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What better month to launch our **Cubs100 National Challenge** than in the birth month of our Founder, Lord Robert Baden-Powell.

### Way back then:

Only boys over the age of eleven were allowed to become Scouts. Their younger brothers were not too happy about this as they too wanted to join in all the fun! During these first years many Troops had either allowed younger boys to join or had set up unofficial junior or cadet Troops.



Detroit Cub Scouts circa 1942

These junior Troops taught very basic Scouting skills; basic knotting techniques, basic first aid and tracking.

Baden-Powell (B-P) wanted something quite different from a watered down Boy Scout programme and recognised that too close an association between the junior programme and the Boy Scouts would detract from both. He wanted a junior scheme with a distinct name, uniform, own identity and programme.

In 1914 B-P started an experimental programme for younger boys. In 1916, he published his own outlines for this scheme, it was called Wolf Cubbing. So a young boy not old enough to be a wolf or Scout could be a baby wolf or Wolf Cub.

B-P was good friends with Rudyard Kipling. He asked his friend for the use of his *Jungle Book* history and universe as a motivational frame in Cub Scouting. He then wrote a new book, *The Wolf Cub's Handbook*, for junior members.

In 1916 a Wolf Cub wore either a blue or green knitted jersey, a scarf, shorts, long socks and a green cap with yellow piping. Stars were worn on the cap and Sixer and Second stripes were worn on the arm.



First Cub Scouts in uniform from Stone Mountain

The very first public gathering of Wolf Cubs included a Grand Howl and took place on 16 December 1916.

## **Cubs100 National Challenge “Onwards and Upwards!”**

To get the most out of our **Cubs100 centenary celebrations**, the year has been broken down **into four themes**:

### **Term 1: It’s all about the CUBS**

Cubbing is a programme of fun and activity.

- Find 100 items hidden around the den.
- Attend a Regional/District or Pack birthday event.
- Make contact with a Cub Pack 100 kms away.
- Meet someone who is 100 years old.
- If I had a R100 what would I buy?
- As a Six, write a 100 word article for your Pack log book and share it with info@scouts.org.za.
- Tell 100 people what Cubs is all about.
- Collect 100 leaves (or natural items) and use them to make a Jungle collage.



Cub Scouts from Indonesia

### **Term 2: It’s all about the SKILL**

Cubs learn many useful things in the Pack. How about testing your Cubs dexterity with some of these challenges.

- Build a 100 piece puzzle.
- Build the tallest structure using 100 toothpicks and 100 marshmallows.
- Pop 100 kernels of popcorn.
- Build a 100 cup structure.
- Collect 100 cold drink caps and use them to create chess/draughts boards.
- Build a tower using 100 playing cards.
- How many times can you touch your toes in 100 seconds?
- How many times can you hop on one foot in 100 seconds?

### **Term 3: It’s all about the DEED**

Cubbing provides an opportunity for our Cubs to “reach out” into the wider community. As a Pack, try and complete 100 acts of kindness during this term.

- Collect 100 tins of food for either an animal welfare organisation or a feeding scheme.
- Spend a 100 minutes reading to someone.
- Collect 100 books for a library.
- Collect 100 bottles of water.
- Spend 100 minutes either at home or in the community doing good turns.
- Plant 100 trees or flowers in the community.
- Spend 100 minutes picking up litter or pick up 100 pieces of litter.
- Knit 100 squares and turn them into blankets.
- Collect 100 10c coins and donate them to a worthy cause.

#### **Term 4: It's all about the FUN**

Cubbing is Fun! During this term make full use of the need for fun and adventure.

- Create a "master piece" using 100 different items.
- How many times can you write your name in 100 seconds?
- Toast 100 marshmallows – don't eat them all – sharing is caring!
- Collect 100 handprints/footprints/thumbprints.
- On an outing with your Pack and identify 100 interesting things.
- Make a pizza with 100 toppings.
- Bake/decorate 100 cup cakes.
- Create a 100-eyed monster.
- Collect 100 buttons (or similar) and use them to create a poster on the centenary of Cubbing.

These are just some ideas. I am sure you can come up with 100's more! **Share your Cubs100 ideas with 100 other Pack Scouters and [info@scouts.org.za](mailto:info@scouts.org.za).**

#### **Early Childhood Development (ECD) Project:**

Part of last year's national challenge was to make contact with an ECD centre in your community to find out how, during our centenary year, we can best meet some of their needs. It was very humbling to see just what our Cubs achieved last year. I can't wait to see what they are going to do during our special year. I am sure we are going to surpass the challenge of assisting 100 ECD centres!

Remember, there is funding available. All you have to do is apply for a project grant. For more information check out our Cubs100 webpage!

#### **Programmes-on-a-Plate (PoP):**

Run the first terms PoP programmes and see if your Cubs can decipher the code!

#### **Birthday activities:**

We would like to put together an album celebrating Cubs100. To make this possible, we are looking for photographs from the past as well as loads of photographs/stories from all the birthday activities I know are going to take place during this year. Can you please send them to us – including a confirmation that you have parental permission for us to use them in our book, marketing and online.

Happy Birthday to you all!

Yours in Cubbing

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