



BE PREPARED

for the future

In the first of a series of three Climate Challenges, **Julie Robinson** encourages Cub Scouts to learn about saving energy



While climate change may seem like a large and distant issue it is important to recognise that there are many simple things we can all do to make a difference. Building an 'energy saving' theme into the programme is a great opportunity for Cub Scouts to learn about their role in tackling climate change and the huge impact their collective action



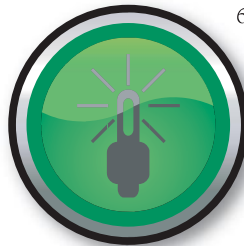
can have!
The Scout Association has joined up with the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) to

launch the 'Be prepared for the future' campaign. As part of this campaign there are now many energy-themed activities available on Programmes Online (www.scouts.org.uk/pol), but here are a few ideas to get you started:

True or false?

For a quick game of true or false, introduce your Cub Scouts to some startling Energy facts:

- A computer monitor left on for one hour wastes enough energy to print 61 pages!
- If every household just installed one energy-saving light bulb, we could save enough energy to light two million homes for a year!



CLIMATE CHALLENGE

Think about energy use

Cub Scouts can make an energy diary listing places they have used energy during a daily routine, such as their school, home and Pack meeting. Then they can identify places where they think energy has been wasted!

Collective action

Appoint an 'Energy Monitor' at each meeting. These Cubs can identify when and where energy could be saved. Record positive actions in a log and chart your Pack's progress. Earn carbon credits which can then be 'spent' on a trip to a local wind farm.

Energy monitor checklist

Get your Pack to design an energy monitor checklist for your Meeting Place (see box).

TOMORROW'S CLIMATE Today's Challenge

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1ST WOOLPACK ENERGY MONITOR CHECKLIST

- 1 Switch off the lights when leaving a room
- 2 Turn off electrical equipment at the wall
- 3 Check that the windows aren't open when the heating is on
- 4 Make sure Leaders only boil the water they need in the kettle

MORE INFO:

See page 78 of *Scouting* magazine.

Visit www.scouts.org.uk/climatechange to find out the facts and fiction of climate change.

The following websites also have useful facts and resources on energy saving:

www.energysavingtrust.org.uk

www.everyactioncounts.org.uk

www.nef.org.uk/energyadvice/savingenergy.htm



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