



Hike to the Moon!

This week Scouts are going on a #HikeToTheMoon! Young people, families, and volunteers like us are hiking at least a mile at home, donating, and supporting those who need it most with BBC Children in Need and Comic Relief.

Get involved:

https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/scouts-at-home/scouts-helping-others/hiketo-the-moon/

Click the link and you will find a video message from Bear Grylls telling you all about this great challenge **and how you can be involved** whilst keeping safe.



We've estimated it's about 2,000 steps or 20 minutes walking on the spot. You can hike around your home or garden.

Cubs – think about what you can do to join in this challenge and share your ideas at the online meetings this week.

Cub Champions of the week

Time to celebrate some of our cub's badge achievements of the week – mostly reported using 'Badges at Home' on OSM – keep them coming!

Parents can also nominate their cub for something special they have done in the week – any examples of Cubs being true scouts and 'Doing their best' – send to Baloo@28thCambridgeScouts.org.uk

Ollie B – worked hard on his Athletics, Chef, Collector and Home Help badges – completing a lot of activities including a tasty looking lasagne!

Jacob B – completed his World Challenge badge by preparing a fact file on Islam.

Amelia W – also worked on her Chef badge by making scones AND making two 'stop frame' animations for her photography badge (see the animations on the 28th Cambridge website -

http://www.28thcambridgescouts.org.uk/cubs/online.html)

Nuwan C – completed his Pioneering Badge at home by learning 3 knots. He uploaded videos of him doing the knots from memory to OSM making it easy to mark the badge as complete.

Sam C – camped and cooked breakfast from his garden! Camping at home (in the garden or a den in the house) now counts for your Nights Away badge

Katie G – completed a picture as part of

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Katie, Sam, Xanthe and **Zizhen** also completed segments of the virtual St George's Day dragon.

In this week's edition we have:

- 'Hike to the Moon'
- 'Family Camp 2020'!
- Online meeting progress
- Virtual St George's Dragon challenge and Photo competition reminder
- Where to find badge information on the Scout's website as well as how to use the 'Badge at Home' option on OSM to show cub leaders your badge progress
- Links to 150+ 'Great Indoors' indoors activities

Online pack meetings

Both our packs are meeting online every week on Monday and Tuesday night.

We generally meet for around 30 minutes with some 'social' time before each meeting starts. Activities have includes quizzes, scavenger hunts, scout skills and badge work.

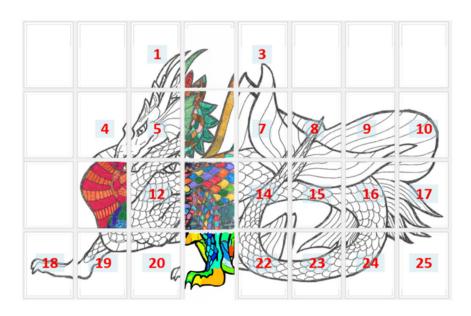
Details of how to join the meetings via Zoom are included on the back page of this newsletter and a reminder email with link is sent before each meeting.



Sam and Lorcan camping in their garden (and eating breakfast in their pyjamas!?)

scouts.org.uk/join #SkillsForLife





The Monday Pack Dragon, progress so far....

'District Dragons' – making progress on our virtual St George's Day Dragons

As described in last week's newsletter we are making virtual St George's Day dragons – one for each cub pack which we hope to complete this week as St George's Day is coming up on 23rd April.

Thank you to cubs who have sent in your coloured segments so far – the dragons are starting to look very colourful. Please keep sending your coloured segments in and if you have finished yours and would like another to do – just email

Baloo@28thcambridgescouts.or.uk.

Cubs should colour-in their dragon bits using paint, crayons, felt-tip - or anything to hand. Cubs can even do it on the computer using Paint if they want. If you are printing the sheets, please use A4. Dragons are usually green-ish, but we want our dragon to be colourful! Just one rule - please keep the background white.

Having coloured-in the sheets, please send them back to us – by the 22nd April so we can assemble all the sheets back into a whole dragon in time for St George's Day.

We will put the completed whole dragon on Facebook, our website and this newsletter. Please also keep the coloured-in pages and bring them to our next online pack meeting.

Instructions for sending back your completed bit of the dragon picture:

- When cubs have coloured-in the sheets, please send them back to us, preferably using a scanner, and then emailed.
- If you don't have a scanner, please take a good quality photo and email it
- Otherwise, get in touch and we'll arrange something else.

Please email to: Monday Pack – Baloo@28thCambridgeScouts.org.uk Tuesday pack – Akela@28thCambridgeScouts.org.uk



Photographic Competition – Theme: "Time"

At the beginning of April we launched a photographic competition for all three sections of the 28th Cambridge Scout Group: Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts and Scouts – with a winner being picked for each section.

We know quite a few cubs have been enthusiastically taking photos and we are really looking forward to seeing the entries.

The competition will run between April 1st and 30th 2020 – all entries to be submitted by the end of April to: Akela@28thCambridgeScouts.org.uk

The winning photographs will be published on the 28th Cambridge Facebook page, our website and this newsletter – and the winning cub's name will be added to the new trophy.

Full details of the photo requirements were provided in last week's newsletter and by email at the beginning of April.

Please get in touch with Akela if you have any further questions.

28th Cambridge Cubs



Akela admiring a roaring fire

Family Camp 2020!

At this time of year we usually look forward to our annual Family Camp – and why should this year be any different?! In true scouting style, we will just have to be a bit more inventive with a 'Home Family Camp'!

Family Camp is our first camp of the year – with all scout sections camping together and where siblings and parents are welcome to join in the fun, camping under the stars, singing by a roaring campfire and waking up to a hearty breakfast.

We are planning our 'Home Family Camp' now – to be held on a Saturday night in the next few weeks. Further details coming soon...

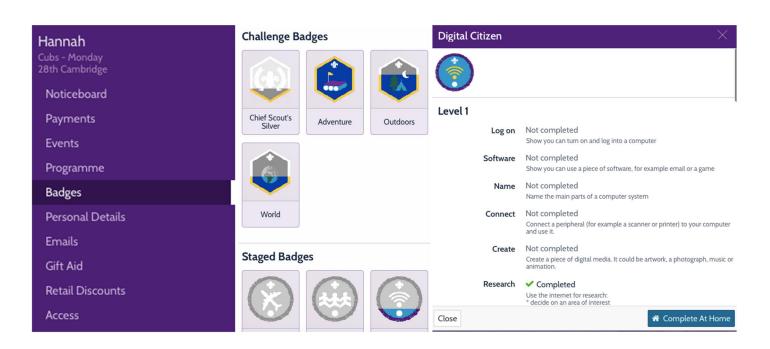
Watch this space

"Badges at Home"

The makers of our OSM software have rolled out a new "Badges At Home" feature which enables parents to upload videos/photos with evidence of cubs completing their badges at home – a useful feature at the moment!



Leaders will be able to review the evidence and update badge records. Screenshots to help you navigate to the correct part in OSM are included below. As always any questions - please ask a leader.



28th Cambridge Cubs

Using Zoom for Online/Virtual Cub Meetings





We continue to use Zoom for our online meetings and the Scouts Association has confirmed that following Zoom's implementation of additional security measures it is a suitable tool for online cubs scout meetings.

Each week we will send meeting links (with passwords) to parents and the decision as to whether your cub participates in the meeting is entirely the parents.

The meeting link will work from about 10 minutes before the meeting start time to allow cubs 'social' time before the meeting starts.

Instruction for downloading and using Zoom were provided in last week's newsletter and previously as an email attachment.

You can download and use Zoom on a laptop, tablet/iPad or smartphone.

We do have some rules for online meetings – please see the column to the right.





Where to find badge information

Don't forget, full details of badges are available on the Scout Association website (which has just been upgraded) – just click the badge picture to reveal details of how to complete the badge.

Activity badges

https://www.scouts.org.uk/cubs/activity-badges/

Challenge badges

https://www.scouts.org.uk/cubs/awards/

Cub activity packs

Some companies (e.g. Pets at Home, Rolls-Royce) have produced these useful activity packs to help Cubs achieve some of their badges. Take a look below:

https://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources/search/?cat=12,67,881

A few words on online meeting etiquette...

Leaders and Cubs alike should adhere to basic etiquette rules for everyone's safety and protection during a call. The call should not go ahead unless the following rules are adhered to:

- Leaders and Cubs must be dressed appropriately and should wear their necker and woggle.
- Virtual Cub Meetings should take place in an appropriate room (i.e. not a bedroom) with no identifying features (blank wall or curtain background recommended). You can use the 'Background' feature in Zoom to set a virtual background if this is difficult.
- Only parties relevant to the call (Leaders, Cubs and supervising parent) should be visible or audible. No other parties should be visible or audible.
- A supervising parent must be present in the room at all times.
- Language and behaviour should be good at all times.
- In meetings Cubs should also:
- 1) Arrive on time
- 2) Set their own first name in Zoom
- 3) Only message 'everyone'
- 4) Stay 'mute' unless asked to speak by a leader
- 5) Be kind in everything you write or say

The Great Indoors!

The Scout Association has produced "The Great Indoors" – "a site with over 150 existing activities from our programme planner that are perfect for parents and carers to do with their children if they're stuck at home over the next few weeks."

The link is here – loads of activities your cubs can do on their own and some we may include in our online meetings as well.

https://www.scouts.org.uk/the-great-indoors/