



Welcome to:



7th Windsor (Old Windsor) Beaver Scout Colony

WELCOME TO THE 7TH WINDSOR (OLD WINDSOR) SCOUT GROUP

You are a Beaver Scout in the 7th Windsor (Old Windsor) Beaver Scout Colony that meets on a Tuesday night from 6.15 pm - 7.30 pm

Your Beaver Scout Leaders' names are:

HEDGEHOG Mary Sibley (01753 851432)
(also Assistant group Scout Leader)

SHERE KHAN Christine Harris
(also Treasurer (01753 861628))

Scouting is...

Scouting is the largest youth movement in the world with over 17 million members. It is a voluntary organisation that is run by people who freely give up their time to organise weekly activities for young people. The Leaders undergo training and receive support from other Leaders in the area. In addition to the Leaders, there are Skills Instructors, Helpers and administrators - committee members, fundraisers and so on. Scout Groups are always needing help and support. If you feel that you could spare a little of your time, please speak to the Beaver Scout Leader for more information.

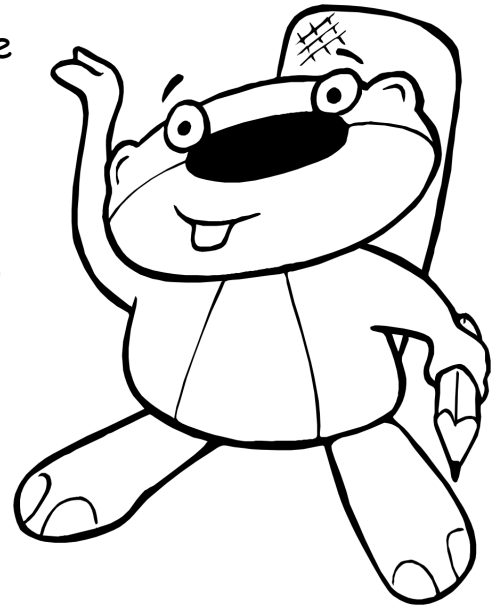
To help cover the cost of the premises, the resources needed to run the weekly meetings and the subscription for national membership, each Scout Group makes a charge.

WELCOME ...

TO THE OLD WINDSOR BEAVER SCOUT COLONY!

You are now a new boy in the 7th Windsor (Old Windsor) Scout Group's Beaver Scout Colony.

Being a Beaver Scout means that you join the Scout Movement by making a special promise. You will wear a uniform which includes a scarf and a set of badges. Beaver Scouts meet once a week and do lots of fun activities like making things, singing songs, playing games, looking at nature, learning how to be safe and most importantly - making new friends.



Above all, though, we want you to.....

HAVE FUN!

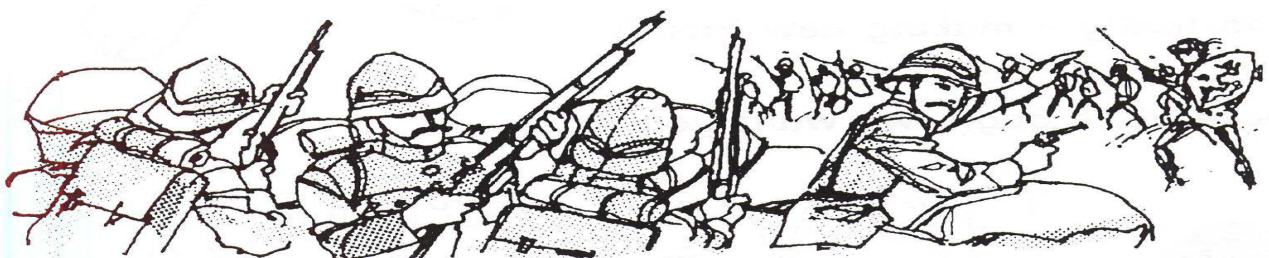


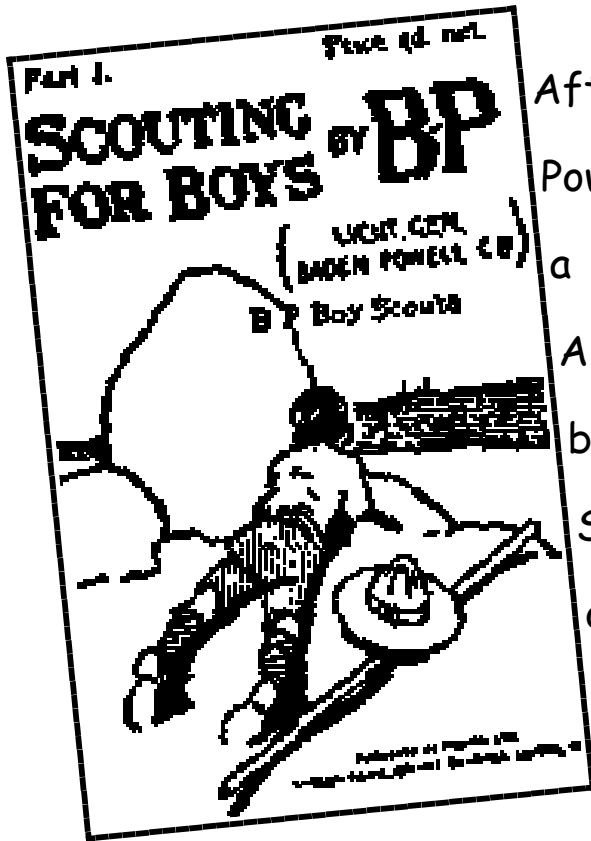
How Scouting Began...



Robert Baden-Powell was born in 1857. When he left school he joined the army. As an army scout in Africa he learned and taught outdoor survival skills.

When Baden-Powell returned to England, many boys looked on him as a hero, so he started writing articles in papers and magazines about army scouting principles and how they could be adapted to everyday life. He organised a camp at Brownsea Island, near Poole in Dorset. The young people had a great time playing sports, camping, cooking, tracking and learning knots, things that young people had little chance to do before.





After this successful camp Baden-Powell put all the ideas to the test in a book 'Scouting for Boys'. By August 1908, many thousands of boys were calling themselves Boy Scouts - so an official national organisation was formed. By 1910 there were 100,000 boys in Scouting. In 1916, Cub Scouting

was started for boys aged from eight to eleven.

The realisation that a much younger age group could benefit from Scouting came much later, in 1982. At first Beaver Colonies were set up for six and seven year olds and these Colonies were made part of the Scout Association.

However, in 1986, Beavers officially became Beaver Scouts - a training section of the Movement, and have since gone from strength to strength.

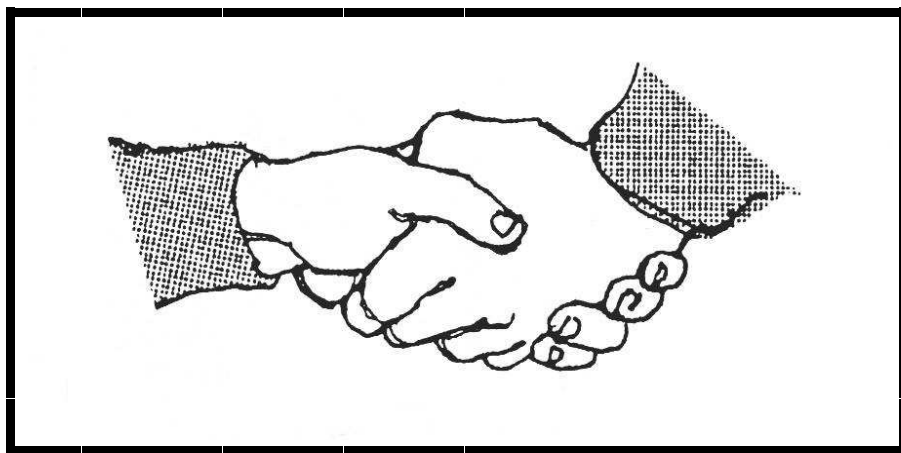


THE HANDSHAKE

In Africa, warriors once fought with spears in their right hand and carried shields in their left. A warrior who met someone he did not want to fight, would lay down his shield and hold his *left* hand out. Thus, he was not able to protect himself if the other person was to attack.

As they shook with their left hands, they had no shields and both held spears in their right hand. Therefore, each had to really trust the other before deciding to shake hands.

This feeling of trust, and the fact that such warriors, who put down their shields, were considered brave, impressed Robert Baden-Powell and he chose this special handshake for the Scout Movement.

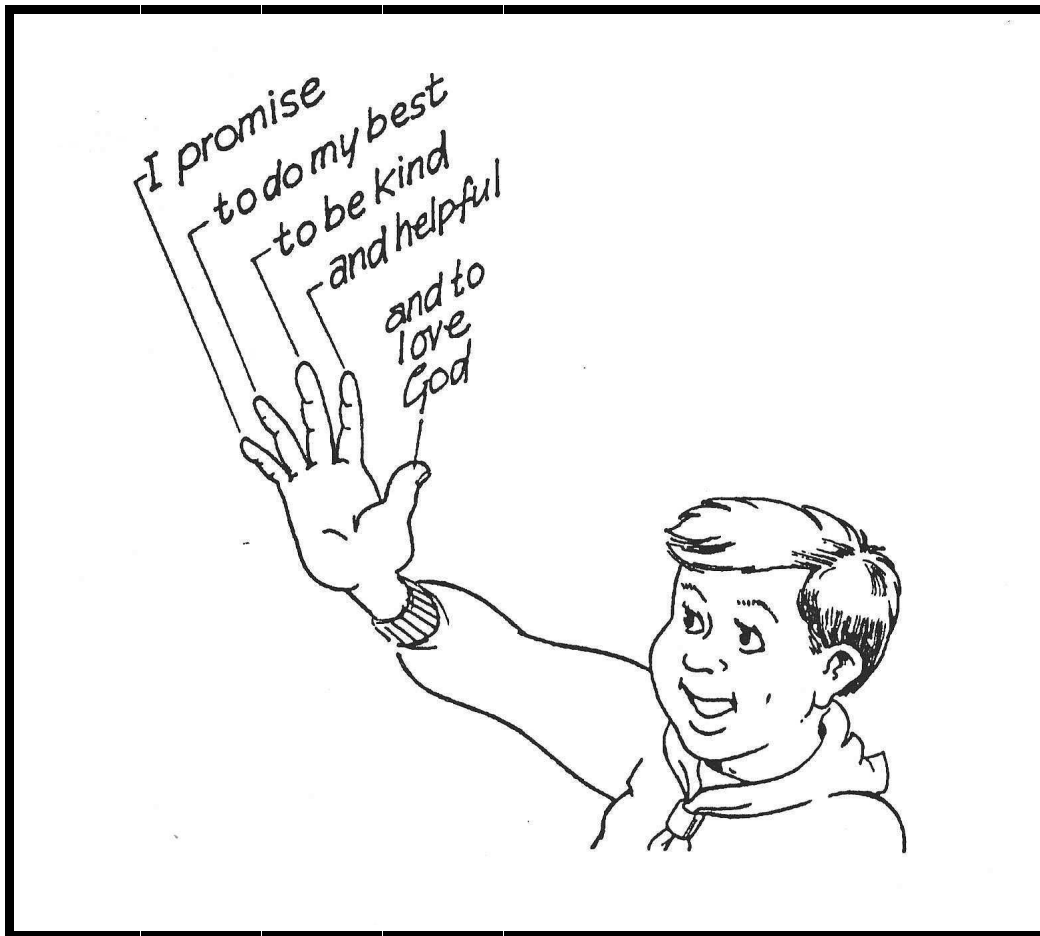


THE BEAVER SCOUT SALUTE



The Beaver Scout Salute is made with the first three fingers of your right hand.

You salute the Leader when she presents you with a badge.



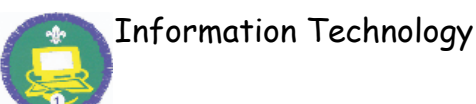
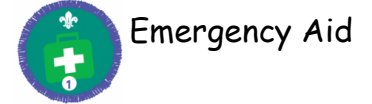
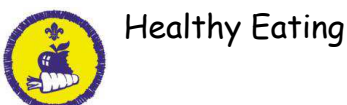
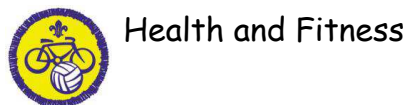
BEAVER SCOUT BADGES

There are six Challenge Badges that can be awarded while you are in the Beaver Colony.

The challenges are:



We will sometimes work on 'Activity Badges'. These are:

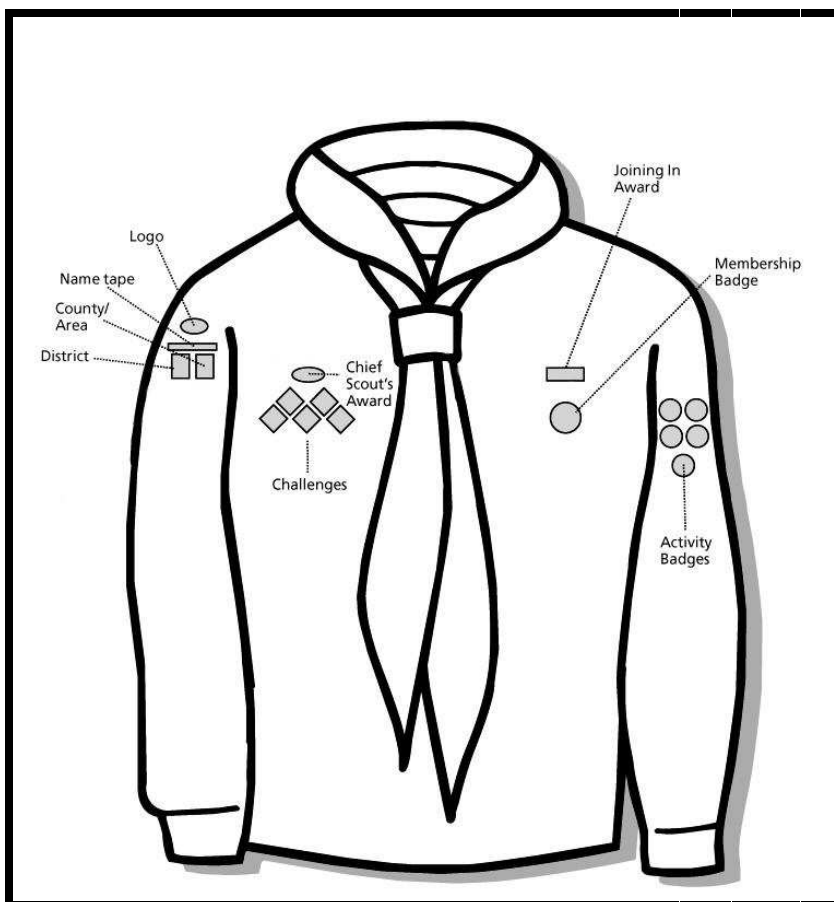


The Chief Scout's Bronze Award is the highest award for Beavers. For the Bronze award you must get all six challenge badges. You must also do a 'Personal Challenge' which the Leader will set you.



Badges on Uniform

All your badges will be given to you by your Leaders as you progress through the colony. Please use this picture to make sure that they are all sewn on in the right place. When sewing on the District and County badges, remember when looking at the pictures on them, that 'the stag faces the castle'.



When sewing on badges, remember to leave room for others to be fitted later. Sometimes we will have a special anniversary or event badge to wear. These are only worn for a year and you will be told where to put this. Don't sew anything above or on top of the woven logo on the sweat-shirt.

THE BEAVER SCOUT PROMISE:

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



THE BEAVER SCOUT MOTTO:



7th Windsor (Old Windsor) Scout Group

Beaver Scout Colony

Headquarters:

The Scout Hall is located off the alleyway between the Recreation Ground and St.Peter's Close, opposite the tennis courts. Telephone: 01753 850657.

Web Site: www.7thwindsorscouts.co.uk

Meetings:

Tuesdays 6.15pm to 7.30pm. *Please arrive in time to start the meeting promptly at 6.15 pm.* Beaver Scouts should arrive in full uniform (if invested). No sweets are allowed. On some occasions boys may bring special personal items for 'show and tell'. The Leaders will tell them the week before if they should bring anything the following week.

Subscriptions:

The Group has to run its own Headquarters building which needs heating, lighting and maintenance. The annual subscription of £80 per boy helps to meet this and also covers Scout Association personal accident insurance (details available on request). It also covers the craft materials and other consumables used by the Beavers. The Group Treasurer will invoice you for two instalments (October and February). Cheques should always be made payable to: **7th Windsor (Old Windsor) Scout Group.**

Parents' Committee:

Parents of those in the Scout Group are encouraged to support the Group by helping at our May Fayre and OW Carnival fundraising events and by joining the Executive Committee, which is similar to a school's PTA. For details please contact one of the Leaders.

Cub Scout Pack:

Most Beavers move on to Cub Scouts at the age of eight. Hedgehog will tell them when they will be leaving the Colony. There is one Cub Scout Pack here at Old Windsor which meets on a Monday evening. The Akela (Leader) is Shane Gleeson (581330). Beavers automatically have a space in the Pack, as long as they live in Old Windsor, otherwise they may have to join a waiting list, as priority is given to local boys and there may be some wishing to join who have not been in Beavers.



a picture to colour

BEAVER
SCOUTS
ARE COOL!

