

SIXER & SECOND GUIDELINES

of

Kingsford Smith Cub Scouts

To become a Second and possibly a Sixer with Kingsford Smith Cub Scouts is a great honour. Now you are no longer just a member of a Pack but a leader of a Six in the Pack. The leader of a Six is called the "SIXER", and their orders must always be obeyed by the other Cubs in the Six. The second leader in the Six is called a "SECOND", and their job is to help the Sixer whenever needed. It is up to each Cub in the Six to help to make their Six the best in the Pack. Always stick together for work or for play.

Listed is what is required from you for these positions. Some of these are not easy and you may have difficulties. Whilst our Cub Scout motto is "Do Your Best" don't use that as an excuse for not giving a challenge/task/duty 100% of your energy and effort to complete your role.

LEADING BY EXAMPLE:

Leading by example is the hardest thing for any Cub to do, especially within their own age group. The basics of this principal are that you should never ask another Cub to do something that you are not prepared to do yourself.

Here are some other examples:

- Be polite at all times
- Appointed because of known leadership qualities which have been demonstrated
- Always be on time
- Attend weekly meetings and outings
- Uniform standard to be better than any other Cub in your Six (appropriate badges need to be clearly displayed)
- Be clean and presentable
- Know and live by the Cub Scout Law and Promise
- Be prepared to lead from the front, or go first and in some cases last
- Already demonstrated well-disciplined behaviour.
- Look after your Six members, treat them like your family
- Attend Pack Council when called
- Present your Six's colour patch to new Cub Scouts at investiture

- Care for new Chums:
 - Introduce to rest of Six
 - Explain ceremonies, signals, procedures and Grand Howl
 - Show where toilets are located
- Liaise between Cubs and Leaders
 - Advise Leaders of favourite games
 - Advise Leaders of activities you would like to do
 - Advise Leaders of any problems in your Six
- Attend a Cub Scout Leadership Course when available
- Report any bullying to a Leader immediately.

Cubs should follow their Sixer, not because they have a Sixer Badge and they have been told to, but do so because they respect their Sixer and want to aspire to be like them.

Following are some guidelines required for both of these positions with Kingsford Smith Cub Scouts.

BADGE REQUIREMENTS:

The minimum Badge requirements for becoming a Sixer or Second at Kingsford Smith Cub Scouts are as follow:

SECOND:

- Has shown some leadership qualities
- Achieve First Aid Badge level 1
- Achieve Swimming or Citizenship Badge level 1
- Minimum complete Bronze Boomerang level, but preferably Silver Boomerang
- 6 months minimum satisfactory service, (ideally a year) as a Cub with an outstanding weekly meeting attendance
- Minimum attended 1-night camping/Pack holiday and show good behaviour
- Attended minimum 2 out of hall activities - (e.g. JOTT & ANZAC Day March)
- Demonstrate and understand the basic tying of 4 knots - (sheet bend, clove hitch, overhand knot and reef knot)

SIXER:

- Appointed because of known leadership qualities & completed leadership course
- At least achieve First Aid Badge Level 1
- Must achieve Swimming and Citizenship Badge Level 1
- Minimum complete Silver Boomerang level, but preferably working toward Gold Boomerang

- Minimum 12 months satisfactory service, (ideally 2 years) as a Cub with outstanding weekly meeting attendance
- Attended minimum 4 out of hall activities - (e.g. JOTT, Anzac March, Clean-up Australia Day, any District activities and Leadership Course)
- Minimum attended 1-night camping/Pack holiday and show good behaviour
- Demonstrate and understand the basic tying of 6 knots - (sheet bend, clove hitch, overhand knot, reef knot, bowline, and round turn with 2 half hitches)

In extreme circumstances however, Akela can appoint both Sixers and Seconds at their discretion and without question.

Duties and Responsibilities of the positions:

- Gets the Six ready for the Grand Howl and other activities
- Bring problems in their Six to leader's attention
- Work with the Second to make sure their Six is running smoothly
- Set a good example
- Wear the Cub Scout uniform correctly
- Live by the Cub Scout Law and Promise
- Check that their Six is ready for parade
- Second to ensure Six are in a straight line behind the Sixer
- Help to keep their Six behaving while on parade
- Bring new Cubs to Akela for investing
- Keep their Six quiet while others are talking
- Delegate when appropriate within their Six
- Are responsible
- Lead by example
- Participate in Pack Councils
- Provide the Pack with ideas and suggestions
- To be called upon with another Sixer to supervise any new chums during an investing ceremony when they are not involved.

OUR UNIFORM STANDARD: - as a Sixer or Second your uniform needs to be good or better than other Cubs in your Six, here is a guide:

- Badges must be in the correct place and correctly sewn
- Your shirt must be clean and neat
- Your scarf must be clean and rolled and it should be worn on the inside of your shirt collar
- Your shirt must be tucked in for all ceremonies
- Your hands, face and nails must be clean

- Your name should be on your uniform
- Shoes should be either black or brown with no sandals or brightly coloured joggers.

KNOWING YOUR LAW AND PROMISE:

Just saying your Law and Promise does not mean a lot if you do not understand what the words mean and what making a promise means. To do this you need to understand what it means to you.

A promise is an oath, made by you that you will try to do what you said **you would do**, to the best of your ability, within reason and based on the physical and other constraints that may affect your ability to do it. If there is nothing that can stop you from keeping that oath then you should do it!

THE SCOUT SALUTE:

Done correctly this looks very smart, done poorly it's a throw away that nobody cares about, you should make sure the members of your Six do this correctly, **if you see someone doing it wrongly – FIX IT!**

Do not always leave it to your Leaders!

The Scout Salute is done with the right hand only, the left hand stays by the side of the left leg. The right hand is brought out from the side following a wide arc from and in line with the body, as it reaches the horizontal the arm bends at the elbow bringing the hand in the same position as for the Scout Sign to just above the right eye where it remains stationary for approx. 2 seconds before the hand returns to its start position by the shortest possible route.

As Akela always says, **"long way up, shortest way down!"** when saluting

THE GRAND HOWL: - (Squat)

When Cubs take a squat at the commencement of the Grand Howl they should be on the balls of their feet, well balanced and ready to spring up. Their hands are together with their fingers in the shape of the Scout Sign touching the ground. This represents the paws of a wolf and the way that a wolf sits.

Note: your head is up and not looking at the floor.

Make sure you and your Six get it right every time!

ADVANCEMENT:

Promotion is really up to you. If you work hard then you should become a Second in time or if you are lucky a Sixer. The chance to be promoted is based on the criteria detailed above, however, having the badges is not a guarantee of moving up a rank.

Your behaviour, uniform standards, attitude, knowledge, effort and leadership are all important factors.

So work hard, follow these guidelines and your chances will dramatically increase.

REMEMBER:

To be appointed to either a Second or a Sixer is a privilege and an honour -
Akela can withdraw both for disobedience and misbehaviour.

Do not hesitate to talk with your leaders for any support.

GOOD LUCK!