

Ready to start Beavers?

A few things you might want to know:



What Must I bring? Nothing at first! After a few weeks you will need to purchase a uniform from the Scout Shop at Thorley or online at <http://shop.scouts.org.uk/>. The uniform consists of a turquoise Beaver Sweatshirt and a turquoise polo shirt for warmer weather. Whilst you are there you can pick up all kinds of other bits if you like. Caps are popular in the summer and there are many other exciting things to wear too.

Where must I go? We are at Kecksy's, Sawbridgeworth, Herts CM21 9DT.

There is no parking outside the new scout hut and a one way drop off system is in place. Approach Northfield Road from either Bullfields or Lawrence Avenue and then continue around dropping off before continuing down Reedings Way. This one way system is to avoid congestion so please follow. The best place to park is on Northfield road.

Investiture After a few weeks into the term you will be invested. This is something to be proud of, not scared. It is your official "Welcome to Beavers and Welcome to Scouting". Each Beaver will be presented with their own Group scarf, woggle and badges (County, District, Group name, plus of course the purple Scout Membership Award badge. Your parents can come along and take loads of pictures. There will usually be an evening set aside with time at the end for investing. We will notify your parents to come along in time.

Badges Almost all of the activities we do at Beavers count towards a badge in some way. There are 3 kinds of badge:

1. Activity Badges – These are based around activities and games that we play as part of the meetings
2. Challenge Badges – There are six of these. They require a little more work and lead to...
3. Core badges – The highest badge of honour in Beavers is the Bronze Award. You will be awarded this badge once you have earned all six Challenge badges

Also, there is a core badge for number of years you have been a Scout

<http://scouts.org.uk/supportresources/search?cat=56>

Parental help. We do need parents' help at most of the Beaver meetings. A representative for each child will be rostered in automatically. This should not be more than evening per term at maximum. If you are unable to assist in any way please speak to your Leader. Ideally, we would like you to get CRB checked – you can pick up the form at a Beaver meeting. If you would like to get more involved in helping to run Beavers, do let us know. It is very rewarding and great fun and you get to wear a uniform!

Subs. In this day, nothing is free. Even though the leaders are volunteers, there is plenty to pay for. Money goes toward the hut, running expenses and mostly insurance. A letter will be handed out with information about subs. They are payable annually in January. If you join mid-year you will pay only for the part you are taking part in.

The Beaver Scout Promise

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

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