

33rd Kerrisdale Scout Group



Information for Youth and Parents 2019 - 2020 (Pack and Troop)

We wish to welcome your family to the 33rd Kerrisdale Scout Group. This document will provide you with some basic information about our group. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Leaders in your section.

1. Meeting Time

The meeting time is every Saturday from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm at the church hall located at 680 West 49th Avenue, Vancouver.

Scout Duty Patrol - if your child's patrol is duty patrol for the week, he/she is required to arrive at 1:30 pm to set up the flag pole and can leave after dismantling the flag pole and clean up the church hall.

Cub Duty Six – if your child's six is duty six for the week, he/she can leave after cleaning up the church hall.

2. Uniform

The uniform shall consist of the Scout Canada's uniform shirt (grey jersey for Cub and green shirt for Scout), navy blue pants, dark blue or black dress socks, black dress shoes with shoelaces (no running shoes), group belt, beret and pin, neckerchief and woggle. Navy blue short can be worn instead of pants for June to August. Uniforms are worn at all Scouting events; exceptions can only be made by the Leaders.

Group crest will be presented to the new members upon completion of their Tenderpad test. Follow the uniform badge placement info ([http://wiki.scouts.ca/en/Uniform Insignia Placement](http://wiki.scouts.ca/en/Uniform%20Insignia%20Placement)) and make sure they are sewed on the right place.

In certain outdoor activities, group purple t-shirt is required instead of uniform. Please follow the instruction on the permission form for details of the individual activity.

Belt, beret, beret pin, dark blue socks and group purple t-shirt can be purchased from our group. Contact email as shown in the email contact section of this document.

3. Badges

Badge testing time is from 1:30 pm to 2:15 pm every Saturday at church. Signup is on a first-come-first-serve basis. All Leaders are qualified to badge test. Please make sure all necessary materials and documents relating to the badge requirements are available for the Leaders to

review during testing. For Outdoor Adventure Skills badge test, make sure the badge requirement sheets are available for the Leaders/badge examiner. The requirements are downloadable from the Scout Canada website (<http://www.scouts.ca/program/canadianpath/outdoor-adventure-skills/>).

Earned badges will be presented at the end of the meeting or the following meeting.

The ultimate goal for Cubs is to earn the Seeonee Award and Scouts is to earn the Chief Scout's Award. All members are encouraged to start as early as possible and also participate in all the events because our program is structured to help all the members to earn the Awards.

4. Group Program

Our group program is based on the Scouts Canada's Canadian Path program and it is the responsibility of each member to understand and familiar with the progressive scheme of the program. It is published on the 'Calendar' page of our group website. The program will be updated throughout the year with the latest activity changes.

For more information about the Canadian Path, follow this website <http://www.scouts.ca/program/canadianpath/>. It would also necessary for each member to know about the history of Scouting, the Cub Law and Promise, the Cub Motto, the Scout Law and Promise as well as the Scout Motto. Additional reference materials can be found in the Cub section (<http://www.scout33.org/section-cubs/>) and Scout section (<http://www.scout33.org/section-scouts/>) of our group website.

5. Binder

All members are required to bring to the meeting each week a three ring 1-inch binder to keep all notices, handouts and notes that they take during training or instruction sessions. This binder will form part of the uniform inspection items, along with the scout staff (Scouts). All passed and signed badge requirement sheets should be kept in this binder. This is a permanent record to track a member's progress for the Seeonee Award or the Chief Scout Award therefore this binder must contain all of the information, including Outdoor Adventure Skills signed sheets, community services hour confirmation letters, and community project proposal. In addition, all hike logs and camp logs should also be kept in this binder for Scout.

6. Scout Staff

To practice pioneering skills, all Scouts are to bring a 5'6" staff to our weekly meetings and standing (drive-in) camps. The cost of the staff is about \$15 plus taxes and can be purchased from Home Depot. The Leaders can show you a sample if needed.

7. Regular Meeting Materials

A 1-inch binder, pen, pencil, notebook, two pieces of rope (6 and 10 feet for Cub, 10 and 20 feet for Scout), compass, filled water bottle, snack, and scout staff (for Scout only). As mentioned earlier, these items will form part of the uniform inspection routine therefore please ensure that these materials are present in each meeting.

8. Cellular Phones, iPad and other Electronics Devices

Electronic devices (cell phone, iPad, etc...) are not permitted to use during regular meetings at church. Except for Scout section during overnight camps or outdoor activities where members

are allowed to use the electronic device to take photograph for camp log or hike log report purposes. Inappropriate use of an electronic device will result in confiscation and returned later after the camp or activity.

9. Permission Form

A number of outdoor activities are scheduled each year, including hikes, and camping with details stated on the permission form for each activity. It is the member's responsibility to download the permission forms from the group website, obtain permission from their parents or guardians where necessary, and hand it back in before the deadlines regardless of whether attending or not. Cubs will hand in forms to Pack Treasurer. Scouts will hand in forms to their Patrol Leaders or Assistant Patrol Leaders.

Activity fee will be stated on the permission form. There is no refund on the fee as the group has to pay a deposit or in full for the facility or equipments in advance for most activities.

10. Attendance

To take advantage of the scout program and learn different skills, all scouts are expected to have a minimum of 85% attendance over the course of the year. Where a scout did not achieve this attendance standard, he or she may not be invited back next year to allow space for those on the waiting list to join. Your continuation with the Group will be reviewed by the Leaders if you are absent for an extended number of times without any valid reasons.

11. Fundraisers

This Group is run entirely by volunteers and the activities and camps are entirely self-supported. In order to cover the cost of the activities and camps and to keep them affordable, the Group has many fundraising events planned. We would like to suggest that all parents and members participate in the fundraisers, either as donors or as organizers so that each member and their parents or friends can contribute to the successes of each fund raising event.

12. Parent Resources

The Group needs your help in a number of ways, from badge testing, managing car pools or transportation to and from camp (or even staying at camp together with us). If you have any special hobbies, skills (such as fishing, woodworking, etc.) or an interesting facility or business where group tours are allowed, please let us know so that we can consider to help expand the horizons or knowledge of our members. Any assistance, no matter how small it is always needed and appreciated. As an example, the Beavers had an opportunity to visit the Vancouver General Hospital MRI screening room arranged by a parent doctor two years ago, a fish processing plant a few years back, also arranged by the owner parent also a leader, etc.

13. Group Website

Check our website for any program changes or announcement at www.scout33.org

14. Group Facebook

Check our Facebook page for latest activity photos and give us a like at <https://www.facebook.com/33ScoutGroup/>

15. Email Contact

General group email: info@scout33.org

Pack Leaders email: pack@scout33.org
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Scout Troop Rules and Regulations

1. Troop Organization

Our Troop is currently run by eight Leaders (7 adults and 1 junior scouters) and the Junior Leader Corp (JLC) made up of Scouts appointed to hold the position of Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, and the Scribe. They meet annually to plan the yearly program, and monthly to make detailed plans for the following month's meetings.

The scouts are divided into patrols of 6-8 members. Each patrol is appointed a Patrol Leader (PL) and an Assistant Patrol Leader (APL) to run the patrol. The PL appoints other positions as he/she sees fit to help run the patrol.

2. Troop Rules

Our Troop operates by the Scout Law and Promise. The scout must at all times be Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent.

Specific rules adopted by the troop are:

- There will be no profanity at any troop meetings or activities.
- We do not throw things at one another: rocks, pine cones, snowballs, water, anything.
- Decisions in the troop and patrol are made by majority vote.
- We discourage roughhousing between scouts. Roughhousing between a large scout and a small one, or more than one against one is not allowed.
- There will be no hazing of new members.
- There will be no use of tobacco, alcohol or illegal drugs on any scout activity. Parents who smoke must do so in designated areas, and not in the presence of scouts.
- Each week by Thursday, scout is to contact the Patrol Leader or Assistant Patrol Leader for specific instruction for the upcoming meeting.
- Members are expected to show respect for Leaders by saluting.

Rule violations will be handled by JLC. In extreme cases, or when the JLC is not able to resolve the issue, Troop Leaders will become involved.

3. Troop Operation

1. PL and APL are to receive weekly program and special instruction by e-mail on Tuesday. They **must** respond to the e-mail sender.
2. Members are to call their PL/APL on Thursday between 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm for meeting details. If members don't call on Thursday then the PL/APL of that patrol is responsible for calling the members. PL's/APL's will give out punishments to the members who did not call at the week's meeting.
3. All members must contact their PL/APL if they are unable to attend meetings. PL/APL must know the reason for their members' absents.

4. Each patrol will have a contact scouter.
5. Patrol Corners will be held from 2:00 pm - 2:15 pm at every meeting and PL/APL need to make sure that it is being done every week. PL/APL will need to make a check list of activities to do at each patrol corner.
6. All members of the troop should arrive at the church no later than 1:45 pm to get organized before meeting starts.
7. All members of the troop must salute to Leaders.
8. All members must have proper uniform at every meeting:
 - a. Hair: must be clean and presentable. Scouts with long hair must tie it back.
 - b. Shirt: all badges and crests are to be applied according to Scout Canada guidelines.
 - c. Neckerchief : required for each meeting.
 - d. Beret: required for each meeting.
 - e. Sweater: Blue or black are acceptable. No logo is to be visible.
 - f. Jacket: Scout uniform jacket is preferred. Other jackets must be approved by the group commissioner.
 - g. Pants: Blue cargo pants are required. Pants must be proper length (socks should not be visible).
 - h. Belt: Scouts issue only.
 - i. Socks: Black or dark blue only.
 - j. Shoes: Black polishable shoes are mandatory.
 - k. Jewelry: Not permitted, unless approved by the Group Commissioner.
9. All members must bring the regular meeting materials to every meeting including a binder. The binder can be used to store handouts and other useful information as well as to write notes.
10. All members of the troop are to have a scout staff (5' 6") and two ropes (10 and 20 feet long).
11. JLC will meet weekly according to the schedule in Group Program.
- 12. *The Scout Law and Promise are paramount in this Troop and will be observed at all times. Each member will help each other to abide by the Scout Law and Promise.***

4. Troop Equipment

The troop equipments are provided by the Group with funding generated from the fund raising events: tents, first-aid kit, cook kits, stoves, and lanterns.

Each scout should have his/her own personal equipment that is not supplied by the Troop (as listed below).

Outdoor Activity:

For outdoor activity, the scout needs the outdoor essentials. These are:

- Water bottle – a wide mouth 1 litre Nalgene bottle is recommended
- Pocket knife
- Personal first aid kit containing
 - Band-Aids
 - moleskin
 - adhesive tape

- gauze pads
- Tylenol
- change for phone
- Extra clothing
- Rain Gear – Jacket and Pants
- Flashlight
- Trail Food
- Matches and Fire Starters
- Sunscreen
- Compass and map
- Whistle - Plastic
- Emergency blanket

We recommend a day pack to carry these items.

Camping:

For camps, the scout needs:

- Sleeping bag (good to -10°C, -20°C for winter camp).
- Sleeping pad – self inflated ones are good as they are light weight and transports well.
- Extra clothes.
- Eating Utensils – bowl, mug, fork and spoon – buy light weight plastic ones. Check with Leaders for samples that are durable and appropriate for the activities.
- Toilet kit – toothbrush, tooth paste, face towel, soap, toilet paper.
- Compression Sack – optional to make more room in the backpack.

These need to be carried in a backpack – 60 litre pack is good size; anything bigger than this is too heavy. **A backpack that fits the youth is very important.**

Backpacking:

On a backpacking trip, a good, well-fitting backpack is essential. The scout should be able to carry his or her personal gear, as well as the share of the patrol equipment. A good sleeping bag is important, too.

Cold-weather Camping:

The troop camps year-round. For cold-weather camping, additional equipment is necessary. The list here is the best for the job, but cheaper substitutes are available.

With proper equipment, cold-weather camping does not mean being cold. The sleeping bag should be rated for about -20°C. A liner or cover for the regular bag can work.

Warm footgear is essential. Good insulated boots (Sorels or equivalent) are best. Buy boots that are ½ size bigger than normal. Socks should have no cotton content. Wool or synthetic pile is the socks of choice. Polypropylene or silk sock liners help a lot. Bring plenty of extra socks.

Clothing should consist of three layers. None of the layers should be cotton if possible. The inner layer should wick moisture away from the skin (polypropylene underwear works well). The second layer should trap an air layer (pile and fleece work well). The outer layer should stop the wind (Nylon is good).

A good hat and gloves finish the outfit. Wind-resistance is a good feature. Bring extra hats and gloves, these tend to get wet and/or lost.



Cub Pack Rules and Regulations

1. Pack Organization

Our Pack is currently run by nine Leaders (7 adults and 2 junior scouters) and the Sixer Council made up of experienced Cubs appointed to hold the position of Sixer and Second. They meet regularly to share ideas and make decisions for the program.

The Cubs are divided into sixes of 5-7 members. Each six is appointed a Sixer and a Second (Sixer's assistant) to help the Pack run smoothly.

2. Pack Rules

Our Pack operates by the Cub Law and Promise. Specific rules adopted by the Pack are:

- There will be no profanity at any Pack meetings or activities.
- We do not throw things at one another: rocks, pine cones, snowballs, water, anything.
- Decisions in the Pack and Sixes are made by majority vote.
- We discourage roughhousing between cubs. Roughhousing between a large cub and a small one, or more than one against one is not allowed.
- There will be no hazing of new members.
- There will be no use of tobacco, alcohol or illegal drugs on any cub activity. Parents who smoke must do so in designated areas, and not in the presence of cubs.
- Each week by Thursday, cub is to contact the Sixer or Second for specific instruction for the upcoming meeting.
- Members are expected to show respect for Leaders by saluting.

Rule violations will be handled by Sixer Council and Pack Leaders will be involved.

3. Pack Operation

1. Sixer and Second are to obtain meeting instruction (called 'weekly message') by contacting his/her home scouter on Wednesday.
2. Members are to call their Sixer/Second on Thursday between 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm for weekly message. If members don't call on Thursday then the Sixer/Second of that Six is responsible for calling the members. Sixer/Second will give out punishments to the members who did not call at the week's meeting.
3. All members must contact their Sixer/Second if they are unable to attend meetings. Sixer/Second must know the reason for their members' absents.
4. Sixer Corners will be held from 2:00 pm - 2:15 pm at every meeting for uniform check.
5. All members of the Pack must salute to Leaders.
6. All members must have proper uniform at every meeting:

- a. Hair: must be clean and presentable. Cubs with long hair must tie it back.
 - b. Shirt: all badges and crests are to be applied according to Scout Canada guidelines.
 - c. Neckerchief : required for each meeting.
 - d. Beret: required for each meeting.
 - e. Sweater: Blue or black are acceptable. No logo is to be visible.
 - f. Jacket: Scout uniform jacket is preferred. Other jackets must be approved by the group commissioner.
 - g. Pants: Blue cargo pants are required. Pants must be proper length (socks should not be visible).
 - h. Belt: Scouts issue only.
 - i. Socks: Black or dark blue only.
 - j. Shoes: Black polishable shoes are mandatory.
 - k. Jewelry: Not permitted, unless approved by the Group Commissioner.
7. All members must bring the regular meeting materials to every meeting including a binder. The binder can be used to store handouts and other useful information as well as to write notes.
 8. All members of the Pack are to have two ropes (6 and 10 feet long).
 9. Sixer Council will meet twice a month at the church at 1:15 pm.
 - 10. *The Cub Law and Promise are paramount in this Pack and will be observed at all times. Each member will help each other to abide by the Cub Law and Promise.***