

# The Challenges



## The Outdoor Challenge

Beaver Scouts need to take part in a minimum of six Outdoor Activities, choosing at least one from each of the following areas:

- 🌀 Scoutcraft
- 🌀 An environmental activity
- 🌀 A visit.

### Scoutcraft - Show an understanding of a Scouting Skill

Some suggested activities:

#### *Trekking and trailing*

Beaver Scouts could:

- 🌀 follow trails using icing sugar, string, smells, sawdust, sticks, lights, codes etc.
- 🌀 go on a treasure hunt, or a "stop, look and listen" ramble
- 🌀 mark their own trail using a code they have made themselves.

#### *Ready to go*

Beaver Scouts could:

- 🌀 invite a Scout or Explorer Scout to show the Colony how they would pack their rucksack for camp - what they would take and why
- 🌀 put up a tent with a Scout
- 🌀 visit the Scouts at camp or the Cub Scouts on Pack holiday.
- 🌀 attend a Sleepover.

#### *Cooking*

Beaver Scouts could:

- 🌀 pack a balanced, healthy lunch box for an outing
- 🌀 make shapes out of cold foods (dough, marzipan etc.)
- 🌀 decorate cakes and biscuits.

## An environmental activity

Show how you care for the environment in your local community or the wider world

Some suggested activities:

- 🦉 Find out about the *Country Code*.
- 🦉 Plant trees or flowers for the enjoyment of others.
- 🦉 Recycle cans, bottles or paper and visit a recycling plant.
- 🦉 Go on a litter pick.

## Visits - A visit with Beaver Scouts

There are hundreds of places you can visit with your Colony. You will need to decide what is safe and suitable for your Colony. Here are a few examples:

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| 🦉 a zoo                                | 🦉 a Police Station     | 🦉 a beach/seaside                       |
| 🦉 a theme park or activity park        | 🦉 a country park       | 🦉 a race circuit                        |
| 🦉 a railway model or miniature railway | 🦉 a recycling depot    | 🦉 a Scout District or County Area event |
| 🦉 a sports centre                      | 🦉 a Mosque             | 🦉 a Lifeboat Station.                   |
|  | 🦉 an old people's home |   |
|  | 🦉 a Post Office        |   |



## The Discovery Challenge

Beaver Scouts need to take part in a minimum of six Discovery activities, choosing at least one from each of the following areas:

- ☉ How things work
- ☉ Health & fitness
- ☉ Creativity.

### How things work - Show an understanding of how something works

Beaver Scouts could:

- ☉ find out how a clock works
- ☉ find out what a magnet does
- ☉ use some food colouring to tie-dye some material or watch celery change colour.

### Health & fitness - Show a knowledge of how to keep healthy

Beaver Scouts could:

- ☉ taste a variety of foods and learn which ones are healthy
- ☉ know what to do in an emergency, including how to call the emergency services
- ☉ monitor their heartbeat after different activities and understand the reasons for the change.

### Creativity - Show creativity to others

Beaver Scouts could:

- ☉ learn a new song and sing it
- ☉ make a model from junk materials
- ☉ make an instrument and play it.



## The Friendship Challenge

Beaver Scouts need to take part in a minimum of six Friendship Activities, choosing at least one from each of the following areas:

- ☪ People far away
- ☪ Meeting other people
- ☪ Caring for others.

### People far away - Finding out about life in a different country

Beaver Scouts should find out about at least four aspects of life in another country. For example:

- ☪ national costume
- ☪ food
- ☪ currency
- ☪ climate.

### Meeting other people - Finding out about the job or interest of someone in your community

Beaver Scouts should visit at least one interesting person in their community. For example:

- ☪ a policeman
- ☪ a minister
- ☪ a dentist
- ☪ a paramedic
- ☪ a religious leader
- ☪ a firefighter
- ☪ a vet
- ☪ a doctor
- ☪ a Member of Parliament
- ☪ a musician.

### Caring for others - Actively show how to help others

Beaver Scouts should complete at least one caring activity. For example:

- ☪ prepare a basket of food and gifts for the elderly
- ☪ participate in a Special Needs activity
- ☪ find out how to care for a pet.