** – Spring Camp – most likely in town at Wesley-Clover campground in Kanata

Meetings

Our meetings will be Monday nights, from 6:15 pm until 7:45 pm in the gym at St Rita's School. We may have one or two Tuesday evening meetings with the Beavers. Every so often, we will go out somewhere as well. I'll be posting the information online at our website and sending a weekly program update

Registration

The cost this year is \$270. All registration is online. When registering online, please ensure you include all medical conditions for your child.

Uniform

Uniform is a Grey shirt, available at the Scouts Canada store on Baseline Road

For New Cubs

We prefer Cubs to wear their uniform or activity shirt to meetings. Activity shirts can be picked up at the Scout Shop on Baseline Road (we will be going there for a meeting Monday October 1). Cubs require their Cub shirt for outings. We provide the 72nd necker.

Fundraising

I hate fundraising. I say it every year. But we gotta do a bit each year to update our equipment and offset our program costs. We will have a fundraiser in October/November. It is important as we keep our fees as low as possible, but our costs have gone up. Please support our fundraising. As well, Apple Day on Saturday September 29 is important for us. We would like to see all Cubs come out for at least 2 hours that morning.

Saturday events

I know some Cubs have other events on Saturday mornings (language schools, hockey, gymnastics, etc). I always tell parents to make sure their Cub does not miss their other activities. I try to balance the weekend activities between Saturday and Sunday, but sometimes we can only do some of our weekend events on a Saturday.

Camp Costs

When we go to Ope in the winter, we get charged with the number I submit. When you give a commitment that your Cub will attend Camp, consider it to be like buying a ticket in advance to a play or hockey game – the commitment to pay has been made. This year, I'll be asking for all camp payment TWO weeks in advance, and I won't give exceptions unless you talk to me in advance. I don't intend to lose money on camps. That being said, sometimes things come up once you have indicated your Cub will attend (illness, etc.) My policy is that we will charge you HALF the cost for the NEXT camp. After all we can't predict illness in advance! If you have any questions about these policies, feel free to chat with me.

Communications

As mentioned I'll send a weekly update email, but as much as possible, I will be posting all information on our website. I'm going to try to print as few things as possible this year.

Parental expectations

- Leaders are not responsible for transportation to/from camps or events. Parents can arrange transportation between themselves. Transportation may be difficult for some parents, but it is not in our mandate to provide transportation. That being said, if it is an issue, we will try to help out as best we can.
- Unless otherwise stated, meetings end at 7:45 pm.
- Before dropping your child off, please make sure that there is enough leaders present in the gym. Scouts Canada policy dictates that **2 leaders be present with youth at all times**. If there is only 1 leader present when dropping your child off, please stick around until a 2nd leader arrives.
- Please give us feedback and support us! We are volunteers giving of our time.
- Help your child at home with their badge/star work.
- Consider helping out with group duties or being a leader!

Program

We are working on some cool outings, I am always looking for other ideas as well. Our parents are great resources as well! If you have any expertise in any of the badge areas, or have ideas for an evening, I'd love to hear from you. If you have any neat-o ideas, let me know!

If you want to know more about the badge system, the following links will help

- <http://www.scouts.ca/program/canadianpath/cub-scouts/personal-achievement/>

Scouting offers programs that are popular and accessible. If you know of any other youth or adults who would like to join us this year, bring them along. We would *love* to have more in our Pack! A reminder that we offer Beavers (5-7 years old) on Tuesday evenings and Scouts (11-14) on Monday evenings.

If you would like to help us out more formally we are always looking for help on our Group Committee. Being on the Group Committee is an easy way to help out for a couple hours each month and have an impact on our program. If you have the time to be a leader with us, it will help greatly. Of course, we always appreciate the help parents give us at all events.

I know some Cubs attended summer camp at Ope, and they may have earned or met some of their badge requirements. As well, think about the activities that you and your Cub have done over the summer. Are any of them suitable for badge requirements? Let me know in September

September/October Schedule (so far)

- Monday September 10 – Welcome back meeting @ St. Rita's
- Monday September 17 – Let's get out for an evening hike!
- Saturday September 22 – Shoreline Cleanup 9:00 -11:00 Hogs Back Park
- Monday September 24 – Knots! @ St. Rita's
- Saturday September 29 – Apple Day (in the morning)
- Monday October 1 – Meeting at the Scout Shop on Baseline Road. The store manager will talk about gear and there will be deals!
- Monday October 8 – NO CUBS – Thanksgiving
- Monday October 15 – Meeting @ St. Rita's
- Oct 19 – 21 : Fall Camp

If you have any questions, I can be reached at 613-224-7723 (h) or 613-720-7723 (c), or by email (henry.starzynski@sympatico.ca).

We are looking forward to having you join us for another great year!

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