

20TH SOUTHGATE (ST. MONICA'S) CUB SCOUTS

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Dear Parents

After last month's Camp I put a letter on our WhatsApp group explaining how we will not be able to have any more Camps unless some parents are able to stay in the future who have completed some Scout Association training. This is a Scout Association rule and is absolutely non-negotiable. Whilst it's a busy time of year I haven't been trampled by a rush of volunteers and so I need to make the appeal again.

I think there are some myths around what would be involved – you've all heard the one about "it's only an hour a week" so I am very happy to outline what **is** required.

Will I need to help out at every meeting and every activity?	NO. I still intend to take the lead at all meetings, activities and at Camp (if you are happy for me to do so). You would only be required to help out in the same way as now with our rotas plus to be able to stay for the whole of Camp. Of course, additional help is always welcome.
Will I need to wear a uniform?	NO. You can wear whatever you want although I will be ordering some new Cub t-shirts and sweatshirts for next term if you would like one of those.

Do I need to complete loads of training?	NO. Below outlines what needs to be done.
Will it cost me any money?	NO absolutely no cost and you would pick up some transferrable learning. All fees (subs and outings, Camps etc) for Cubs where a parent/relative is helping would also get waived.
Can I bring a younger or older sibling to Camp if I stay?	YES as long as they are at least 6 years old. They would also be able to take part in most of the activities.

So, having dispelled the myths, this is what you **would** need to do:

- Have a 30 minute online “welcome conversation” with me plus one other leader from Southgate District.
- Complete the following **online** training modules (around an hour maximum for each):
 - Safety and safeguarding (within the first month)
 - Creating inclusion }
 - Data protection in Scouts } within the first
 - Delivering a great programme } three months
 - Who we are and what we do }
- Complete the first response first aid certificate. This can be done with a combination of online learning plus a three hour in-person local course, or alternately a full day course. If you already hold a first aid qualification through work this might be transferrable.

That's it, and completion of all of the above would make you a “Section Team Member”. I hope it dispels the myths about loads of training requirements and needing to give up loads of weekends to go on courses etc.

What is 100 per cent is not a myth is that if some parents (or friends/relatives) don't come forward to take on this role, we will not be able to have another Camp. So again, and with a more urgent tone of voice now, please can you give this your very serious consideration?

To give an idea of timeframes, I usually book our Camp around September to make sure that all of the best activities are available. That doesn't mean that any of the above training needs to have been started by then, but a commitment to do this from 3 or 4 people is needed. If this does not happen, I would alternately welcome your suggestions as to how we proceed because I don't know what the answer is.

Thank you for your attention.

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