



# Wolf Cub Quality Program Standards

As adult volunteers, we have made a commitment to deliver a quality program to our members. Scouts Canada is pleased to provide volunteers with this checklist to ensure the program that is being delivered meets quality standards.

## Program Planning

Packs have:

- short-range (one month),
- medium-range (three months) and
- long-range (one year) program plans which reflect the program goals, as outlined in *B.P.&P.*, and/or elements, as outlined in the *Wolf Cub Leader's Handbook*.
- Weekly programs are typically conducted as described in the *Wolf Cub Leader's Handbook*, and incorporate appropriate safety precautions.

## Outdoors

Opportunities are provided, as often as possible, for Cubs to participate in outdoor activities. Cub minimum standards require:

- One regular meeting per month outdoors
- One weekend outing every two months
- Three nights at camp annually
- All activities follow Policies and Accepted Practices, as outlined by *Camping/Outdoor Activities, Section 10000, B.P.&P.*

## Youth Input

- Cubs are regularly consulted and utilized (when and where appropriate) in program planning and delivery.
- Sixers and seconds are utilized as part of the leadership team.
- A Sixers' Council meets on a regular basis.
- Youth are actively engaged in the creation of their section's Code of Conduct.

## Badge, Star and Award Program

The program provides Cubs with regular opportunities to engage in and complete requirements of the Cub badge, star and award system.

## Environmental Awareness

Opportunities are provided, as often as possible, for Cubs to participate in activities which increase their understanding and awareness of their role in preserving the environment.

- Minimum standard: one project/activity annually.
- All activities are conducted in a manner which reflects appropriate environmental awareness and practices.

## Spiritual Emphasis

Spiritual emphasis is regularly incorporated throughout the program. Examples may include, but are not limited to:

- Opening and Closing Prayers
- Use of Promise, Law and Motto
- Scouts Own and Scouter's Five
- Religion in Life Award program

## Community Service

Opportunities are provided, as often as possible, for Cubs to participate in community service projects/events.

- Minimum standard: two held annually.

## Membership/Retention/Growth

- No youth who is willing to subscribe to the Promise and Law is denied membership (i.e. Scouts Canada does not want any waiting lists).
- Leaders personally invite Cubs back at the beginning of each year.
- Those not returning at any time of the year are contacted by a leader to determine the reasons why.
- One activity each year focuses on increasing membership.

## Linking

- Opportunities are provided for Cubs to interact with Beavers and Scouts as often as possible, with the minimum standard being:
  - One regular meeting and one other activity with a Beaver colony annually.
  - One regular meeting and one other activity with a Scout troop annually.
- Kim is utilized as part of the leadership team.
- A Cub is selected to serve as a Keo with a Beaver colony.
- Senior Cubs of advancement age have at least one other opportunity to interact with a Scout troop.

## Family/Parental Involvement

- Parental involvement is encouraged.
- Opportunities are provided for family/parent involvement as often as possible.
- Minimum standard: three events annually.
- Regular communication occurs to inform parents of program plans or changes, through contacts such as meetings, phone calls and newsletters, etc.

## Training/Leadership

- Scouts Canada expects all leaders to achieve Woodbadge Basic during the first year.
- Scouts Canada expects at least one Cub leader to have Woodbadge Advanced (Cubs).
- At least one member of the leadership team holds a current, recognized first aid qualification.
- The leadership team has obtained the necessary attitude, skills, knowledge and/or training required to conduct outdoor programs, or has recruited a skilled resource person(s) with such knowledge to attend the outing/activity.
- Youth members (e.g. activity leaders, Scouters-in-Training, Kim) are included as part of the leadership team.

## Administration

- The following are performed to administer the pack:
  - Maintain current and accurate pack records, including attendance and Cubs' progress records.
  - Submit a plan and related budget to the group committee for a year's activities.
  - Maintain appropriate financial records, and submit proper financial statements to the group committee.
  - Provide an annual inventory of all equipment and property to the group committee.
  - Ensure a representative from the section leadership team attends at least 90 percent of group committee meetings.
  - Participate in Scouts Canada's official fundraisers.