



1st Lorette Scout Group

2011-2012 Scouting year

Dear Cub Scouts and Cub Parents:

Welcome to a new year of Scouting fun and adventure! Here are a few guidelines and reminders that will help make our meetings run smoothly and ensure that your child has a safe and enjoyable experience at each and every Cub meeting.

- 1) **Meetings** - Cubs meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. in the Dawson Trail gym. Please try to be on time so we can **start** at 6:15. Meetings will run from October 5 to May 9.
- 2) **Dues** – Weekly dues are \$1.00 per week and are your child’s responsibility.
- 3) **Uniform & Book** – The Cub uniform consists of a shirt which can be purchased at the Scout Shop (395 Stafford Street, Winnipeg). Your cub will also require a copy of *The Cub Book* also available at the Scout Shop. Shirts are \$24.99, and books are \$9.99. *Note: There is a new uniform design this year, but returning Cubs do not need to purchase a new uniform if they already have one of the old design. The new uniform does not have a sash, as badges now go on the sleeves, but Cubs who have a sash can keep using it for their badges.*
- 4) **Footwear** - **Cubs must have a pair of clean, indoor runners at every Cub meeting.** Running in socks on the slippery gym floor can be dangerous!
Please remember to label your child’s uniform, book, and footwear.
- 5) **Respect our School** – Please remember that we are guests at Dawson Trail School. We must show respect to our hosts by keeping the school clean and in good repair. All outdoor footwear **must** be removed at the entrance (parents too!) and placed neatly on the boot rack or carpeted area.
- 6) **Respect our Leaders** – Remember, all of our leaders are *volunteers*. They are lending us their time, and talents to make scouting a fun and memorable learning experience for your child. Please ensure that your child understands his or her role as a respectful participant.
- 7) **Check your email** – We are looking at reducing paper waste by using emailing for correspondence. Please provide your email address to the cub leaders if you have one.
- 8) **Visit our Website!** – We invite you to check out our website at www.1stLorette.ca. The cub schedule, activity information and forms will be available on this web site along with other interesting bits of information. Check it out regularly.

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- 9) **Financial commitment** – The total cost for a year of cubs will run close to \$480, including \$210 in registration fees, \$28 in weekly dues, \$35 for the uniform and book (first year), and about \$200 in fees for camping and other outings.
- 10) **Refund Policy** - Events may be canceled due to bad weather or other circumstances beyond our control. In these cases, we will endeavor to refund as much costs as we can by applying them to the following year's registrations or to future camps. It may not always be possible to supply a full refund as there are hard costs associated with most outings.

Over the years, the 1st Lorette Scout Group has frequently increased or maintained its membership. The past few years' enrollment has been very high, with about 60-70 youth registered in our four sections! With such a high number of youth participating in our programs, it is imperative that we have your help. Here is how you can help us maintain the high quality of programming to which we've become accustomed:

Leaders/Parent Volunteer:

A minimum of one **female** leader or volunteer is required for Cub outings. The Cubs camp at least 3 times per year. For all camps where female participants are involved, a female leader or parent volunteer must be in attendance.

Some cub activities will require involvement from numerous parents. Please volunteer for these activities when you can. It makes the activity much more fun for the cubs when they can get the help they need.

Volunteer drivers required. We have a very large cub group this year. We may need multiple vehicles to drive the cubs to every event. There will be a Cub outing almost every month.

Parental involvement is key to the success of our Scouting programs. Given this year's high enrollment, it is important that you become involved. For safety reasons, significant adult supervision is required for off-site outings and overnight camps. We will only be able to participate in activities for which adequate parent volunteers are available. In the event that enough parents are not able to assist with a particular activity, we will have no choice but to cancel that event. Please support your child and our group by making yourself available for one or more of our special activities. Speak with your child's leaders for information on how you can help out.

Your cub scout leaders,
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