



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Brooklin WOLF CUBS

## 2009-2010 Season

Welcome to the new season for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brooklin Wolf Cubs.

I hope that you and your family have had an enjoyable summer. We are working on what we believe will be an entertaining and interesting program for the Cubs this year.

### **UNIFORM:**

The official Wolf Cub uniform is shown in the Scouts Canada Catalog and consists of a shirt, **long dark pants**, belt, buckle and badge sash.

The new Tenderpads are welcome to wear their new uniform to meetings. It is not essential that our new cubs have all of their uniform from day one. It is normal to have a full uniform by investiture time.

Please encourage your child to take pride in his/her uniform. If you choose not to buy the official pants, any other navy blue pants will do. For our regular meetings, denim jeans are acceptable, however, sweat pants are not.

Durham Board of Education regulations require that everyone using their facilities wear clean non-marking footwear. Children arriving without the proper footwear will be required to remove their shoes or boots and may not be able to participate in any of the games due to the increased risk of injury. Just like going to school, have the children bring "Indoor Shoes".

Many of our activities can (and should) take place outside the school. Be aware that we look on the neighborhood as part of our meeting area. Please ensure that your cub brings appropriate outer wear every meeting.

When we go on outings, the Cubs should dress appropriately for the weather. Cub shirts & neckerchiefs should be worn. The badge sash should not be worn on outings.

### **INVESTITURE:**

The Tenderpads will be receiving special instruction from the leaders to acquaint them with the ways of the Wolf Cub Pack and to prepare for their investiture into our Pack. The Investiture of the Tenderpads and new leaders will be scheduled late in October or early November. We would ask that the parents attend the ceremony. Further details will be provided when they have been confirmed.

**OUTINGS:**

Parental permission forms are no longer required. However, for planning purposes, "Interest Participation" forms will be sent home for various outings/activities outside of our normal meeting locations. Please ensure that all are submitted promptly so your child will not miss out on the activities.

**REGISTRATION FEES & WEEKLY DUES:**

All of the registration fee paid goes to Scouts Canada. Our weekly dues and fund raising efforts help to pay for our badges, neckerchiefs, craft supplies and equipment.

The dues of two dollars is requested weekly. The children will lose points during the inspection of the Six if they have forgotten their dues. The collection of the dues helps to instill responsibility in the Cubs. Since dues are an important portion of our budget, we request that they be paid even for meetings that the child does not attend.

In addition, there will be requests for fees for outings and camps.

Scouts Canada policy is that everyone should be able to participate in the Scouting programs regardless of ability to pay. If you are unable to pay for the registration fees, dues, activity fees, or uniforms, please contact a member of the group committee.

**SCOUT SHOPS:**

Uniforms (and Christmas presents) for the Cubs may be purchased at two locations:

Samac Scout Shop	Toronto Scout Shop
1711 Simcoe Street North	265 Yorkland Blvd
Oshawa	Toronto
L1G 4Y1	
(905) 725-5722	(416) 490-6313

**MEETINGS:**

Meetings will be held Mondays, from 6:30 until 8:00 p.m. starting September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009. at St Bridget Catholic School on Carnwith Drive, just east of Ashburn Road. In the event there is a time change, we will advise everybody.

Punctuality is important to minimize interruptions to the program activities. If your cub arrives late, he/she may be requested to wait until the completion of the current activity before joining in the group.

Occasionally our meeting space is cancelled at the school due to school activities. When we receive sufficient notice from the Board of Education we try to plan an alternate activity but occasionally we are required to cancel a meeting.

Should we have the unfortunate situation of insufficient leaders for a meeting due to illness or other commitments, we will attempt to post a sign on the door indicating that the meeting is cancelled.

## ***DO NOT DROP OFF YOUR CHILD WITHOUT FIRST CONFIRMING THAT THE MEETING WILL BE HELD.***

Scouts Canada policy states that there must be at least two adults (at least one leader) with the youth at any time. In addition, there can be a maximum of six youth for each adult. Please do not leave the premises if your absence would cause us to be in violation of this policy. This policy exists for the protection of both leaders and youth members.

### **SAFETY:**

We insist that the Cubs remain with the pack until their parents or guardians arrive. Please park your car and come into the building when picking up your child. You are required to sign your cub out before taking them home.

### **BADGE & STAR WORK:**

Cubs should be encouraged to work on badge and star work outside of the meeting times. Generally we try to complete the "A" requirements for a star during the meetings, on outings and at camp. Usually the "B" requirements are completed at home.

Official Badge Testing is the last Monday of each month. Please advise us the week before via a note if your child wishes to be tested for any badges. This will allow us to schedule sufficient badge testers and also ensure that we have the badges in stock and can present them that night to your child. Each Cub can be tested on a **maximum of three** badges any one night.

Star work testing can be done any night. Make sure that your child tells a leader at the start of a meeting what he/she wishes to be tested on that night. (Maximum of 2 requirements per night please.)

Testing for both badge and star work can be accomplished much faster if your child is prepared. If he/she has some written notes, a scrap book, photographs, actual work, etc., please bring them in. Not only do they let the testers see quickly what they have done, they get to show their work to the other cubs and it helps encourage them to complete their work.

There is no requirement for your child to complete any star or badge work during their time in cubs. Some cubs will complete all 6 stars and many badges while others may not complete any. As long as they are enjoying the program, they are learning. The whole emphasis of the cub program is for the boys to live up to the cub motto of **DO YOUR BEST**. If they can show us that they are doing their best, that is what counts.

## LEADERSHIP TEAM:

We are fortunate this year that some of our leaders are returning to help lead the pack.

**We welcome Siobhan O'Connor, who has moved up from Beavers and Leon Zwiers and Ray Lariviere who have volunteered to become a part of Scouting.**

Your Cub leadership team is:

Name	Jungle Name	Telephone#	Youth in Pack
Mary Frampton	Bagheera	(905) 655-5283	One 2 <sup>nd</sup> year cub
Hugues Gauthier	Kaa	(905) 655-3908	One 2 <sup>nd</sup> year cub
Lindy Jay-Tung	Akela	(905) 655-1688	One 2 <sup>nd</sup> year cub
Ray Lariviere	Rikki Tikki Tavi	(905) 655-7424	One 1 <sup>st</sup> year cub
Paul Morrison	Chil	(905) 655-6896	One 2 <sup>nd</sup> year cub
Matt Routh	Baloo	(905) 655-8474	One 3 <sup>rd</sup> year cub
Siobhan O'Connor	Raksha	(905) 655-9020	One 2 <sup>nd</sup> year & 1 <sup>st</sup> year cub
Leon Zwiers	Hathi	(905) 655-9986	One 1 <sup>st</sup> year cub

We welcome your involvement, either as a leader (full or part-time), or as a volunteer for occasional events. We are looking for an additional 1 to 2 leaders. Once we have firmed up our program, we will be looking for Parental Volunteers for each meeting night. If you have a special skill that would benefit or enhance the experiences of our Pack, please let us know. Your support can only enhance our program.

Anyone interested in assisting as a leader should call Lindy Jay-Tung.

Please feel free to contact any of us with any questions, concerns, beefs and yes, we will even accept compliments.

In order to minimize the disruption of our family life, we would ask that you restrict your calls to weeknights between the hours of 7pm and 9 pm.

## KEY DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday, Sept 21 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Cub Meeting at St Bridget Catholic Church
Friday to Sunday, Oct 2 <sup>nd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup>	Pow Wow (Camp at Heber Downs)
Monday, Oct 12 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving – No Meeting
Monday, Oct 19 <sup>th</sup>	Disability Awareness
Saturday, Oct 24 <sup>th</sup>	Apple Day
Monday, Oct 26 <sup>th</sup>	Tenderpad Investiture (tentative)
Saturday, Nov 7 <sup>th</sup>	Road Trail Clean up
Saturday, Dec 5 <sup>th</sup>	Sleep over at Canoe Museum (tentative)

**Akela**