



# THE ADVENTURE BEGINS



The Cub Scout program is fundamental to the success or failure of the Section. The program must reflect the interests, goals and inspirations of the Cub Scouts who participate.

**Cub Scouts must be involved in the planning and review of their program if it is to be relevant to them.**

In the Cub Scout Section, the Section Council is an essential way for youth to be engaged and provide input into their program in an age-appropriate manner.

Support from Leaders and Mentors in other Sections will certainly be required, however Cub Scouts (with guidance) can **plan, do and review** their program to a level where they can call it their own program, not one assigned to them by Leaders.

The Section Council should occur regularly (at least once a term) so that all members feel engaged with the creation and implementation of their program. These don't need to occur in a formal setting. Sometimes it can be very beneficial for the Section Council to be held outdoors.

# CUB SCOUTS SECTION COUNCILS FACTSHEET

The duties of the Section Council (with ability-appropriate support from Leaders) may include:

- Strong involvement in the planning and review of the program with guidance from adult Leaders
- Ensuring that the Section is following the concept of Youth Leading, Adults Supporting
- Discussing the Scout Method and how it is used or not used in the Section
- Working together each year to make a Section Code that all agree to follow
- Trying to solve problems and issues as they arise, supported by adult Leaders if these are challenging
- Talking with adult Leaders about events with other familiar Cub Sections
- Supporting all youth members in the Section in their Scouting journey
- Regularly discussing badgework progression, supported by adult Leaders
- Discussing with adult Leaders the appropriate standard of behaviour in the Section, and working to maintain it
- Getting adult Leaders to help review the performance of Sixers and Seconds

Ideas to make the Section Council as successful as possible include:

- Select someone to lead the meeting
- Have a plan to follow for the meeting
- Ensure there is engagement and participation from all members present
- Record all the creativity, decisions, discussions and reviewing that occurs in our meeting
- Use support from adult Leaders, and/or Mentors from other Sections
- Adult Leaders should help at a level where Cub Scouts are not given all the answers and still work together to come up with a solution



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