

WHITE HORSE CUBS

NEWSLETTER

FIRST TERM 2016

Dear All

Hope you had a great break over the holiday season and here's wishing you all everything of the best for a wonderful 2016. This year is very special to us Cubbing people as it is the Centenary year for Cubs – Cubbing has been around for the past 100 years and in celebration of this, there are a lot of fun and exciting activities planned throughout the whole year. We really encourage the Cubs to take part in as many of these as possible as it is all part of what Cubs is about and adds to the fun and adventure of the Cubbing program.

Our theme for this term is all different letters and by the end of the term, the Cubs will be able to spell out a phrase relating to Cubbing – tonight we kick off with the letter 'O'!



Herewith the dates for the upcoming term - please note and diarise them. These are more or less set in stone – if anything changes we will give you notice well in advance.

Saturday 30th January: Possible catch up at the hall – to be confirmed and will only be for certain Cubs and not the whole pack.

Saturday 30th January: Sixers and Seconds council. This will be held either at Akela's House or the hall from 4pm to 7pm and will include a boerewors roll for supper. All sixers and seconds are encouraged to attend. Cost will be R35 per Cub and dress is in camp uniform (White Horse t-shirt). Formal notice and consent forms will be given to the relevant Cubs.

Friday 5th February: Meeting for all new parents. This will take place at the hall from 5:45pm to around 6:15 or so. This is just to chat to the new parents to explain how we do things and discuss any questions they may have. Everyone is welcome – even old parents who would like a 'refresher'!

Saturday 20th February: BP Weekend. This year we have a wonderful district event planned at Delta Park. Although none of our outings and events planned outside of cub meetings are compulsory, we would really like to see all the White Horse Cubs attend this event. We have a get together once a year in honour of our founder, Lord Baden-Powell and as such this is the most important date on our scouting calendar. Details to be given closer to the time.

Friday 11th March to Sunday 13th March: Pack holiday. Sleeping over is for the Cubs 9 and 10 year old and the 7 and 8 year olds are encouraged to come along for the day on Saturday. We will be going through to Rocky Valley which is a wonderful venue on the West Rand. The cost for the Cubs staying over is R450 and the day Cubs will be R100.

Notices will be given closer to the time. It is not a tented camp – the Cubs will be staying in a fixed shelter. We will be doing this pack holiday together with Cubs from the Robin Hills Pack.

Friday 18th March: Last pack meeting of the term. We will be holding our usual end of term party and details will be given closer to the time.

Saturday 19th March: Pack outing. This will take place in the afternoon from around 2pm to 5pm. We are looking at going on a family hike or walk or similar but details will be given closer to the time.

Otherwise that is it as far as planned events go. If anything further comes up, we will let you know in due course.



GENERAL

- **RECRUITMENT** We are still looking for Cubs to join us. Although our numbers have increased a bit we still have some space for additional boys so if anyone knows of any boy wanting to join, please get the parents to give me a call. Please remember that girls are also welcome in the Scouting movement. If you know of any girls wanting to join, let me know and I will put you in touch with the mixed packs.
- **INTEREST BADGES** If your son has completed all the requirements for an interest badge, please send a letter/email outlining what he has done. If any evidence is required, he needs to bring it along to Cubs. We will then test him (just go over the requirements to ensure there is understanding on the subject). It is not always possible to test the boys on the same day as they bring everything and if we know in advance, then we can plan accordingly. Please ensure that all the 'evidence' is clearly marked with his name so that there is no confusion. The badge will be awarded as soon as possible after the testing has been done – this is not usually on the same day as we cannot keep stock of the badges and will need to get the badge from the scout shop.
- **ADVANCEMENT BADGES** There are a few things which need to be completed at home in order for the Cubs to receive their different advancement badges and challenge badges. Please encourage your son to complete the requirements. The main things we struggle with are as follows:
As part of the **Community** Challenge the Cubs have two main tasks for finish at home:
 1. Keep a diary of good turns for a week showing how you have helped other people.
 2. Keep your room or living area tidy for at least one month.We have charts for the Cubs to complete so will hand those out to those who need to complete this requirement.
Another requirement which we struggle with is the Growing things which is part of the **Awareness** challenge. We will be covering this during one of our programs this term – again, please encourage your son to complete the task as there will be a badge at the end of it all!

And that is it for now. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to give me a call or drop me an email.

Yours in Cubbing

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