

Lion Pack Cubs is run by Baloo (Beth), Dragonfly (Dave), Fox (Chris), Akela (Paul), and our fantastic young leaders Finn, Ben, and Max. We currently have 21 cubs in four sixes. Since the last AGM, Steve (Shere-Khan) has stepped back from scouting and we would like to take this opportunity to thank for all the time he gave generously to Lion Pack.

Summer 2022 (half-term onwards)

Highlights of this term include the kayaking & canoeing on the Basingstoke Canal and the amazing group camp held at Garner's Field in Farnham, which included climbing, shooting, archery & (the cub's favourite) paddle boarding!



Cubs also worked on their traditional scouting skills of outdoor cooking, pioneering, and teamwork. Lots of cubs also worked on their **Hampshire Scouts Outdoor Discovery Badge** and we finished off terms with water games.



Autumn 2023

Autumn started with our amazing camp at Lyons Copse, where Cubs took part in rafting, pioneering, wide games, cooking, assault courses, team games and a campfire. We had great weather and everyone had a fantastic time. This event counted towards the **Teamwork**, **Outdoors** and **Adventure** awards, and **Navigator**, **Backwoods Cooking**, and **Pioneer** activity badges, and many others. Other events this term include a night hike, Junior Parkrun, and District football competition (which we won alongside Tiger pack!). The Cubs proudly represented the Group at the Alton Remembrance Day parade.



During the weekly meetings, Cubs worked on their **Scientist** badge by making wormeries and hot air balloons. The **Personal Safety** badge was a big part of this term; and we held a pets night where some very well behaved animals came for a visit, and all Cubs were given the opportunity to share pictures and stories about their pets. We were lucky with our bat walk around Shortheath Common, hosted by the Surrey National Park Authority, where we heard plenty of bats through the detectors. This term's adventurous activity was skiing at the Aldershot dry ski slope where everyone earned their **Snowsports** badge and worked towards the **Adventure** award.



The end of term was notable for the **Astronomer** badge; over the course of three nights, Cubs made their own solar system models, from wood, clay, and paint. The term was rounded off with an epic Nerf gun battle.





Spring term 2023

In January we had a sleepover at Chichester's Novium Museum where the Cubs had an amazing time learning about the museum, and completing various teamwork and problem-solving activities (which counts towards lots of badges!). The event was space themed so we could catch up on a few parts of the **Astronomer** badge for some of the Cubs.

Cubs began their **Naturalist** activity badge, with trips to Flood Meadows to see how this environment changes throughout the seasons. The **Navigator** badge was also woven into this activity as the Cubs planned and navigated their own routes there from the Den. We carried on the **Scientist** badge by growing cress hedgehogs and seeing what happened to them depending on how much access to light and water they had. The programme highlight of the term was the epic "Island" game where Cubs were stranded on a desert island and they had to work together in their teams to solve problems and survive the storms!



Real life Hungry Hippos



Spring hike

The second half of the term focussed on the **DIY** and **Skater** badges. We were lucky enough for Mike from Alton Mens' Shed to come to The Den and teach the Cubs some basic woodworking skills and to learn about wood. Cubs made and painted some incredible photo frames just in time for mothering Sunday. The Cubs also visited Bordon Roller Rink for an energetic evening on skates and we also held a skating night at the Den where they brought their own skates, scooters, or skateboards to complete the courses and challenges that were set for them.



Summer term 2023 (up to half term)

Highlights of summer term so far include the excellent Jamboree on the Trail – a 9km hike from Bentworth to Alton, and the local “monopoly run” held around the landmarks of Alton. Cubs have also been working on the **Environmental Conservation** badge and played Quidditch at Jubilee Fields. We also cooked traditional Spanish Easter treats at The Den.



Many thanks for all the parents for their support, and to all in the 3rd Alton team.

Paul, Beth, Dave, Chris, and our young leaders Finn, Ben, and Max