



# 18th CAMBRIDGE CUB SCOUTING

Hi All,

Well, it only seems like two weeks since I sent out the November Newsletter, never mind, here goes.

We will be closing for the Christmas period on the 17th December. During this meeting we will be presenting the Entertainers Badge, this will take the form of an all singing, all acting, all laughing show which will take around half an hour to forty five minutes, we will let you know final timings after the next meeting on Monday 10th Dec. I am also hoping to hold my last investiture of the Centenary year and to present some more difficult badges to older members of the Pack. To raise pack funds we will be holding a mini Raffle before and after the show, please support this, the prizes are non cost to the pack so all money raised will be of benefit to the Cubs.

On Christmas Eve we have been invited to the Crib Service in the Church of the Good Shepherd. This is an informal Carol service which will get even grumpy old humbugs like me in the mood for Christmas Day. The service starts at 3PM and will go on for roughly one hour. Cubs, Beavers and their families are welcome to attend.

As most of you will be aware this has been my first term as Akela, I hope all Cubs have enjoyed the activities I have offered and I hope to continue to offer a varied, fun and challenging programme. To do this I need help, I have Daniel Smith as an Assistant Leader but this is only during University Term Time, I will shortly be introducing Chris Gawthorpe-Bleet who is a former Cub Scout with the 18th and more recently a Beaver Scout Leader with the 14th, he will be my Baloo. I still need CRB cleared parents to fill in the gaps when leaders are not available. Those of you who are already on my 'hit list' will know I rarely call upon their help but I still need reserves. Could I ask if anyone is interested could they contact me and I will start the CRB ball rolling, Once CRB cleared, parents are more than welcome to become more permanent Parent Helpers who attend on a more regular basis. Parent Helpers play a more active part in the running of the pack, they do not need to be in uniform but, if you wish, you can wear a simple Scouts polo shirt and Necker, this is how I returned to Scouting. You never know, this could lead on to a great career in scouting.

Simon Gates from the 18th Beaver Colony has asked me about parental permission for photographs to be used on the website and for press releases etc. Our previous Akela, Rebecca Miller (who was also the District child protection co-coordinator) told me (when I asked) that we do not need permission as long as any photos are used only for Scouting. I offer you the opportunity to opt out of this if you do not wish any of your Cubs photos to be used. Please contact me to opt out and I will flag your Cub on my spreadsheet.

During recent Sixers meetings, badges are a frequent topic. The Sixers would like the Cubs to earn more badges, this can easily be achieved by bringing work into Cubs from other activities e.g. Hobbies, Collections, Music etc. During the Christmas break if any Cub is looking for something to do they may like to do their IT badge. Click on the following link, <http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/library/hqdocs/badges/staged-it.htm> and see the requirements, any work can be e-mailed to me or printed and brought in in the New Year, if e-mailing please make the subject 'IT Stage 1' or whatever stage number the Cub is attempting.

As Christmas Day approaches Cubs (and parents) may like to write to Santa, I am told any letters sent before 13 December to "Father Christmas, Reindeerland, SAN TA1" will get a free of charge reply. You may wish to check out the Naughty Nice list at, <http://www.claus.com/naughtyornice/index.php> there are lots of fun things to do here, not least to get your naughty nice rating. The last Christmas thing you may want to do is to track the big fella and see where he is throughout the day on Christmas Eve. The guys at NORAD will be using Satellite Technology once again this year to track Santa and you will be able to see videos of him as he passes over different countries, visit, <http://www.noradsanta.org/en/home.htm> to see what he is up to.

Finally, on behalf of myself and all of my Leadership team I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a badge filled, outdoor activity packed, fun filled New Year. Our first meeting back will be on 7th January.

Best Regards

**Akela** 

aka. Charlie Brown

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