

25th TASMANIAN CUBOREE
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Hello everyone and thank you for that wonderful “Grand Howl” welcome!

It’s great to be here this morning at the Opening Parade of the 2019 Tasmanian Cuboree. This is an especially important year because the Cuboree turns twenty-five! This is called a Silver Anniversary, which tells you it’s really precious.

I also think you have a wonderful name for your camp this year: “Cubs Rock!” I bet you do – all 350 of you!

And it’s good to see that for the first time there are Guides attending. Also the younger Joeys. And of course the Scouts, Venturers and Rovers from all across our large fabulous island; and parent helpers. Welcome all.

I have looked at your program over the three days of the Camp and am so impressed with all of the activities – grouped into the five minerals: sapphire, topaz, ruby, emerald, amethyst – all of which as you will know are found in Tasmania.

In fact I counted well over 30 activities and that’s not including the trips to the University Geology Department. I used to work at the University at its Sandy Bay campus and I can tell you, your visits there are going to be a highlight not just of this camp but of your year. There will be so much to enjoy learning and remembering – and don’t forget to ask lots of questions!

And of course it’s just as important that the Cuboree camps develop a relationship between the Cub Scouts of a Pack and a Patrol Leader from the Scout Troop that the Cub Scouts will one day go up to.

This also provides Patrol Leaders with an opportunity to guide Cub Scouts into Scouts.

And I very much support the idea that the activities – as much as they fun – also develop the areas of personal growth, which are part of the Scouting Method. These areas of growth are social, physical, intellectual, emotional, spiritual, and your overall character.

So what this all means is that in three days you have the potential to learn and develop a great deal. I urge each of you to make the most of “Cubs Rock”. As the Chief Scout in Tasmania, let me leave you with a few tips:

Enjoy each others’ company.

Help each other whenever that might be necessary.

Be nice and polite to the grown ups!

Offer to help tidying up, arranging things, moving things – because you’re all young and full of energy.

Make sure you collect the unique Cuboree Badge Set.

And lastly, have heaps of fun!

Thank you.