



National Cub Scout Challenge 2018



Information Pack 2



Dear Cub and Scouter,

This information pack on National Cub Scout Challenge 2018 provides information on the event and provides a guide to Sixes for what to expect from the camp.

Note: Bookings and payments for the National Cub Scout Challenge **close on the 19th of May 2018**

National Activity Forms must be submitted by 12th of May 2018. These may be emailed to national office gkeogh@scouts.ie

This information pack is intended to be as accurate as possible; however, some details may change before or during the event in response to circumstances. Every effort will be made to inform you of any necessary changes.

I look forward to seeing you on The National Cub Scout Challenge 2018. So begin your preparations by checking out your county's pre-qualifying event and preparing for it.

Yours in Scouting,

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1. Event Details

Location and Date

The National Cub Scout Challenge 2018 will be held in the Kilcully Scout Campsite, Cork on the 16th and 17th of June.

Challenge Theme

The Caribbean will be the central theme of the Challenge.



Participant Details / Requirements

Each team will be made up of a maximum of 6 Cubs from a mix of ages, not just older Cub Scouts. **Teams in excess of 6 members will not be accommodated.**

Participants must be Cub Scouts and **must be aged no older than 11 years and 364 days on or before the 31st August 2018**

Note: Sixes will be disqualified for having over-age members

Spaces on The National Cub Scout Challenge are allocated based on the number of registered Cub Scout Programme Sections attending a County Competition and not Sixes.

Note: Qualifying places in The National Cub Scout Challenge must be allocated to Cub Scout Programme Sections as opposed to individual Sixes

Sixes Application Fee

Entry fee for the event is €100.00 (£90.00). This fee covers competition and camping for the team of Six Cub Scouts. Accompanying Scouters cost €5 (£4.50) each (maximum of 3 Scouters per team).



The National Cub Scout Challenge Award Structure

The Sixes will have a choice of entering into either of two categories for the competition element of the event:

- unassisted for full marks
- assisted for reduced marks

Note: **Sixes who enter the Scouters Assist competition can only gain a Silver or Bronze award.** Scouters Assist competition permits verbal instruction by members of the Event Team. Scoring will be adjusted accordingly to reflect the extent of assistance a Six receives.

Sixes who enter the Unassisted competition can gain Gold, Silver or Bronze award. Sixes who are entered in the Unassisted competition cannot have any assistance either verbally or otherwise from the Event Team

Overall Breakdown of Marks

The following table outlines the overall breakdown of the marks:

Marks	Category
25	Site Boundary
50	Sixes Identity
150	Pioneering / Gadgets
75	Site Layout / Fire Point
100	First Aid / Emergencies
50	Packed Rucksack
150	Tent Pitching
125	Cooking and Eating
75	Map and Compass
50	Leave No Trace
150	Teamwork
Not Scored	Campfire




Adventure Skill Levels

The judging of Adventure Skills will be based on competency Stages 1, 2 and 3.



Award Standards

Sixes will be awarded either Gold, Silver or Bronze badges, and team certificates. The following are the three levels of award standard:

National Cub Challenge Award Standards	Description
	<p>GOLD STANDARD AWARD This shall be awarded to Teams who obtain between 80% and 100 % inclusive of the overall marks. Each Team member will be awarded a Gold Standard National Cub Scout Challenge Badge to wear on her or his uniform.</p>
	<p>SILVER STANDARD AWARD This shall be awarded to Teams who obtain between 65% and 79% of the overall marks. Each Team member will be awarded a Silver Standard National Cub Scout Challenge Badge to wear on her or his uniform.</p>
	<p>BRONZE STANDARD AWARD This shall be awarded to Teams who obtain between 30% and 64% of the overall marks. Each Team member will be awarded a Bronze Standard National Cub Scout Challenge Badge to wear on her or his uniform.</p>

National Cub Scout Challenge Timetable

Saturday – 16th June, 2018

Time	Description
10.30 – 12.45	Check in and site allocation. Moving gear to allocated site
12.45 – 13.00	General instructions
13.00 – 19.00	National Cub Scout Challenge Competition
19.00 – 20.30	Event Team Dinner Time.
20.30 - 21.30	Team Games / Free Time
21.00	Scouters move onto campsite (optional)
21.30 – 22.30	Campfire
23.30	Lights Out

Sunday – 17th June, 2018

Time	Description
8.30 – 9.30	Rise and Shine
9.30 – 10.00	Scouts Own
10.00 – 12.30	Break Sites / Leave No Trace
13.00 (approx.)	Results and Presentation



2. General Campcraft

General Information

- The size of the site will be **10m x 10m** for **all** Sixes. Sites will be marked out in advance, and Sixes should not alter their allocated site. **Note** that every best effort will be made to ensure that all Sixes are given a square site; however some sites may vary slightly from this to take account of the space available in camping field allocated to The National Cub Scout Challenge.
- Prior to the opening of the National Cub Scout Challenge, Sixes should have all of the equipment laid out on the front right of the site and there should be no marking of gadget or tent locations.
- The layout of each site is up to each participating team. Marks will go for the use of space and the design of the site. Each team should have a site layout plan.
- 'No pre-fabricated gadgets are allowed. This refers specifically to the tying of lashings in advance of the competition. Any such lashings found on check-in will be dismantled and there will be a penalty.
- Sixes **are** allowed to have the different gadgets bundled together, colour coded for identification, etc., upon arrival if they so wish.
- Tents may be of any type.
- Please note that no equipment or timber poles/spars will be supplied to participating Sixes. Each Six must supply all of their own equipment for the event.



3. Scoring Criteria

Packed Rucksack

The following criteria will be judged:

- Make sure that the rucksack belongs to a Cub and not a Scouter
- Know what personal equipment to bring on an overnight camp
- Is there an order to the packing
- Is clothing placed in plastic bags
- Is there a plastic liner

First Aid / Emergencies

The following criteria will be judged:

- Each Six should:
 - Should know where the First Aid Kit is stored? Is it clearly visible? (*Ensure all items in the First Aid kit are in date*).
 - Have personal First Aid kits and be familiar with the contents.
 - Be competent to treat minor cuts and burns and know how to put someone in the recovery position
 - Know how to contact the emergency services and what they should do when they contact them
 - Know how to recognize any medical condition relevant to their Six (some Sixes have members with a nut allergy – epi pen for some Cubs)
 - Demonstrate what they would do if they came across an accident

Map & Compass

The following criteria will be judged:

- Each Six should:
 - Know how to read a simple map
 - Know the basic map signs and features
 - Know how to work out a basic (4 digit) grid reference and be able to demonstrate same
 - Be able to demonstrate how to use a compass to find a simple direction



Site Boundary

The following criteria will be judged:

- All of the site needs to be within the boundary of the site to keep the walkways free.
- Poles are straight
- Sisal does not sag or touch the ground

Site Layout / Fire Point

The following criteria will be judged:

- Each Six should have a site layout plan, If they don't have one, explain the reasons for their site layout (*"Camping with the Stars" for Cub Scouts has details on site layout*)
- Each Six should know about fire safety on a Campsite
- Check for sand bucket/fire blanket

Group Identity

The theme for the National Cub Scout Challenge 2018 is the Caribbean. We hope all Sixes get into the spirit of the event, and try to include the theme in their own way. It's a good idea to do some research into Caribbean life to obtain some ideas to be used in your Sixes signs, costumes, etc.

Marks will be awarded to each Six for their incorporation of the theme into their site.

Tent Pitching

The following criteria will be judged:

- Guy lines are taut
- Pegs are in place
- Interior is tidy

Cooking and Eating

The following criteria will be judged:

- Know what food to bring on an overnight camp and how to store it
- Was an attempt made with the menu to reflect the theme of the Camp
- Have the Six been cleaning up as they go



Pioneering

The following criteria will be judged:

- Each six must build two simple pioneering structures for example rubbish bag stand, hand basin wash stand, gateway, etc. (*suggested structures could be found in the Camping With the Stars programme resource*)
- Check lashings
- Check stability

Teamwork

The following criteria will be judged:

- Are the team working well together
- Are they having fun

Leave No Trace

The following criteria will be judged:

- Each Six should be familiar with “Leave No Trace”.
- Each individual campsite will be inspected after all gear and equipment has been removed.

Campfire

The campfire element is not being judged. Everyone will participate in a joint campfire. Below is a link to a campfire songbook:

<https://my.scouts.ie/uploads/files/One%20Programme/Campfire%20Songbook.pdf>