



Information and Communication Technology is quickly becoming a vital part of everyday life. Schools are encouraged to teach the basics of computing from an early age, something which the Scout Association has picked up on. Many children can already show competence in computing when playing games or using educational software. With this in mind, the Scout Association has introduced an 'I.T. Staged Badge'.

As a child grows their understanding of computing will increase, allowing them to earn more advanced IT Staged Badges. At Beaver age though, they are expected to demonstrate the following in order to earn the first stage of the badge.

IT Stage 1 – Badge Requirements

- 1) Show that they can switch on and close down a computer safely.
- 2) Show that they know what the following are:
 - Monitor
 - Mouse
 - Printer
 - CD-ROM
 - Icon.
- 3) Use a piece of software of their choice to show that they can produce a poster to show others what they do in Scouting. It should include both text and graphics.
- 4) Use a piece of painting software of their choice to produce a simple picture.
- 5) Show they can use a piece of software that requires the use of a CD-ROM.

Completing the Badge

If you believe your child is able to meet the five requirements, I ask that they complete tasks 3 and 4 at home and bring in the poster/painting by printing it out. Alternatively, Beavers are welcome to create the images in BMP, JPEG or GIF File format and then let the parents email it to me via: yoyo@18th-cambridge.org.uk. Many Desk Top Publishing programs (such as MS Publisher) will allow for saving in these image formats as well as their own when using the 'Save As' Command.

Beaver will be expected to complete tasks 1, 2 and possibly 5 at our weekly Beaver meetings with the aid of a laptop for added difficulty. These activities will be carried out during normal weekly meetings every so often, allowing everyone to get the chance to prove their skills at some point during their time in Beavers.

Many thanks,

Simon K Gates,
12th, 18th & 26th Cambridge Beavers

