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6th Ramsgate
Royal Harbour Sea Scouts

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THE WELCOME PACK

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

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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
- The Cub Scout Promise and Law
- Forms to be printed, completed and returned

More information about the Group and our history can be found online at

www.6thramsgateseascouts.org.uk

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

cubs@6thramsgateseascouts.org.uk

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.**

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.

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.

Cub Promise and Law

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.

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.

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Badges

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 & Hikes

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.

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:

- Fizz & Quiz Competition,
- Chess Competition,
- Swimming Gala,
- Cross Country Run,
- Athlete's Badge

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.

Uniform

The only items of Cubs uniform which needs to be purchased is the Cub Scout Sweatshirt and a necker. Uniform is available from the Scout Shop online. We also have a Swap Shop which may have some items that will fit. Please speak to a Leader if you would like to have a look at what is in stock. 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 Group necker, which is white, can be purchased from the leaders priced £5. Your Cub will need this on the night they are invested, although if they have come from Beavers and already have a necker you will not need to buy another. 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 charge to cover the cost of a replacement.

Full uniform i.e. as would be required for Church Parades or District events consists of the official sweatshirt, black school trousers and black formal shoes. We expect a high standard of appearance. 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.

Membership Cost

Our Group is completely volunteer run and none of our Leaders or Executive Members are paid for their role. However, running a Sea Scout Group is very expensive and, although we do everything in our power to keep costs as low as possible, we do have relatively high running costs compared to land-based Scout groups because of our boats. 'Subs' include the following components;

- Scout HQ Membership Fee (covering insurance, resources and information etc.);
- Section/Group running costs; Books, certificates and badges;
- Leader training and specialist skills; and
- a contribution to our running costs/rent.

For convenience subs are paid on a monthly basis. The monthly membership fee is currently **£15**. This should be paid by a monthly standing order directly from your bank account on a date of your choice. This ensures that the Young Person is recorded as a member of the Scout Association and that insurance cover is valid. A standing order form is included with this pack and is our *preferred method of payment*. Alternative methods of payment (such as cash or cheque) should be discussed with your Section Leader and agreed in advance. We also encourage you to complete a Gift Aid Form, however you choose to pay your subs, as it enables us to claim extra money from the government at NO additional cost to you.

If subs are not received within four weeks of becoming due, the Executive Committee reserve the right to refuse admission of any Young Person until subs are paid. Subs are reviewed annually; changes will be given in writing to parents/carers at least two calendar months before the revised subs are due.

On occasion, the Group may be able to offer financial assistance. The Group will consider such circumstances on a case by case basis and discussions will always be in confidence.

Please print and complete the following forms and return them to a Leader.

- Data Protection Form
- Personal/Medical Details/Consent Form
- Consent Forms
- Standing Order / Gift Aid Form

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Cubs name _____

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 solely for the Group's use

Photograph and Media Consent

I do/do not give permission as the parent or guardian of the named person above for their likeness to be used for the purposes of the Group's internal and external publications, newsletters, presentations, and local/national newspaper articles. No names will be used to identify your child

I understand that I may retract my permission at any time by contacting the Cub Scout Leader in writing.

Website Consent

Due to the public nature of an internet site, we would like your permission to be able to include your child's photo on the site. No names will be used to identify your child.

I do/do not give permission for my child to be included on the 6th Ramsgate Royal Harbour Sea Scouts Group website.

Permission

In the event of illness or accident requiring emergency hospital treatment, I authorise the 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 medical practitioner concerned.



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.

Signed

Date

Name

Personal/Medical Details Form

DETAILS OF CUB

Name

Date of Birth

Address

Postcode

Phone No

Email

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

Name

Relationship to YP

Phone No

Mobile No

HEALTH DETAILS OF CUB

Family Doctor's

Phone No

Name

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? YES / NO (If yes please give details below)

Have you received a tetanus injection? YES / NO (If yes give date injection given below)

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



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

Parent/Guardian details:

Title	Forename(s)	Surname
Home address		
Postcode:		

I would like **6th Ramsgate Royal Harbour 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	Signature
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How does it work?

Donating through Gift Aid means our charity can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you give. It will not cost you any extra.

Your donations will qualify as long as they're not more than 4 times what you have paid in tax in the current tax year (6 April to 5 April).

You can make a Gift Aid declaration for our charity to claim by completing this form and handing it to your group leader or forwarding a copy to treasurer@6thramsgateseascouts.org.uk

You must tell us if you change name or address, or you stop paying enough tax.

Higher rate tax payers may claim additional tax relive via their self assessment tax return or by asking HMRC to amend your tax code.