



hen you become 10 years old, it's time to start thinking about going up to Scouts. Scouts are like Cubs in some ways: they like fun and adventure, too!

As a Scout, you'll join a group like your six, called a patrol and learn to look after yourself. With the other members of your patrol, you'll learn how to camp in comfort and how to cook on a camp stove. You'll also learn how to carry everything you need in just one pack, how to deal with emergencies, and many other things. As well, you'll learn about personal fitness, safety, community service, and your role in Canadian society.

Scouts is a chance to work with a patrol to make more decisions on your own, and do projects that really interest you. Your Troop leader will help guide you and teach you the skills needed to take on bigger adventures than you've tried in Cubs.

Maybe you'll want to hike down a backwoods trail, try winter camping and sleep in the snow, or go on a canoe trip. You may get a chance to attend a jamboree, where you'll meet Scouts from other parts of Canada and sometimes other countries, too. There's a lot of action in Scouts, and you'll want to get in on it.

You may be a bit nervous about going up to Scouts, and you will want to find out as much about Scouts as you can before you join the troop. Ask Akela to invite the troop Scouter to a Cub meeting some evening to talk to you and the other older Cubs. Maybe the troop Scouter will invite you to visit the troop so that you can meet the Scouts and try some of the things they do.

Because it's always easier when a group of friends join Scouts together, talk to the other older Cubs about joining with you. Even if you join Scouts by yourself, you'll make new friends quickly.



When I was still a Cub, I visited

_____ (name)

Troop on _____

_____ (date)

We did _____

This is what I liked best:

This is what I learned:

These are the new friends I met:

Leaders' names _____

Scouts' names _____



I went up to Scouts on

(date)

When you reach the end of your Cubbing days, look back and remember the fun you had and the things you learned. How about that favourite game that you wanted to play over and over again, or the time you got caught in the rain? What was your best outdoors experience? Of course, there may also have been times that weren't so much fun, but maybe you learned some things from them, too.

You know a whole lot more than you did when you joined Cubs and you learned a lot of those things in the pack. When you leave the pack to go up to Scouts or to do something else, you are going on to learn a lot more. You go with the best wishes of Akela and all your leaders.

Good luck and good hunting!