



Baidon  
Methodist  
Church

Beaver Scout Colony

Welcome Pack

**BEAVERS** 

## Welcome to Baildon Methodist Church's Beaver Scout Colony

Your child has been offered a place in the Beaver Colony. If you've not already completed a data-capture form, then please follow this [LINK](#).

### What is "Scouts" for?

You go to karate or to guitar club to get better at karate or guitar! Scouts is different – you go to Scouts to be a better person! The whole idea of Scouts is to make you a 'whole' person – a bit braver, more able to get on with people, more aware of issues affecting people worldwide, having the skills to succeed in life and generally do things for yourself that most boys and girls have done for them by adults. 'Beaver Scouts' is not where we go on a Monday, it's who we are. We are Scouts, we don't 'go' to Scouts. Do you get it?

### What we do in Beaver Scouts

There are three things we design into everything we do in Beaver Scouts – FUN, FRIENDS and ADVENTURES. Our activities are designed around those and often will include a badge. On Mondays we often start and end with some games and do a main activity. We'll do some Camping, hikes or other trips throughout the year. All of us belong to the world-wide family of Scouting and we'll meet up with other Beaver Scouts from time to time (including those from other countries, if we're lucky).

### Costs?

#### *Joining Fee*

I'm afraid that as with many things, there are some front-end costs which we need to off-set. Therefore, we would ask for a joining fee of £20.00 to secure your child's place.

#### *Subs*

We need to make sure that all your children are insured and this is what part of your subs is for. The other parts run the groups on an on-going basis; pays for online banking, badge work etc,... Subs are due at the beginning of each term and we would prefer these to be paid electronically. The termly amount is £35/00

#### *Bursaries*

There may be some bursaries available via the Church for folk who might find it financially difficult OR if there are twins [or even triplets] wishing to join... please enquire.



## **Badges**

### *Challenge Badges*

Attaining ALL the Challenge Badges means a Beaver Scout will attain the coveted Chief Scout's Bronze Award.

The Challenge Badges are:

- My Adventure
- My Outdoors
- My Skills
- My Worlds
- Personal Challenge
- Teamwork Challenge

### *Activity Badges*

There's currently 21 'Activity' badges, There's currently 21, ranging from things like Animal Friend, Collector, Cook, to Space and Sports Activities. Most of these badges are done as a block of a few weeks and we'll do a selection of these every term. They go on your arm. Beaver Scouts can also get badges in their own time too. If you take part in a sport or activity on a regular basis you may be able to get a badge for it!

### *Staged Activity Badges*

There are also staged activity badges which you can take all the way from Beavers through to Explorers, from Level 1 to 5. These go on your arm. These are:

- Air Activities Staged Activity Badge
- Community Impact Staged Activity Badge
- Digital Citizen Staged Activity Badge
- Digital Maker Staged Activity Badge
- Emergency Aid Staged Activity Badge
- Hikes Away Staged Activity Badge
- Musician Staged Activity Badge
- Nautical Skills Staged Activity Badge
- Navigator Staged Activity Badge
- Nights Away Staged Activity Badge
- Paddle Sports Staged Activity Badge
- Sailing Staged Activity Badge
- Swimmer Staged Activity Badge
- Time on the Water Staged Activity Badge



### *Chief Scout's Bronze Award.*

If a Beaver Scout complete all the challenge awards, AND does any four activity badges or staged activity badges then they will attain the Chief Scout's Bronze Award.

### **What's Scouts like?**

Scouts isn't like School. You'll learn stuff but we try to give you challenges and activities and for you to do things rather than be talked at all the time. We have a more relaxed discipline but we don't put up with messing about and wasting time (and if we have to talk to you three times in one night, we might send you home – really). We don't give you the rules – you'll make up our rules every year and then sign them all. We sometimes have a Troop Forum where we all decide how we're going to plan activities or talk about what we like or don't like about Scouts.

Scouts is run by the adult leaders. They've all completed (or are working towards if they're newer) their own badge called a 'Wood Badge'. This means they've done special training modules and have special permits for things like Nights Away, Rafting, Mountain Leader etc. The leaders make sure activities are safe (even or especially if they're scary, like abseiling off a viaduct!).

### **What do we want you to do?**

1. Scouting is about taking responsibility and looking after each other. That's why we have a 'Promise' – "I promise to do my best, To be kind and helpful, And to love God." You have to keep to it – and mean it!
2. Please come to Beaver Scouts and be collected on time. Not late please, we want to get home too and not too early as we need time to set up.
3. Let us know if you can't come. Other boys and girls are on the waiting list and if you don't turn up it's unfair on them. If there are four unexplained absences we may give your place to someone else.



## What you'll need to wear

After a few weeks, when you feel Beaver Scouts is right for you, you should wear a uniform. Items can be bought on-line at <http://shop.scouts.org.uk/default.aspx> or at various scout outlets, or at local shops such as PC Sports in Yeadon or Henry Smith's in Shipley.

The uniform is:

- Beaver Scout Sweatshirt [£14]
- Necker – we'll supply these and are included in the joining fee
- Woggle - we'll supply these and are included in the joining fee.
- Badges – we'll supply these. You earn them, so make sure you wear them!

There's no such thing as bad weather, just inappropriate clothing. Dress for the weather: even on a Monday evening in the winter we might go out (we're ruffy-tuffy Scouts). So bring a coat or waterproof!

## Mums and dads and carers – Parent/Carer Agreement

1. Please reply on time! We'll organise trips and activities and when we don't know how many may turn up we can't plan, we can't budget, we can't book things. Please, please tell us 'yes' or 'no' when we ask – don't keep us hanging on. If it's 'no' at least we can get on and plan. Please also pay on time, we don't have an overdraft facility and need our outlays covered.
2. We will have a parent rota so please try to 'answer the call' as we may need an increased adult/beaver scout ratio for certain activities.

Lastly, mums and dads and carers please get involved – we'd love you to. If you have a skill or an interest, come along. If you want to see what we get up to, come along. If you want to camp out with us one night, come along. You don't have to wear the uniform to be able to help or to have fun. If you do want to come away with us overnight we would need a DBS check doing – that's the Scout Association policy - but we'd sort that by our e-DBS online referral process.

We look forward to seeing you. Give us a call if you have questions.

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