



# Welcome Pack

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# 1<sup>st</sup> Aldbourne (Dabchick) Beaver Colony

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Welcome to the 1<sup>st</sup> Aldbourne (Dabchick) Beaver Colony. This pack is designed to give you all the necessary information to get your child started in the Colony.

It includes:

- Information about Beaver Scouting and our Colony
- Information about the awards and badges
- Information about the running of 1<sup>st</sup> Aldbourne Scout Group
- The Beaver Scout Promise and Motto
- **Forms 1-3 to be completed and returned to Shireen Waterer prior to your child joining**

If you have further questions which are not answered here, then please do not hesitate to contact one of the Beaver Colony Leaders as follows:

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# Beaver Scouting and our Colony

## The Aim of the Scout Association

The aim of the Scout Association is to encourage the physical, mental and spiritual development of young people so they may take a constructive place in society.

We offer an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training based upon a Beaver Scout Promise and Motto. All activities are guided by adult leadership.

## The Beaver Scout Colony

The Beaver Scout Colony is run by four Beaver Scout Leaders with at least three of the Leaders in attendance each week. **All leaders are volunteers** who give their time for free and receive special training for their role. The Leaders are responsible for planning and running a programme of activities and games at Colony meetings and special events.

Colony meetings are held every Monday afternoon between 17.00 and 18.00 during school term time.

The Beavers work in small groups called Lodges. The Lodges are identified by different colours – we have red lodge, green lodge and blue lodge.

## Activities and Awards

Beavers will enjoy a great deal of fun and adventure whilst in the Colony, which will lead to the award of badges to wear on their uniform. These are given in recognition of the effort made at their own level of understanding and development.

Each year some events and activities are undertaken along with other Colonies from the District and County and others with our Cub Pack.

# The Uniform

Beaver Scouts wear a practical smart uniform consisting of a blue polo shirt and blue sweatshirt, black or grey school trouser/dress and black shoes. Uniform is available either from Crosby & Lawrence, the sports shop in Marlborough High Street or the Swindon Scout Shop at the following address:

Scout Centre  
28 Milton Road  
Swindon  
SN1 5JA  
Tel 01793 534500

The opening times (during school term time only) are:

**Mondays 7.00pm – 9.00pm**  
**Saturdays 10.00am – 4.00pm**

We recommend that you obtain a larger size polo shirt and sweatshirt than you normally would to allow it to fit throughout your child's career in Beavers.

Our Aldbourne group scarf, which is yellow and green, is supplied by us, as well as all the badges your child will need. The illustration sheet at the end of this booklet shows the positioning of the badges on the uniform.

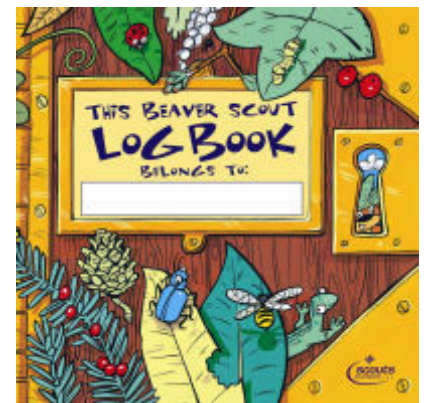
We expect a high standard of appearance and this is subject to an inspection each week contributing to a 'Best Lodge of the Term'. Please encourage your child to take a pride in this.

# The Beaver Scout Log Book

Taking its readers on a magical journey along the riverbank, the *Logbook* is the perfect companion for every Beaver Scout. On the way they find out:

- how to become a Beaver Scout
- what badges they can earn
- what activities to try

Full of games and puzzles and with plenty of space to write and draw, the book is designed for the early reader. Beautifully illustrated throughout, the *Logbook* will be read and enjoyed over and over again.



# The Awards and Badges

The Beaver Scout programme provides a balanced and exciting range of activities based on six zones. These are the Outdoor & Adventure Zone, the Fitness Zone, the Community Zone, the Creative Zone, the Beliefs & Attitude Zone and the Global Zone. There are many badges Beavers can earn through participation in these zones.

## The Six Challenges

There are six separate challenge badges a Beaver can earn, each having their own relevant choices of activity.

**The Outdoor Challenge**



**The Fitness Challenge**



**The Friendship Challenge**



**The Creative Challenge**



**The Promise Challenge**



**The Global Challenge**



## The Chief Scout's Bronze Award

The Chief Scouts' Award runs through all sections of the movement. This is the highest award in the Beaver Section.

To complete this award a Beaver must have completed the above six challenges.



If a Beaver Scout has not quite completed the requirements for the top award when they move on to the Cub Scout Pack, they may complete them in their first few weeks in the Cub Scout Pack.

# Activity Badges

There are 12 Activity Badges a Beaver can earn with a wide range of subjects available, each having their own laid down requirements. Some can be done within the Colony and some individually.

**Adventure**



**Air Activities**



**Animal Friend**



**Craft**



**Experimenter**



**Explorer**



**Faith**



**Health & Fitness**



**Healthy Eating**



**Hobbies**



**Imagination**



**Safety**



# Staged Activity Badges

The Staged Activity Badges have been designed to provide a unified approach throughout the Sections.

All the Staged Activity Badges have 5 stages, except Nights Away - which has 12 and Hikes Away, which has six. This means that a young person can gain whichever badge is appropriate to the level they have reached. It is possible, for example, for a Beaver Scout who is an excellent swimmer to gain a higher level badge than a Cub Scout who has just taken up the activity.

The subjects are:

**Information Technology**



**Nights Away**



**Musician**



**Swimmer**



**Emergency Aid**



**Hikes Away**



# Group Awards

There are three awards that are undertaken by a number of Sections working together.

The awards are:

**The Environment  
Award**



**The Faith Award**



**The International  
Award**



# The Beaver Scout Moving On Award

This award is intended to help a Beaver make a smooth transition into the Cub Pack.



# 1<sup>st</sup> Aldbourne Scout Group

The 1<sup>st</sup> Aldbourne Scout Group is currently made up of three sections within the scouting movement; the Beaver Colon, the Cub Pack and the Scout Troop.

## The Aldbourne Scout Group Headquarters

The Aldbourne Scout Group headquarters is a hut in the centre of Aldbourne that is shared with the Guiding movement and is managed by a Supporters Committee, who provide the facilities at no charge to the movements.

This takes a large burden off our shoulders and enables us to keep our subscription fees as low as possible. Please support the Committee's fund raising events each year so that the hut can be maintained and further improved for everyone's benefit.

## The Aldbourne Scout Group Executive

The Scout Group has to elect an Executive Committee each year consisting of a number of parents and various leaders of the Scout Group. The Committee has the responsibility for day to day tasks such as account keeping, secretarial support as well as fundraising. They play an essential part in maintaining an effective and successful Scout Group and are required under Scouting rules to be in place, otherwise a Scout Group has to close.

## Parental Help

Your child will gain much more from Scouting if you are prepared to offer your support. There are many ways you can help:

- Offer a skill or hobby to train or test the Beavers for badge or award work.
- Help with Colony or Group events.
- Help transport Beavers and equipment to events outside the village, such as camps.
- Support the Scout Group's Annual General Meeting and other special events.
- Join the Scout Group Executive to support the Group through fundraising for new equipment, leader training etc.

Or how about our taking an active role in one of the sections either as a regular helper or as a full time warranted leader? If this interests you then please discuss this further with any leader. All help is valued and no experience is necessarily needed. Full support and training can be arranged.



## The Beaver Scout Promise and Motto

Beaver Scouts, as part of their investiture ceremony, are asked to make a Promise.

The Promise is as follows:

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

The Beaver Scout Motto is:

***Be Prepared***

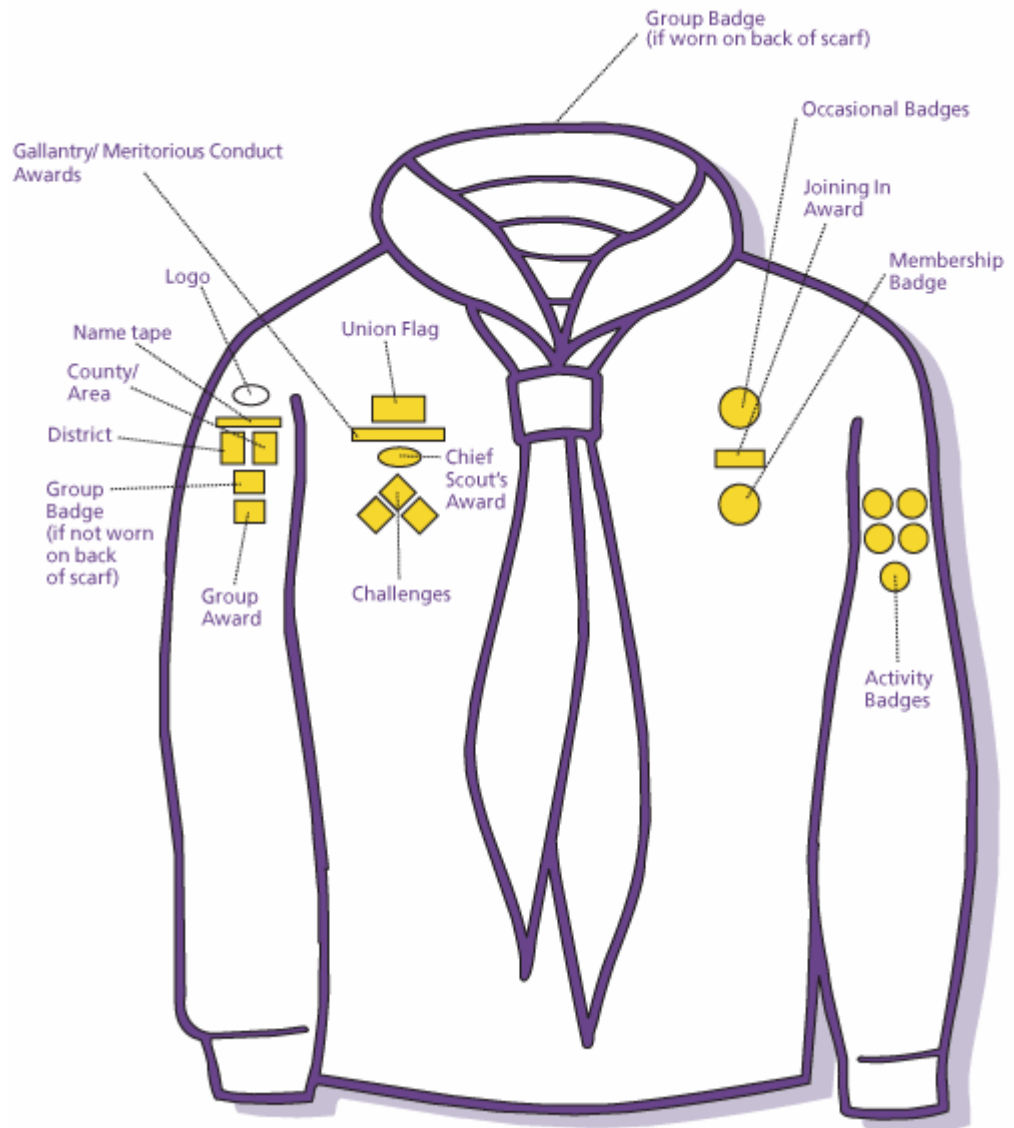


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# Position of Badges on Beaver Uniform

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## Code of Behaviour

It is the policy of The Scout Association to safeguard the welfare of all members by protecting them from physical, sexual and emotional harm.

The following is an excerpt from the Association's "Yellow Card" – a Code of good practice for Adults in Scouting which all leaders must follow.

yellow card

### Code of behaviour

- Do** put the 'Young People First' guidance into practice
  - Do** treat everyone with respect
  - Do** provide an example you wish others to follow
  - Do** plan activities, which involve more than one other person being present, or at least are within sight or hearing of others
  - Do** respect a young person's right to personal privacy
  - Do** have separate sleeping accommodation for leaders and young people
  - Do** provide access for young people to talk about any concerns they may have
  - Do** encourage young people and adults to feel comfortable and caring enough to point out attitudes or behaviour they do not like
  - Do** avoid situations that compromise your relationship with young people and are unacceptable within a relationship of trust (e.g. a sexual relationship between a leader and a youth member over the age of consent)
  - Do** remember that someone else might misinterpret your actions, no matter how well-intentioned
  - Do** recognise that caution is required even in sensitive moments of counselling, such as when dealing with bullying, bereavement or abuse
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- Do NOT** permit abusive peer activities (e.g. initiation ceremonies, ridiculing, bullying)
  - Do NOT** play physical contact games with young people
  - Do NOT** have any inappropriate physical or verbal contact with others
  - Do NOT** jump to conclusions about others without checking facts
  - Do NOT** allow yourself to be drawn into inappropriate attention seeking behaviour such as tantrums or crushes
  - Do NOT** show favouritism to any individual
  - Do NOT** make suggestive remarks or gestures, even in fun
  - Do NOT** let suspicion, disclosure or allegation of abuse, go unrecorded or unreported
  - Do NOT** rely on just your good name to protect you
  - Do NOT** believe "it could never happen to me"





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## Form 1 – Beaver registration

registration

Please complete the following and return to Shireen Waterer. The information will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Your child's name

Home address

Home telephone number

E-mail address

Date of birth

School attended

Please advise if your child has any medical condition or allergies that could affect his enjoyment of our activities.

### Data Protection Act

I accept that the Scout Association will be keeping information about my child's Membership of the Scout Movement. I understand it will only be used for Scouting Purposes.

I give explicit consent to the holding of information of my child's Health; Disabilities; Religion or Faith; Race or Ethnic Origin for Scouting purposes.

Signed (Parent/Guardian)

Date





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## Form 2 – Website Consent

As a new group we don't currently have a website but we join forces with the Aldbourne Cub Pack to form a general Aldbourne Scouting website.

This takes the form of the current 1<sup>st</sup> Aldbourne Cub Pack website which features news and information about the pack as well as photos from recent pack events. It is designed to help Cubs and parents learn about what we do, as well as being a fun site for Cubs to look around and see fun photos of themselves. They are encouraged to write articles and reports themselves that would also appear on the site.

Due to the public nature of an internet site, we would like your permission to be able to include your child on the site. Please note the following points about the site:

- The site would have links from the village and school websites.
- Photos will always be of a group of cubs, and/or the leaders. They will generally be from events such as camp, the Christmas party, colony outings etc.

I give permission for my child to be included on a 1<sup>st</sup> Aldbourne Scouting website

Your child's name

Signed (Parent/Guardian)

Date



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## Form 3 – Subscription fees and Gift Aid Declaration

The subscription fee for Beavers is £20 per term and is payable either in cash or by cheque. Cheques should be made payable to 'Aldbourne Scout Group'.

### Gift Aid

I would like the Scout Group to treat all my payments in respect of the membership subscription for the Group as Gift Aid. I confirm I pay an amount of income tax or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that the group will reclaim on the payments (currently 28p for every £1 you give).

You can cancel this declaration at any time by notifying the Scout Group. Please notify the Scout Group if you change your name or address.

gift aid

Name

Beaver's name

Home address

Signed (Parent/Guardian)

Date

