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THE WELCOME PACK

**Joining Information for
6th Ramsgate Sea Scout Group**



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Welcome to the 6th Ramsgate Cub Scout Pack.

This welcome pack is designed to give you all the necessary information to get your child started in the Cub Scout Pack.

It includes:

- Information about Cub Scouting and our Pack
- Information about the awards and badges
- Information about the running of 6th Ramsgate Sea Scout Group
- The Cub Scout Promise and Law
- **Forms to be printed, completed and returned**

If you have further questions which are not answered here, then please do not hesitate to contact the Cub Scout Leader as follows:

Peter Carden (Akela)

Email: akela@6thramsgateseascouts.org.uk

Please feel free to share this information pack with other members of your family or friends who would like to become Cub Scouts. We are always willing to welcome new members.



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The Aim of the Scout Association

The aim of the Scout Association is to encourage the physical, mental and spiritual development of young people so they may take a constructive place in society. We offer an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training based upon a Cub Scout Law and Promise. All activities are guided by adult leadership.

6th Ramsgate Sea Scout Group

Our Group is one of three Sea Scout Groups in Thanet and we are very proud of the fact that we are Admiralty Recognised – one of only 101 Sea Scout Groups in the country to achieve this recognition.

Our group consists of three sections:-

Beavers, for boys and girls aged between 6 and 8 years old.

Cubs, for boys and girls aged between 8 and 10½ years old

Scouts, for boys and girls aged between 10½ and 14½ years old.

For children who want to continue their Scouting beyond the age of 14½ there are District run Explorer Units.

All of our sections meet in the same place, at our Head Quarters on the second Floor above the Sailor's Church at Ramsgate Harbour.

The Cub Scout Pack

The Cub Scout Pack is run by the Cub Scout Leader (Akela) and usually at least one Assistant Leader. **All leaders are volunteers** who give their time for free and receive special training for their role. The Leaders are responsible for planning and running a programme of activities and games at Pack meetings and special events. All Leaders are DBS checked and will have completed ongoing Child Safeguarding training.

Pack meetings are held every Monday night between 18.30 and 20.00. We continue to meet during school holidays and half terms.

The Cubs work in small groups called Sixes which are led by older Cub Scouts called Sixers. The Sixes are identified by different colours – we have red six, green six, blue six and yellow six.



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Activities and Awards

Cubs will enjoy a great deal of fun and adventure whilst in the Pack, which will lead to the award of badges to wear on their uniform.

There are seven Challenge Awards, which are usually completed as part of the Cub Pack meeting programme. There are 36 activity badges and 14 Staged badges, which may be worked upon during Pack time or a Cub may choose to complete any of these individually. The top award which may be gained in Cub Scouts is the Chief Scout's Silver Award.

Camps

We hold a week long Pack camp, during the first complete week of the School summer holidays.

Occasionally camps (usually a weekend) are organised for the whole District to mark or celebrate a special event. Wherever possible we take part in these.

Hikes

We hold two hikes each year, which are permanent fixtures in our calendar; the Easter Hike, held on Easter Monday (during the day) and our Smugglers Walk, which is usually the third Monday of September during normal Pack meeting time.

Often there are additional opportunities for hikes in our programme throughout the year.

District Events

Thanet District Scouts often organise events which are open to all Packs in the District – they are many and varied, but include a Fizz and Quiz competition, Chess competition, Swimming Gala, Cross Country run, Athlete's Badge day and visits. We try to take part in as many of these as is possible.

Church Parades

There are only two Church Parades which we expect all Cubs to attend. One is St George's Day, which is organised by the District and takes place in April at the Winter Gardens, Margate. The other is Remembrance Day in Ramsgate in November which takes place in St George's Church, Ramsgate.



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The Uniform

The only items of Cub uniform which needs to be purchased is the Cub Scout Sweatshirt and a necker.

Full uniform i.e. as would be required for Church Parades or District events consists of the green sweatshirt, grey school trousers, and black shoes.

For normal Pack meetings we are happy for the trousers and shoes to be replaced by a more informal pair of dark coloured track suit bottoms and black/dark trainers.

Uniform is available from :-

TREWS
Townley House
48 – 54 Chatham Street
Ramsgate
CT11 7PR

Phone – 01843 599466
Email – Trevor@treworkwear.co.uk
Website – www.treworkwear.co.uk

We recommend that you obtain a larger size sweatshirt than you normally would to allow it to fit throughout your child's career in Cubs.

Our 6th Ramsgate group scarf, which is white, can be purchased from Akela, price £3. Your Cub will need this on the night they are invested, although if your Cub has come from Beavers and already has a necker you will not need to buy another one.

The badges and woggle that your Cub will need are supplied by us free of charge. However if your Cub loses a badge or woggle, we do make a small charge to cover the cost of a replacement.

The illustration on page 8 of this booklet shows the positioning of the badges on the uniform.

We expect a high standard of appearance.



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Cost

The monthly membership fee (subs) is £15

This can be paid in one of 3 ways:

- £15 cash payable to your section leader on any meeting which falls within that calendar month
- £15 cheque payable to your section leader on any meeting which falls in that calendar month (payable to 6th Ramsgate Sea Scouts)
- £15 a month standing order paid directly from your bank account on a date of your choice. A standing order form is enclosed with this pack.

Also enclosed is a gift aid declaration form. We encourage you to complete this, however you choose to pay, as it enables us to claim extra money from the government at NO cost to you.



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Cub Promise and Law

The Law and Promise are central to the ethos of Scouting. Cubs will need to know both of these before their Investiture.

For those for whom promising to do their “duty to God” is not appropriate, there are a number of alternatives available. Please mention this to Akela before your Cub’s Investiture.

CUB PROMISE

**I PROMISE THAT I WILL DO
MY BEST,
TO DO MY DUTY TO GOD
AND TO THE QUEEN,
TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE,
AND TO KEEP THE CUB
SCOUT LAW.**

CUB LAW

**CUB SCOUTS ALWAYS DO
THEIR BEST,
THINK OF OTHERS BEFORE
THEMSELVES,
AND DO A GOOD TURN
EVERY DAY.**



Badges

Challenge Badges



Adventure Challenge



Outdoor Challenge



Skills Challenge



World Challenge



Teamwork Challenge



Team Leader Challenge



Personal Challenge



Chief Scout's Silver Award

For positioning of badges on uniform see page 8.



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There is a Scouting app available for iPhone/iPad which is easy and fun for children to use. It has a comprehensive list of all badges and awards that are available. Search for "My Badges" in the iTunes Store.

6th Ramsgate Group Executive Committee

The Scout Group has to elect an Executive Committee each year consisting of a number of parents and various leaders of the Scout Group. The Committee has the responsibility for day to day tasks such as account keeping, secretarial support as well as fundraising.

They play an essential part in maintaining an effective and successful Scout Group and are required under Scouting rules to be in place, otherwise a Scout Group has to close.

The Committee hold an Annual General Meeting, usually about September time to which all parents are invited and encouraged to attend.

Each section has a need for a Parent Representative on the Committee. If you feel that you could offer your services in this capacity, please speak to any Leader.



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Safeguarding

It is the policy of The Scout Association to safeguard the welfare of all members by protecting them from physical, sexual and emotional harm.

The following is an excerpt from the Association's "Yellow Card" – a Code of good practice for Adults in Scouting which all leaders must follow.

Code of behaviour

- Do** put the 'Young People First' guidance into practice
 - Do** treat everyone with respect
 - Do** provide an example you wish others to follow
 - Do** plan activities, which involve more than one other person being present, or at least are within sight or hearing of others
 - Do** respect a young person's right to personal privacy
 - Do** have separate sleeping accommodation for leaders and young people
 - Do** provide access for young people to talk about any concerns they may have
 - Do** encourage young people and adults to feel comfortable and caring enough to point out attitudes or behaviour they do not like
 - Do** avoid situations that compromise your relationship with young people and are unacceptable within a relationship of trust (e.g. a sexual relationship between a leader and a youth member over the age of consent)
 - Do** remember that someone else might misinterpret your actions, no matter how well-intentioned
 - Do** recognise that caution is required even in sensitive moments of counselling, such as when dealing with bullying, bereavement or abuse
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- Do NOT** permit abusive peer activities (e.g. initiation ceremonies, ridiculing, bullying)
 - Do NOT** play physical contact games with young people
 - Do NOT** have any inappropriate physical or verbal contact with others
 - Do NOT** jump to conclusions about others without checking facts
 - Do NOT** allow yourself to be drawn into inappropriate attention seeking behaviour such as tantrums or crushes
 - Do NOT** show favouritism to any individual
 - Do NOT** make suggestive remarks or gestures, even in fun
 - Do NOT** let suspicion, disclosure or allegation of abuse, go unrecorded or unreported
 - Do NOT** rely on just your good name to protect you
 - Do NOT** believe "it could never happen to me"



Websites

The website of the national Scout Movement is www.scouts.org.uk

The website for Thanet District Scouts is www.thanetscouts.org.uk

Our Group website is www.6thramsgateaseascouts.org.uk

There is a permission form at the end of this pack asking for your permission for your Cub's image to be used on the website. This is in anticipation of the website going live in the near future.

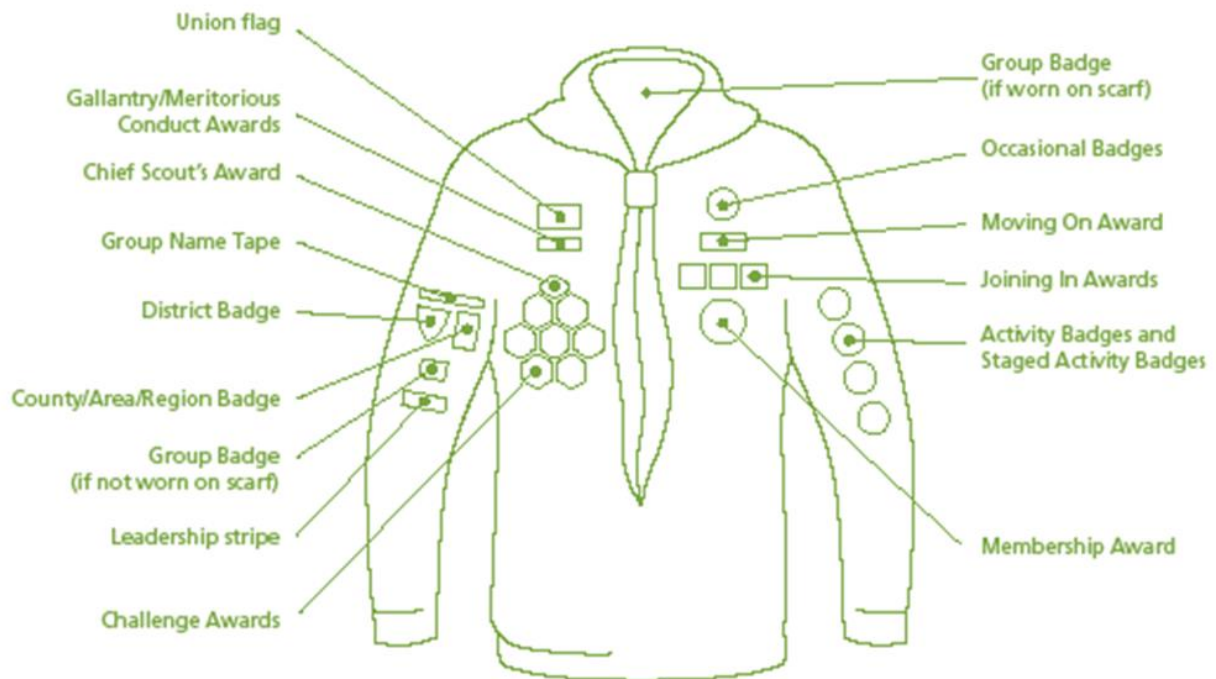


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Position of badges on Cub Uniform

CUB SCOUT UNIFORM



Forms



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Please print and complete the following forms and return them to Akela.

- **Data Protection**
- **Personal/Medical/Consent Form**
- **Standing Order Form**
- **Gift Aid Declaration**



Data Protection

I accept that the Scout Group will be keeping information about my son's/daughter's membership of the Scout Movement for Scouting purposes.

I give explicit consent to the holding of information of my son's/daughter's health; disabilities; religion/faith; race/ethnic origin again for Scouting purposes.

I give/do not give consent to the disclosure of any of information held to third parties associated with the Scout Movement in order that they may offer products and services which may be of interest.

Please note this information will be held on computer for the Group's use.

Parent/Guardian
Signature _____

Date _____

Photograph and Media Consent

I give permission as the parent or guardian of the named person above for their likeness to be used for the purposes of 6th Ramsgate Scout Group's internal and external publications, newsletters, presentations, and local/national newspaper articles. I understand that I may retract my permission at any time by contacting the scout leader in writing.

Parent/Guardian
Signature _____

Date _____

Website Consent

Due to the public nature of an internet site, we would like your permission to be able to include your child on the site.

I give permission for my child to be included on the 6th Ramsgate Sea Scout Group website

Your child's name _____

Parent/Guardian
Signature _____

Date _____



Personal/Medical Details/Consent Form

Details of Cub

Name Date of Birth
 Address
 Postcode Phone No.....
 Email:

Emergency Contact details

Name Relationship
 Phone No..... Mobile.....

Health details of Cub

Family Doctor's Name 'Phone No.
 Address

Is s/he known to suffer from any of the following:-

Hayfever YES / NO

Epilepsy YES / NO

Giddy spells YES / NO

Asthma YES / NO

Diabetes YES / NO

Angina (or other heart condition) YES / NO

Any other disability or known allergy e.g. penicillin (if yes please give details) YES / NO

Does s/he take any form of medication? (If yes please give details below) YES / NO

Have you received a tetanus injection ? YES / NO If Yes please give date injection given

I will inform the leaders in charge if s/he is in contact with any infectious disease within 3 weeks of any event.

In the event of illness or accident requiring emergency hospital treatment, I authorise the Cub leaders to sign on my behalf any written form of consent required by the hospital authorities, if the delay required to obtain my own signature is considered inadvisable by the surgeon concerned.

Signed _____ Date _____

Note: The medical profession takes the view that the patient's consent to medical treatment cannot be delegated. Thus medical consent forms have no legal status and a doctor/nurse insisting on the consent of the patient to a particular treatment has the right to do so.



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Standing Order Form

TO THE MANAGER: _____
Bank _____
Full Address _____

Bank Sort Code

Account Number

ACCOUNT INFORMATION

Your Account _____
Name of Account _____
Account Number _____
Your address _____
Postcode _____

PLEASE PAY TO

Bank, Address LLOYDS TSB, QUEEN STREET, RAMSGATE

Bank Sort Code

Account Number

Account Name SIXTH RAMSGATE SEA SCOUT GROUP

The Sum

Please enter the amount in multiples of fifteen depending on the number of children you have in the group.

Reference _____ (Young Persons Initial & Surname)

The first payment to be made on the _____ of _____ 20_____ and thereafter on the _____ day of every month, until you receive further notice from me in writing.



Gift Aid Declaration

Title _____ Forename(s) _____ Surname _____

Home address: _____

_____ Postcode _____

I would like **6th Ramsgate Sea Scout Group** to treat my membership subscription as a Gift Aid donation from this date forward and for the previous six financial periods (if applicable).

Date _____

- Notes
1. You must pay an amount of income tax or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax we reclaim on the payments (currently 28p for every £1 you give).
 2. You can cancel this declaration at any time by notifying the Scout Group.
 3. Please notify the Scout Group if you change your name or address.
 4. If you pay tax at the higher rate you may be able to claim further tax relief via your Self Assessment tax return.