

A brief introduction to.....

Cub Scouting



Scouting.....

Where the Adventure Begins

What is Scouting?

Scouting is an international youth movement with a membership of more than 28 million youth and adults in 160 national Scout organisations in 217 countries and territories. It is also a non-formal educational organisation.

The Aim and Method of Scouting

The aim of Scouting is to develop good citizenship among boys by assisting in the formation and development of character; training them in habits of observation, obedience and self-reliance; inculcating loyalty, patriotism, courage and thoughtfulness for others; teaching them services useful to the public and handicrafts useful to themselves; promoting their physical, mental, moral and spiritual development.

The Method of achieving the Aim is through the provision an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

The Programme

The Programme is a seamless progression of training, activities and awards that covers everything that young people do in Scouting from the age of 4 to 21. The Programme is divided into four age groups called Sections.

Beaver Scouts	4 - 7 years
Cub Scouts	7 - 10½ years
Scouts	10½ - 15½ years
Venture Scouts	15½ - 21 years

The Programme is based around helping young people to grow in a number of personal development areas to ensure young people really are 'learning by doing'

The Association

Scouting in Barbados is administered by the Barbados Boy Scouts Association. The Association has jurisdiction over the entire island, and its headquarters is at Hazelwood, Upper Collymore Rock, St. Michael.

The first Troop on the island was registered on 9th March, 1912, at Combermere School, just 5 years after Scouting was founded. From 1912 to 1969, the local Association operated as a branch

of the British Scout Association. On 20th February, 1969, the Association's Constitution was approved, making it an independent Association and the 95th member of the World Scout Conference.

At present, the Association is headed by H.E. Sir Elliott Belgrave, Chief Scout and President, and Dr. Nigel Taylor, Chief Commissioner. It has a membership of over 2,000 boys and adults.

The island is divided into three districts - Bridgetown, North and South.

The Cub Scout Section

Cub Scouting is for boys aged between 7 and 10½ years who want to make friends and develop their widening interests in ways that are both educational and fun. It is ideal for young people who want a break from the usual after school routine of homework, video games and watching television. This fun way of learning is based on *The Jungle Book* by Rudyard Kipling.

The Programme in this Section is divided into progressive Stages called Arrows. The boys move upward from **Bronze** to **Silver** then to **Gold Arrow** with the highest achievement in the programme being the **Mahogany Award**. During the Cub Scout years there are a vast amount of exciting Proficiency Badges to be gained along the way such as Explorer, Hobbies, Musician and Computer to name a few.

Cub Scouting activities are mainly based out of doors. The highlight of Cub Scouting life for most members is the Caribbean Cuboree, which is a camp for Cubs from around the region and occurs every three years

Each Cub Scout Pack consists of small groups (called Sixes) of approximately six boys, one of whom is called the Sixer who is designated to help the adult leader by sharing the responsibility of maintaining order and sharing information within the six. Sixers also have an assistant called a Second who also shares the responsibilities. All Cub Scouts are encouraged to take part in the decision making process and regular forums provide the opportunity for them to contribute towards the planning of the Pack's activities.

Guidance and supervision for this Section is

provided by the Cub Scout Leader also known as the Akela and one or more Assistant Cub Scout Leaders. These Leaders are charged with the task of providing the guidance and encouragement for the young people of the Pack to develop into law abiding building blocks of this our great country of Barbados.

Further Information

Further information on Cub Scouting can be obtained from Scout Headquarters, any Scout Group, or email cubscouts@barbadosscouts.org.

The Person I would like to be

*As a young person who shares the
experience of the Scout Movement,
I aim to do my best*

*To be a person with freedom and integrity,
clean of thought and true of heart,
strong of will, responsible and self-reliant,
to make a personal commitment for my life,
to be constant and true to my word.*

*To be ready to serve others,
involved with my community,
defender of other people's rights,
pledged to democracy and committed to
development,
a lover of justice and a promoter of peace,
to value human labour,
to build my family on love,
to be aware of my own dignity and that of others
and share with everybody joyfully and
affectionately.*

*To be thoughtful and creative,
to leave the world better than I find it,
to strive for the integrity of the natural world,
learning continually and searching
for paths still unexplored,
to do my work well,
to be free from the hunger to possess
and independent of material things.*

*To be open to the spiritual,
to have a transcendental sense of life,
to reach out to God,
to live my faith joyfully and make it part of my daily
life,
to be open to dialogue and understanding
and to respect others' religious beliefs.*