

Cub Scout Chronicles

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From Raksha's Den



What a great year of Cub Scouting we had in 2011—and 2012 is looking to be another great year.

Thanks Thanks Thanks

Thanks to Hobbes, Hathi, and Lorikeet, who helped out at weekly meetings and/or weekend events in 2011. Thanks to the parents that came along last year to help on the Rikki roster. Thanks also to Paul Ryan for organising our fishing day, and Ann McCredden for her help on the bike day and hikes. Raksha has really appreciated all your help—**1 2 3 wolf to you all.**

Spurway Leadership in 2012

Raksha and Matkah are looking forward to Cubs in 2012—we have some really great activities planned for the year. We may need some parent help for some of the activities—particularly overnight activities.

During 2012 we are lucky enough to have the support of Venturers. Throughout the year we will be helped by Rachel and Deb Ewings (who are working on their Duke of Ed Award), as well as Rebecca Knox. It is great for the Pack to have young leaders willing to give up their time to help run activities.

Uniform

Late last year at Group Council (the monthly 1st Ermington Leaders meeting) there was unanimous support for a change of colour for Scout pants. You may still wear stone/khaki long pants or shorts—but when these need replacing the new colour is dark blue—much easier to keep clean.

Cubs should wear their Cub uniform shirt to all meetings unless advised otherwise. Please make sure any badges are sewn on in the correct position—there is a picture in your yellow book and on the website. Only the highest level of any badge can be worn on your uniform—e.g. if you have earned your level 1 and 2 cooking badge—then only your level 2 badge goes on your uniform—level 1 can go on a camp blanket.

Please make sure that closed in shoes are worn to Cubs at all times—no sandals or CROCs please.

Term 1—Group Family Night—Wednesday 22nd Feb—BPs Birthday

During 2012 we are planning on holding a Group Family Night once a term—at these nights there will be going up ceremonies, and a time to get to know other members of the Group. Our hope is that we can build a strong Group in 2012—and so improve the Scouting experience for all members.

Looking forward to lots of Scouting fun in 2012—Raksha and Matkah

Upcoming Events Term 1—2012

- 4 Feb—Sailing Day
- 18 Feb—District Swimming Carnival
- 24-26 Feb—Family Camp (TBC)
- 4 Mar—Clean Up Australia Day
- 1 Apr—Bushwalk in Blue Mountains

More Diary Dates

- 28 Apr—Community Festival at Yates Ave Public School
- 5-6 May—Sleepover on James Craig
- 12 May—Jamboree On the Trail (JOTT)
- 27 May—Cub Fun Day at Bundilla
- 23-24 Jun—Pack Holiday at Ingleside with Parramatta Pack
- 21 Jul—District Campfire Night
- 4-5 Aug—Trekking About and Sleepover
- 19 Aug—Billy Cart Day
- 1 Sep—Bike Day (TBC)
- 8 Sep—Level 2 First Aid Day
- 20-21 Oct—Cub Baanya
- 3-4 Nov—Beachcomber Sleepover
- 18 Nov—Cub Canoe Day
- 9 Dec—GWSR Family Fun Day on the Water

Term 4 Review

Weekly Meetings

During term 4 we had lots of fun at a variety of weekly meetings. We had a swimming night at Parramatta Pool, an outing to Ryde SES with Blaxland Cubs, worked on our World Scout Environment Badge and our Boomerang work, attended a joint Cub and Scout Night, held a wide game at George Kendall Riverside Park finishing with a sausage sizzle, and held Sixes Spectacular—where the Sixes ran a game, and we ended the night with yummy pizza.



Out and About

During term 4 we had a great time at several weekend activities. On 16th October we caught the train to Bankstown for JOTA/JOTI activities. Cubs enjoyed talking on the radio and communicating via internet. We finished the day with a codes and signals activity at a local park.

Other activities included Cub Baanya—for older Cub Scouts, a Cub Canoe Day, a Family Picnic Day and Fishing Level 1 at Clifton Gardens, and the GWSR Family Fun Day on the Water.

The fun continues in term 1 with a Sailing Day, District Swimming Carnival, Group Family Camp (to be confirmed), Clean Up Australia Day, and a bushwalk in the Blue Mountains.

For more information visit www.ermingtonscouts.asn.au/cubs.html



Grey Wolf Award

Abby Ewings (Spurway Pack) was presented with her Grey Wolf Award at the 1st Ermington Group Family Picnic.

Anyone that is interested in earning this Award needs to complete a commencement form—available on our website. Cubs that are 9 ½ can start working towards this Award.

Congratulations to Abby—it takes a lot of work to complete your Grey Wolf Award. The requirements for the Grey Wolf Award are printed in your yellow book—or come and see Raksha for more information.



Term 4—Award System Progress

During term 4 we worked on our Canoeing Level 1 and Fishing Level 1 badges as well as our boomerang work.

Raksha loves to be able to award badges to the Cubs—what badge will you work on this term?

See below a list of all the badge achievements for Spurway Cubs during term 4.

Type	Badge	Level	Attained By
Achievement	Art and Design	1	Eve
	Canoeing	1	Claudia, James R, Eve
	Canoeing	2	Abby, Tia
	Citizenship	1	Eve
	Collector	1	Eve
	Cooking	2	Abby
	Entertainer	1	Kynan
	First Aider	1	James E, Tia
	Fishing	1	James R
	Flight	1	Jonah, Kynan, Josh
	Gardener	1	Caitlin
	Swimmer	1	James R, Tia, Josh
Boomerang	Bronze		James E, Josh
	Gold		Abby, Lucy
Special	JOTA/JOTI		Abby, Jayden, James R, Caitlin
	World Scout Environment Badge		Abby, Tia, Jayden, Alison, Lucy, James R

We encourage all Cubs to work on Achievement badges at home. Please send a note or email for any work that is completed at home.

Cubs should arrive by 4.50pm if they would like to be tested for a badge. As long as we have the badge in stock we can award it that night. Sometimes we have to order the badge in—we do try not to make the Cubs wait too long to get their badge. It is great to see Cubs working on some badges at home.



Blaxland Cub Pack
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Joeys meets Mondays 6.30-7.30pm

Cubs–Blaxland meets Tuesdays 7.00-8.30 pm

Cubs–Spurway meets Thursdays 5.00-6.30pm

Scouts meets Thursdays 7.00-9.00pm

Venturers meets Wednesdays 7.30-9.30pm

Recruitment

The Group is currently looking to recruit new members for Joeys (Mondays 6.30–7.30pm), Blaxland Cubs (Tuesdays 7.00–8.30pm), and Spurway Cubs (Thursdays 5–6.30pm). All these sections will be holding an Open Night in week 3 of term 1. If you know of any children that might be interested in attending please let them know. We have had quite a few youth link to the next section, which means we are looking to fill vacancies in the Joey and Cub sections.

In term 1 the Spurway Cubs Open Night will be held on Thursday 16th February. Cubs are welcome to bring a friend along at any time. During 2012 we will be holding regular Bring a Friend Nights. Our Bring a Friend Night in term 1 will be held on our last night of term—Thursday 5th April. The theme for the night will be Under the Big Top. We will be planning lots of circus fun—and it will be a good night to invite friends along to.



Spurway Cubs Bring a Friend Night
Thursday 5th April—
Under the Big Top

Committee News

Working Bee—21/22 Jan 2012

The Committee will be holding a Working Bee at the hall on the weekend of 21/22 January 2012. We need to get the hall ready for the start of the Scouting year—there will be lots of jobs that need to be done. More information will be coming out soon.

Family Camp—24-26 Feb 2012

The Group Committee will be organising a Group Family Camp for 24-26 February 2012. The venue and other details are still to be finalised—but put the date in your diary. The event is always lots of fun—and a great chance to meet other families in the Group. Joeys and Cubs need to come along with a parent. More information on the event will be uploaded to the website when available.

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General Committee Members Needed

The Committee needs some new faces with fresh ideas to come along and support the parent Committee. We desperately need a couple of Cub parent representatives—as our Committee is predominately composed of Scout and Venturer parents. Come along to Committee meetings on the 1st Monday of the month from 6.45pm at the Scout hall and represent the needs of Cub parents—help us address any issues and help the Group move forward in 2012.