



1st Warsash Wight Pack Cub Scouts
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Dear Parents and Cubs.

A New Leader

A new season, a new half term, a new month and a new Akela (designate).

I very much hope that I managed to find all the cubs of Wight Pack and from the letters I've delivered you will be aware that Tony has stepped down as Akela in order to further his career. I wish him luck with his new venture and thank him for keeping Wight Pack going for the last three years.

Many of you already know me others met me delivering the new Wight Pack program. But who am I? And can you really leave your children under my supervision for 1½ hours every Friday night? I hear some of you saying you can have them for 2½ hours if you like. Well, a brief résumé might help those that don't know me: I'm 42, a sales director, married with 2 children. My son Connor is in Wight Pack (he can standby) and I did the cub/scout thing as a child myself; 1st Llantwit Major, becoming the 1st Chief/Queen Scout in the group in the mid 70's. So I am hoping that I have some of the qualities required to give the role as Cub Scout Leader a good shot.

A New Start

Enough about me. Tonight Baloo (Mark) and I have started a process of change to bring a little more order to the proceedings at the Cub meetings to ensure that the boys are going to get the most out of them. Cubs is about our children and to this end we have talked with them about what they would enjoy and what would benefit them; we will endeavour to provide programs in the coming terms that will achieve this. Baloo and I cannot do it all on our own and from time to time we will request assistance from the parents with running events. So, I am now asking for your ideas/skills that could become visits or evening activities e.g. are you in the Navy? If so, could we arrange a tour on a warship? Are you good at magic or know someone that is? etc, etc. Please either fill in the form at the foot of this letter or speak to Baloo or myself.

Family Details

When new cubs join the pack, we give out an information sheet for the parents to complete, this gives us essential contact details. Having just taken over the pack I am trying to get each cub's details up to date, as this information is extremely important and does change from time to time. Each cub has been provided with a new "Information Sheet" to be completed, I would ask that you complete these forms as soon as possible and let me have them back, either at next week's meeting or by dropping them off to me during the week. The personal records we keep on each cub are extremely important to have, for instance, in an emergency and they are used to catalogue all their achievements at cubs. Each cub's record follows them as they progress through the Cub Scout movement and these will be passed onto the Sea Scout group, if your son chooses to take that step.

Program Change

Some would say I was "like a bull in a china shop", although I would prefer to think "I was just over enthusiastic", but my proposal to hold a swimming night on the 18th July has fallen at the first hurdle. I put this into the program as Wight Pack had missed out on attending the District swimming "Staged Activity Badge" day at Fareham Leisure centre last month. I have tried to secure an evening at a local pool (e.g. West Hill or Locks Heath School) during normal term time this is impossible, however I can secure time in the first week of the summer holiday on almost any day in the early afternoon. A swimming "Staged Activity Badge" session for Wight Pack is an activity I still want to organise for as many of Wight Pack as is possible, so I need to know how many cubs are still going to be around during the first week of the holidays and would want and are able to participate. This activity badge has 5 levels and as such is suitable for all levels of swimmers (25m swim will get Level 1 badge). Please could you let me know at the earliest opportunity; again either using the form at the foot of this letter or by speaking with either Baloo or myself, if your son will be able to attend?

I am now arranging a visit to an Ostrich Farm on the 18th July to replace the swimming activity.

Collecting the Cubs

Whilst at Cubs your children are in the care of Baloo and I and as such are our responsibility, until you collect them. For reasons that I hope you appreciate, from Friday 13th June **all cubs have to be collected** from within the cub hall by a parent/guardian. We will look after them until they are collected.

Web Site

If you do have access to a computer, please keep an eye on our web site - It is especially useful if your son has missed one week as we do try to keep it up to date with late changes to the programme.

Finally

With your continued support, I look forward to turning some of my enthusiasm into some exciting and interesting times at Wight Pack over the coming weeks and months.

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Name of Cub _____

Ideas and/or Parent Skills for Cub Activities

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Would your son be keen to join in a "Swimming" Staged Activity Badge in the early part of the Summer Break?

Yes/No

Dates available _____

