



## 1<sup>st</sup> York (Poppleton) Scout Group

Dear parent /guardian,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome your child to the 1<sup>st</sup> York (Poppleton) Scout Group, and in particular our Cub Pack. I hope that they will enjoy their time with us. This welcome pack gives you a little information about the Group and helps you to understand where your child fits in.

Within the pack you will find a list of contact names and numbers of all the leaders and executive committee members, together with a copy of our child protection policies, and current charges.

We use an online administration system called Online Scout Manager (OSM) and you will be emailed a link to log in and complete your Cub's personal details, emergency contact info and gift aid. The more you complete the less work it is for Leaders to chase up.

We also have a Code of Conduct to ensure a safe and happy environment which can be found at the back of this welcome pack.

**Please request to join our Facebook page – 1<sup>st</sup> York (Poppleton) Cubs.**

If you require any additional information you may contact any of the leaders who will be pleased to help you.

Thank you for your support.

Jo Scott  
Cub Scout Leader

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## **Background Information.**

The 1<sup>st</sup> York (Poppleton) Scout Group was formed in 1909, and the Wolf Cub Pack subsequently formed in October 1919 and the Beaver Colony circa 1989.

All sections enjoy a full programme, with a brief outline shown overleaf. Along with the individual Sections we run an annual Group Camp where all children have the chance to meet up and interact. Children are given the opportunity to build on their skills as they progress through the Group, with activities becoming increasingly challenging. Community activities, health and fitness, badge work and remembrance church parade, also form an important part of the scouting programme.

## **Our Mission**

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

### ***Our Values***

Integrity

Respect

Care

Belief

Co-operation

### ***Scouting's Key Policies***

Child Protection

Equal Opportunities

Religion

Safety

## **Beaver Colony**



The Beaver Scouts meet on a Monday evening from 5:45 to 7:00 pm.

They have a very full programme including many craft activities. The Beavers have the chance to work towards badges, which will challenge them and form the groundwork for the children as they progress through the Group. The Beavers also enjoy fun days out and activities specifically designed for them. Visitors are often invited along to meetings so that the children can learn about the community around them.

The Beavers are for children in the age range from 6 to 8.

## **Cub Pack**



The Cub Scouts meet on a Wednesday evening from 6:15 to 7:30pm.

The Cubs are given an opportunity to build on the skills they have gained in the Beavers, and also learn many more practical skills such as first aid, map reading and backwoods cooking. There are many badges the Cubs can aim to achieve, throughout their time in the Pack.

The Cubs are for children in the age range from 8 to 10 ½ .

## **Scout Troop**



The Scouts meet on a Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9:00pm.

Scouts enjoy many outdoor activities learning more practical skills, including cooking on open fires and using a penknife. Badge work again forms part of the programme.

The Scouts are for children in the age range from 10 ½ to 14.

## **Charges**

In order to ensure the continuous running of the group the charges are set out as follows:

### **Subscription Fee**

All Sections            £30 per term – to be paid via OSM

## **Additional Costs**

Some activities may need to be charged separately where these attract additional costs. These will be notified by leaders as and when appropriate.

Please note that some basic uniform will need to be purchased. Poppleton Cubs are conscious of costing of uniform and therefore have taken the decision that only the Cub sweatshirt need be purchased, although you are very welcome the purchase the polo shirt as well. The sweatshirt should be worn with school uniform trousers or shorts and school polo shirt, along with school shoes (no trainers unless specifically requested for an activity).

Uniform can be purchased from Emblazon (138 Micklegate, York), or online from Scout Store ([www.shop.scouts.org.uk](http://www.shop.scouts.org.uk)). Please note that a postage fee applies to online purchases. Please also check on eBay, Amazon and Sheffield Scout & Guide online shop.

We appreciate that some parents may find it difficult to purchase uniform as their child joins the Group, and a period of several weeks will be permitted where a child will be excused from wearing uniform. Leaders may have some items of recycled uniform available for a small charge. On leaving the Group all donations of uniform will be gladly received.

## **Fund Raising**

To keep charges to a minimum, fund raising activities are undertaken throughout the year. You will be notified of such events.

## **Gift Aid**

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Gift Aid is a simple government initiative which allows donors to increase the value of their donations at no extra cost to them. For every pound given, charities can get an extra 25 pence from HM Revenue & Customs, helping donations go further. Our Scout Group is able to claim Gift Aid on membership subscriptions as HMRC regards these as 'donations'.

So what does this mean in real terms? If a Group had 50 members paying £90 per year it would give them a total income of £4,500 per year. Assuming all of the parents/guardians are tax payers then the potential Gift Aid is around £1,150 per year – a significant amount of money for a small Group like ourselves.

## **Photography Consent**

[www.poppletonscouts.co.uk/scout-photography](http://www.poppletonscouts.co.uk/scout-photography)

## Structure

A Cub Pack is usually organised into small groups called Sixes, each headed up by an older Cub called a Sixer, and often with a Seconder as well. Sixes can be used in a number of ways to facilitate the organisation of the Cub Scout Pack.

## The Cub Scout 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.



## The Cub Scout Law:-

Cub Scouts always do their best,  
Think of others before themselves,  
And do a good turn every day.

## The Cub Scout Motto:-

Be Prepared

## Code of Conduct

### 1st York (Poppleton) Cub Pack Code of Conduct

Our pack code of conduct is signed by each new member when they join.

1. Be kind and caring to each other
2. Follow instructions by leaders & helpers
3. Treat others the way you want to be treated yourself
4. Be on time for 18:15 start
5. Set a good example to others
6. Join in all activities, and work together as a team
7. Show loyalty to Scouting, your group and your pack
8. Let the leaders know when you are not going to attend
9. Take pride in your uniform and ceremonies
10. Enjoy Scouting and have fun!

## As a Cub Scout, your child will learn a variety of character building skills including:

leadership                    }  
teamwork                     }  
problem solving            }  
communication             }  
and responsibility         }

**#SkillsForLife**

## Cub Badges

There are a number of different badges that can be worn on a Cub uniform. When a Cub is invested they receive their membership badge, their district and county badge and the group name tape. The membership badge is worn on the left breast of the uniform. The group name tape should be worn on the right sleeve of the uniform and beneath the district/county badge.

## Activity Badges



There are a number of activity badges, which Cubs can work towards in their own time – we will work towards some as part of our programme. These badges should be worn on the left arm. There are two different types of activity badge, the normal “red” activity badges and the “blue” staged activity badges. The staged activity badges can be kept between scouting Sections, that is you can transfer them from your Beaver-Cub-Scout-Explorer uniform. Only the highest valued staged activity badge may be worn, so for example if they’ve camped on 3 separate occasions for 1 night, whilst they would have been awarded the 1, 2 and 3 nights away badges, only number 3 should be worn on the uniform.

The Cubs can work towards the Air Activities, Digital Citizen, Digital Maker, Musician, Paddle Sports, Sailing and Swimmer staged activity badges in their spare time. The Emergency Aid, Nautical Skills, Navigator, Nights Away and Time on the Water staged badges will be worked towards by attending Cub/Group/District camps and events.

There are a wide range of other activity badges that a Cub can be awarded, further details are available from the Scout Association: [Activity Badge Requirements](#) / [Staged Activity Badge Requirements](#) with details on what a Cub needs to do to be awarded a badge.

**Please note before a Cub starts working on a badge they should discuss with a leader which requirements they are going to undertake.**

## Challenge Awards



There are 7 challenge awards in total, and we try to work towards at least three a year. In addition any Cubs that attend a camp will be awarded the Outdoors Challenge Award. These awards are worn on the right breast of the uniform – see the diagram at the bottom of the page for exact placement.

## Chief Scout's Silver Award

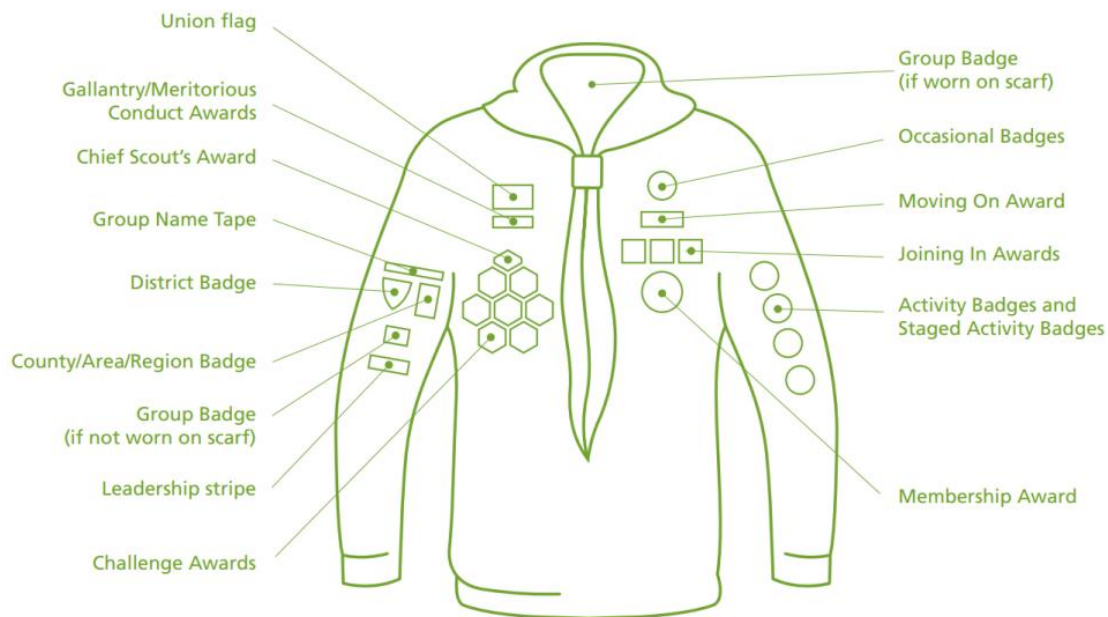


This is the highest award a Cub Scout can achieve and is something that older Cub Scouts should aim to achieve. It requires that they've been awarded 7 of the challenge awards and also obtained at least 6 activity/ staged activity badges during their time in Cubs. The Chief Scout's Silver Award must be worn above the challenge badges on the right breast of the uniform, and can be transferred to their Scout Uniform when they move up to that Section.

## Sixers and Seconders Stripes



These should be worn on the right sleeve beneath the District/ County badge – only one stripe should be worn, i.e. if the Cub has been a Secunder before becoming a Sixer the Secunder stripe must be removed.



## What to do with Old Badges

As a young person moves through the Sections of the Scout Movement, they will get different uniforms and different badges which can no longer be worn. A traditional way of keeping old badges is to attach them to a camp blanket, this is a blanket that they take with them on camps. In the older Sections, namely the Scouts and Explorers they may well get the chance to go on international camps where there is always the opportunity to swap badges with Scouts from other countries and a camp blanket is an ideal place to keep such badges.

# **1st York (Poppleton) Scout Group Admissions Policy**

Scouting in our area is very popular, and we have a substantial waiting list, which means we can't always offer a place to potential members. Our Sections leaders provide experiences that the young people enjoy and so very few young people leave the Group before they are 14 years old, when they then move on to a District Explorer Unit. To try to be transparent and open, we have defined the criteria of how we offer places to young people.

We operate within the equal opportunities policy of the Scout Association and welcome all young people, aged from 6 to 14 years, subject to spaces being available and the Section having sufficient adults to run. The safety and well-being of all young people is of utmost importance and if a member has special needs then their membership will be dependent upon the support which they require in order to enjoy Scouting fully and safety provided for them.

## **Definitions**

The Group - A Scout Group has three age related sections: Beavers (6 to 8 years), Cubs (8 to 10.5 years) and Scouts (10.5 to 14 years). This group has one of each section.

The District - A Scout District is a geographical area encompassing all the groups in that area. Our group is part of Ebor District.

## **Getting onto the waiting list**

To be added to our list, please send a message via our website. You may also want to consider submitting your name to the national website. This will ensure other local groups are notified too.

## **Single waiting list**

We operate a single waiting list for the Group.

## **Minimum and maximum ages**

We accept requests for places in our Group on behalf of young people who have reached their fourth birthday but do not normally accept requests for children who are over 13 years old.

## **Selection criteria**

When selecting young people from our waiting list, we consider the following:

1. Young people with a parent who is a leader in the group: Ultimately the Group would not exist without volunteers. Young people whose parents are already leaders in the group are guaranteed a place.
2. Existing members of Poppleton Scout Group: Young people who are already a member of the Group, moving up to the next section, i.e. Beavers to Cubs, Cubs to Scouts.
3. Time on waiting list. We use the time that a young person's name has been on our waiting list in conjunction with the other criteria.



4. Local area: We don't have a fixed area, but generally we think it's fairest on everyone if we give priority to new members who live in the surrounding area of the Group's base of within the parish's of Upper and Nether Poppleton or attend the local schools.

5. People moving into Nether and Upper Poppleton:

We do accept transfer requests from people who have been members outside the District. However, we do not guarantee places but we will make reasonable efforts to accommodate newcomers.

Transfer requests from local Scout Groups:

We will not normally accept requests for transfer, as our waiting list is already extensive. In exceptional circumstances and in consultation with the District Commissioner, who 'looks after' all groups in the area, we may add the child to our waiting list.

6. Other circumstances

There may be exceptional circumstances that mean a young person should be offered a place. In such circumstances, the GSL will exercise discretion as whether to offer a place.

### **Offer of a place**

The Group welcomes new members at the start of term in September and again in January. Most new members join the Beaver Section in September after their sixth birthday or if their birthday falls between April and August. Intake January occurs if their sixth birthday is between September and January and in April if their birthday falls between January and March. We will contact by email the named parent on the waiting list with an offer of a place a minimum of three weeks before in the start of the term. We will allocate a place in the appropriate section and will not normally accede to specific requests. If a place is declined or the offer not acknowledged within two weeks, the place will be offered to another young person on the waiting list.

### **Parents' responsibilities**

Parents are responsible for keeping us informed of changes to contact details, especially email.

### **Second opinion**

If you feel your application has not been treated fairly, you are welcome to send us a message, addressed to the Group Scout Leader who will make the ultimate decision about Group Membership.

<http://www.poppletonscouts.co.uk/contact-us/>

# Code of Conduct

1<sup>st</sup> York (Poppleton) Cub Pack has agreed to follow a Code of Conduct to provide Cubs, parents and leaders with a framework of expectation for all members of the Pack. The Code of Conduct will help ensure we continue to create an atmosphere of fun in a safe environment whilst continuing to promote the values of Scouting.

1. Be kind and caring to each other
2. Follow instructions by leaders & helpers
3. Treat others the way you want to be treated yourself
4. Be on time for 18:15 start
5. Let the leaders know when you are not going to attend
6. Set a good example to others
7. Join in all activities, and work together as a team
8. Be polite, used good manners and language
9. Take pride in your uniform and ceremonies
10. Enjoy Scouting and have fun!

At Cubs we use a yellow/red card system. If there are examples of unacceptable behaviour the leaders will issue the Cub with a yellow card, after two yellow cards it will be a red card. If your cub is issued with a red card this will be discussed with the parent(s) and could result in period of absence from Cubs.

If you have any queries please speak to one of the Cub Leaders.

Parent/ Guardian:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

I understand these rules and will do my best to follow them:

Cub Scout:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_