

BEAVER SCOUT MEMBERSHIP FORM



Welcome to the Beaver Scout Colony. In order for you to enrol your child into the group it is required under the Policy, Rules and Organisation of the Scout Association that we take a few details for insurance and contact purposes. There are a number of questions below that will need to be filled in. Once completed, please hand this form to the Beaver Scout Leader or one of the other colony representatives. These records will be kept for Scouting purposes only.

SCOUT'S INFORMATION

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| NAME:..... | DATE of BIRTH:/...../..... | GENDER: M / F |
| ADDRESS:..... | SCHOOL:..... | |
| | HOME TEL:..... | |
| | EMERGENCY TEL:..... | |
| POSTCODE:..... | FAITH:..... | |
| SPECIAL NEEDS - Dietary, Medical (<i>including allergies</i>), Other: | OTHER CLUBS / INTERESTS: | |
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PARENT INFORMATION

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| PARENT 1:..... | PARENT 2:..... |
| HOBBIES:..... | HOBBIES:..... |
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| EMAIL:..... | EMAIL: |

MEDICAL INFORMATION

In case of an emergency, a doctor may need to be contacted if any serious accident occurs that may require treatment. Parents will be informed immediately if such an event occurs as treatment can only be given to a scout by consent of a parent. Please let us know which Doctors Surgery your child is registered with:

DOCTORS SURGERY:.....

Do we have your consent to use a standard First Aid kit for general accidents? YES NO

MEDIA & DEVELOPMENT

Scouting photos for general display may be taken to show others the type of activities we do. Photos for any other purpose cannot be used without the general consent of a parent under the Child Protection Act. Please ~~strike through~~ any media that you would NOT be willing to allow photos of your child to be circulated beyond the colony:

- LEAFLETS
- SCOUTING WEBSITES
- DISTRICT / COUNTY PROMOTING
- SCOUTS HQ

There may also be times when the media are invited to scouting events that the colony may participate in. On these occasions, we may need permission for the child's name and image to be used. Please tick the following box if you would prefer for your child NOT to be involved with the media. By leaving the box unticked, we assume that you give your general consent for your child's name and image to be used.

I do not allow my child's name and image to be used by the media (TV, Radio or Press).

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| Signed..... <small>(Parent/Guardian)</small> | Printed..... | Date..... |
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Dear Parent,



Welcome to the 12th, 18th or 26th Cambridge Beaver Scout Colony!

My name is Simon Gates and I am a Beaver Scout Leader with the 12th, 18th and 26th Cambridge Beaver Colonies. I would like to start off by saying thank you for showing an interest in scouting locally. There are over 28 million scouts worldwide enjoying an adventurous and active programme every week and I am certain we won't be an exception.

So what is Beaver Scouting? What do we do? I've tried to answer these and many other questions in a small insight below. I hope in the long term that my leadership team and I will be able to deliver the sort of adventurous activities modern scouting can offer to our 6-8 year old scouts and I hope it will encourage them to continue scouting in later life, especially through Cubs and Scouts.

Kind Regards,

Simon K Gates

12th, 18th and 26th Cambridge Beaver Scout Leader

Beaver Scouting - An Insight:

Our main aim is to provide activities which are fun and challenging to the 6-8 year age range, allowing them to try new things, meet new people, make new friends, learn about themselves, others and the world around them, have fun, play games and all in an environment that is safe. As a leader, we encourage the scouts to discover new skills and talents whilst trying to assist with their physical, intellectual, social and spiritual development. Beavers try to be out and about as much as possible, especially in the Summer.

We deliver activities through a varied weekly programme. Starting with an opening ceremony, we construct an evening from all sorts of fun activities, such as games, crafts, chatting, singing, performing, story telling, outings, guests and much, much more; all ending with a closing ceremony to finish the meeting. We also reward the Beavers for good behaviour and personal development through a number of badges that are available in Beaver Scouting. These badges are worn on the uniform to represent their achievements.

Most colonies hold at least one Beaver Sleepover a year, which is the first time a scout can spend a night away from home, usually in a local HQ. The 12th, 18th and 26th colonies are no exception as a few of the leaders hold a Nights Away Permit. In the past, we've visited the local panto at Christmas and held at least one performance for parents a year. We've had water fights in the summer, gone on trips to Milton Country Park and Wandlebury for exploring and occasionally join other local colonies for an evening of fun and games.

As well as our usual weekly meetings we take the opportunity to attend numerous District activities where Beavers from across Cambridge come together for big scouting events, such as the District Beaver Sleepover, District Hike, District Outing (previously Drayton Manor Theme Park, Lego Land and Colchester Zoo) District Activity Days at the local campsite, and District Parties.

Beaver Scouting - Membership:

The cost of Beaver Scouting is between £15-£20 per term. This fee covers the cost of the Scout Association membership and insurance, as well as venue hire and weekly activity costs. Beavers, like all scouting sections, is a uniformed movement which means a member must wear the correct uniform to meetings. The cost of the uniform is around £15 and includes the sweatshirt/jumper, necker, woggle, membership badges and investiture certificate. These can be purchased from the Group, online at scouting.outdoors.ltd.uk or from the Scout Shop on Perne Road.

In order for a child to become a Beaver Scout, they are expected to wear uniform, attend at least 4 'starter meetings', learn about the basic history of scouting and be able to accept and recite the Beaver Scout Promise:

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

On completing all 4 of these objectives, the child will partake in a small investiture ceremony where they'll officially become members of the group and the worldwide scout movement.

Beaver Scouting at the 12th, 18th & 26th

Every term, the Beaver leaders will issue all parents with a copy of the 'TermTime' Newsletter. It contains information about all of the activities the Beavers will be doing during the term and will list dates and costs for special events. We also provide a weekly emailing service which keeps parents informed of programme changes or news, known as e-reminders. This option is only open to those who submit a valid email address on the child's membership form.

Beaver Scouting – Contact Details

If you ever need to get in contact with a Beaver Leader at the 12th, 18th or 26th, here is a list of our details:

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