



Am I Ready... To go to Cub Scouts



Use this resource to support Joey Scouts, their adult and youth leaders, and their parents to identify when an individual is ready to transition to the Rover Scout section.

This is a guide for working with your Joey Scouts. It helps you to explore the Educational Objectives of the developmental age group, when considering their transition to the next age section.

The items in the checklists are based on the SPICES I... Statements as well as other indicators that individuals can use to determine their readiness. This list will provide guidance as to when a young person is ready to change, and each dot point should involve a conversation with the young person.

However, this checklist should not be the only thing used to inform the decision. The Joey Scout themselves, and their immediate circle of friends, family, and fellow Scouts know them the best.

Instructions (for adults to support youth):

- » Identify Joey Scouts who are nearing the upper age of the section (about 7 ¾ years onwards).
- » Support your Joey Scouts to be involved in the Cub Scout Unit by inviting them to run an activity at Joey Scouts or participate in a Cub Scout program.
- » Take some time over the following weeks to discuss going to Cub Scouts, using the points below as discussion prompts.

You do not need to be able to tick every box to transition your Joey Scout to Cub Scouts. This is a guide to help you think about what their strengths are, and what they might be working on.

- I can make new friends and am kind and caring
- I know what being fair means
- I can share with others
- I can join in new activities
- I can change to other activities if plans change
- I know what I want to do and can come up with suggestions of things to do
- I am willing to give everything a go
- I try to do my best
- I can finish a job
- I can identify what adventurous, fun, challenging and inclusive is for me, and have discussed whether this is better met by the Joey Scout or Cub Scout sections
- I join in the discussion of the Unit Council

- I know why it is important to stay safe
- I try to care for my body and look after myself
- I am starting to know my feelings
- I am getting to know different feelings and sometimes see them in others
- I can work with others in my group
- I appreciate the world around me
- I know the Promise and Law and what it means for me
- I know my community has a lot of different people in it
- I know who is important in my life
- I am excited about going to Cub Scouts
- I am ready to go to Cub Scouts

You should also refer to the program handbook for further notes about transition between sections. Always use Plan>Do>Review> to ensure the best possible experience for your Scouts.