

NATIONAL PROGRAMMES – CUB SECTION Term Three 2008 OVERVIEW Orakei Edition THEME: WHO WE ARE



HOW TO GET THE BEST OUT OF THESE PROGRAMMES

General

- These programmes have been prepared for you by the National Programmes Task Force and localised by the Orakei leaders, and are designed to make your role as leaders and involved parents easier.
- For the theme "Who We Are", we have concentrated on New Zealand places and their attractions, but it can also include, Personal Challenges for the Cubs.
- A number (e.g. ①) indicates that there are further details on the resource page following each week's programme outline. Activities taken directly from *The Cub Scout Activity Book* are also included, but it is recommended that all leaders have access to this handbook, which is basic to the Cub Award Scheme. The book itself is out of print, but a scanned version is available from Scouting Direct.

Preparation

- Read the programmes through now and look ahead to Term 3. The major events and visits will require forward planning. Make bookings, and seek out expert visitors, well ahead of when you need them.
- Fill out the Activity Intention Forms and Risk Management (RAMS) sheets that you need at least two weeks before the activity, and discuss them with your Group Leader. These forms are included with the paper and CD copies of this set of programmes, and are available on the Scouting New Zealand website http://scouts.org.nz (go to Resources/Scouting Forms), from the masters in Module 4 "Being Safe" or from your Group Leader.

Management

- We have left a column at the right for the name of the leader responsible for preparing and running each activity. Allocating activities means that the load is shared and the programme will run more smoothly with less downtime between activities.
- Do as much as possible of the programme outdoors. Encourage Cubs to bring a jacket each week, and a torch if necessary.
- Coming-In Activities are designed to be done as Cubs arrive, before the start time. Do not allow these activities to run on, into the meeting time where possible.
- Where the programme lists "Base activities", these are intended to run simultaneously, with small groups rotating around them. Smaller packs, however, may elect to do them one after the other. Do what works best in your situation.
- If you have new recruits, withdraw them from around 10 minutes of the programme each night for 3 weeks and go over the requirements of the Cub Badge with them. On the fourth night they should be invested during the Opening Ceremony.

Looking Ahead

- We have included a passport template in Week 1, for the Cubs. Encourage them to use them each week and have them stamped as they reach each destination.
- Week 1 (22/7): Auckland, we have used the Sky Tower as the highlight of the visit and to encourage the Cubs to use their imagination and creativity by building their own tower.
- Week 2 (29/7): Rotorua, this gives the Cubs more insight to the Maori Culture.
- Week 3 (5/8): Hamilton, which is predominantly farming orientated, gives the Cubs an insight to the farming culture or even getting the culture to come to them. E.g. Vet Visit, Butter making.
- Week 4 (12/8): Nelson, is renowned for "Hops", hence the making of Ginger Beer and the "Hopping Activities".
- Week 5 (19/8): EXTERNAL Visit to Maritime Rescue Centre
- Week 6 (26/8): Queenstown is known for the "Xtreme", therefore we have included Civil Defence activities, Compass Work and a little Grass Skiing for FUN.
- Week 7 (2/9): Wellington is best known for its Parliament Building or more commonly the "Beehive" and its mountain surroundings. We're building a cable car as our major project.
- Week 8 (9/9): Bluff, the place of the oyster and fish, here we are introducing simple map reading, orienteering and NZ History.
- Week 9 (16/9): Waitomo Caves, this is the place where we are concentrating on the Outdoor Code, a glowworm experiment & Shelters. You may wish to buy some Glow in the Dark stickers for your shelter to depict glowworms.
- Week 10 (23/9): West Coast, which has the beautiful Pancake Rocks, here we are cooking on Hobo Stoves & making large Sandflies.

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