



1st Cheddington Beaver Scout Colony

Welcome Pack

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Scout Headquarters, Station Road, Cheddington, Buckinghamshire, LU7 0SG

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1. Welcome

Welcome to 1st Cheddington Beaver Scout Colony!

We are delighted to welcome your child as a new Beaver and hope he/she enjoys our meetings. We aim to provide interesting and challenging activities, in a fun, friendly and safe environment.

2. Contacts

For any general questions on Cheddington Beavers, please contact any of the leaders below. If it relates to a specific Colony, Endeavour or Discovery, please contact the appropriate leader.

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3. Overview

Membership of the colony is open to boys and girls aged 6 – 8. The Scout Association sets the maximum number of members allowed in each section. The Beaver Section is limited to 24 members and our colony meetings hope to run at the maximum number all the time.

Membership is currently £40 per school term – cheques payable to 1st Cheddington Scout Group. Please pay at the start of each term.

The colony is split into two sessions.

Endeavour, Monday's session, is run by

Jeanette Barnes	Beaver Scout Leader
Allison Williment	Assistant Beaver Scout Leader
James Lewis	Section Assistant

Discovery, Thursday's session, is run by

David Taylor	Beaver Scout Leader
Sally Burnhams	Assistant Beaver Scout Leader

Both sessions are helped by one or more parents and young helpers. All leaders are trained by the Scouting Association so that they can provide exciting and safe activities.

All leaders, assistants, helpers and parents/guardians are CRB checked before helping.

More information is available at:

Group website:	www.cheddingtonscouts.org.uk
Facebook group:	1st Cheddington Scout Group
Scout Association website:	www.scouts.org.uk

4. Meetings

We meet on Mondays and Thursdays from 18.30 to 19.30 during term time, at the Scout hut on Station Road, Cheddington.

We have a programme planned for each week and details will be sent home every term. There may be special outings and events at weekends and during the holidays. The leaders will give you details and ask for your permission before members take part in any of these extra activities.

We have a colony mascot which will be awarded at the end of each session to the child who has been the best behaved and most helpful. If your child receives the mascot, please congratulate them on winning the mascot and please bring it back the following week.

At the end of each meeting, the Beavers recite this chant (also known as the "Beaver Yell"):

Everywhere we go (*repeat*)
People always ask us (*repeat*)
Who we are (*repeat*)
Where we come from (*repeat*)
So we tell them (*repeat*)
We're from Cheddington (*repeat*)
The Cheddington Beavers (*repeat*)
Cheddington Beavers are happy and proud
If you didn't hear then we'll sing it REALLY LOUD!
B E A V E R S
Beavers!

5. Parental Help

The Beaver Colony can only run successfully with the active participation of the parents, whether simply encouraging the children to join in activities or occasionally helping at a meeting.

In order to ensure sufficient adult cover at our meetings and so that we can provide a good range of activities, we often require additional adults, and we welcome help from any parents/guardians at sessions. Please try to help at least once per term. We will also need a lot of help when we run outings or visits as, for sessions away from the hut, we must have one adult for every four children. Occasionally we may email to ask for extra help.

Finally we also need help when raising money; we can only run the activities we do if we can afford them so please get involved when we ask for assistance in this area.

6. Section lodges

The Beavers are grouped into lodges. Each lodge has a name and a different colour woggle:

- Sun – yellow
- Jupiter – blue
- Mars – red
- Saturn – green

We try to make sure members are in a lodge where they know at least one other person, and may move members between lodges from time to time, to allow the members to make new friends.

Each lodge has a leader, who is normally one of the older members, and these leaders wear an additional woggle in their lodge colours.

7. Promise and Motto

One of the things that makes Scouting different from most youth organisations is that it is based around a promise that all members of the Scout Association make, with suitable variants appropriate to the age group.

The Beaver Scout promise is:

I promise to do my best
To be kind and helpful
And to love God.

The Beaver Scout motto is:

Be prepared.

8. Investiture

New members will receive a logbook which has information for the new Beaver about being a Beaver Scout. They need to attend four meetings and then, if they choose to, will be invested into the colony with a simple ceremony and promise (they will be helped with this), which you will be invited to watch. There is a joining fee of £10:00 to cover the cost of the scarf, badges and logbook, at that stage.

They will also be given a picture of a beaver which they should colour in and return to us. When they are invested, we will take a photo of them, and attach this and their beaver picture to the wall in the scout hut.

9. Uniform

Beavers should have a full uniform of a Beaver Scout sweatshirt, dark trousers and the group scarf. During normal meetings, it is best to wear a tee-shirt (e.g. the Beaver polo shirt) under the sweatshirt to allow the sweatshirt to be taken off during activities, trainers and hard-wearing trousers.

The scarf, woggle and badges are supplied by the group as part of the investiture; the sweatshirt needs to be purchased by the Beaver.

Where to buy

The best place to buy uniform is our District Scout shop at Weston Turville. The shop is open on Monday evenings 19:30 to 21:30 (apart from Bank Holidays) and is located at the 14th Vale of Aylesbury headquarters on Wendover Road, Weston Turville (just off the roundabout with Station Road, behind the old garage).

Uniform can also be purchased online from www.scoutshops.com, or from various shops, e.g. Wear2School in Leighton Buzzard, John Lewis in Milton Keynes.



Position of badges

For badges with several levels, such as joining-in awards and staged activity badges, only the highest numbered badge achieved should be worn on the uniform.

10. Badges and Awards

Throughout their time at Beavers, members will receive standard badges and will have the opportunity to earn challenge and activity badges. Each session will consist of activities aimed at achieving these badges, and these will be awarded at the end of each half-term.

The badge programme is highlighted below.

	<p>Membership Award Over the first few weeks, new members will learn about Beaver Scouting and will complete this award.</p>
	<p>Joining In Awards The Joining In Award is designed to show how many years a member has been in the Scout movement. At the Beaver Section, our members would normally get Badge 1 a year after they join and Badge 2 after a further year of membership of the colony.</p>
	<p>Challenge Awards There are six challenge awards that our members can work towards within the Beaver Scout section. They are the Adventure, Outdoors, Skills, World, Personal and Teamwork Challenges. Challenge awards are not undertaken individually, as many of the requirements will be included in the normal Beaver Scout programme.</p>
	<p>The Chief Scout's Bronze Award This badge is the highest award available in the Beaver Scout section and is gained by completing all six Challenge awards.</p>
	<p>Activity Badges There are nineteen activity badges: Animal Friend, Camp Craft, Collector, Communicator, Cook, Creative, Cyclist, Disability Awareness, Experiment, Explore, Faith, Gardener, Global Issues, Hobbies, International, Photographer, Safety, Space and Sports. These badges are optional, and reward members who have taken part in an activity over a period of time. Each term we will be aiming to complete two of the activity badges. If your child has a particular interest and wishes to do one of these badges then please see a leader.</p>
	<p>Staged Activity Badges There are also fourteen Staged Activity badges available to all young people in the Beaver Scout, Cub Scout, Scout and Explorer Scout sections, and can be completed from the age of 6 to 18. This means that a young person can gain whichever badge is appropriate to the level they have reached. The Staged Activity badges are: Air Activities, Community Impact, Digital Citizen, Digital Maker, Emergency Aid, Hikes Away, Musician, Nautical Skills, Navigator, Nights Away, Paddle Sports, Sailing, Swimmer and Time on the Water. If your child has a particular interest and wishes to do one of these badges then please see a leader.</p>
	<p>Moving-On Award The Moving-On award is presented to a Beaver Scout when he/she is invested into the Cub Scout pack. It allows Beaver Scouts to be invested into Cubs immediately, recognizing that they are already members of the Scout Movement.</p>

More information about the tasks for each badge can be found on our group website (www.cheddingtonscouts.org.uk), from the Scouts website (www.scouts.org.uk) or from one of the leaders.

Most of the badges are optional. We will try to cover all the badges during a Beaver's time in the colony, but may not be able to offer them all.

You are very welcome to support your child with badge work outside the colony meetings. However, part of our yearly programme covers part or all of the requirements of certain badges, so please check with a leader before starting any badge work.