

## Brief History of Scouting

Robert Baden-Powell was born in 1857. When he left school he joined the army.

Whilst in the army he was sent to Africa where he learned and taught outdoor survival skills. After returning home to England he started writing articles in papers and magazines about army scouting principles and how they could be adapted to everyday life. Baden-Powell organised a camp at Brownsea Island where young people were taught camping, cooking, tracking, playing sports and learning knots.

The camp was so successful that Baden-Powell put all the ideas in a book called 'Scouting for Boys'.

By August 1908, thousands of boys were calling themselves Boy Scouts - so an official organisation was formed. By 1916, Cub Scouting was started for boys aged 8 - 11 years. The realisation that a much younger group could benefit from Scouting came a lot later, in 1982. At first Beaver Colonies were only affiliated to the Scouting Association. However in 1986 Beavers officially became Beaver Scouts – a training section of the movement and has gone from strength to strength.

Today, local Scout Groups may choose to offer mixed or single sexed Scouting.

## THE SCOUT FAMILY



BEAVER SCOUTS  
6 - 8 year olds.



CUB SCOUTS  
8 - 10 1/2 year olds



SCOUTS  
10 1/2 - 14 year olds

EXPLORER SCOUTS  
14 - 18 year olds

SCOUT NETWORK  
14 - 18 year olds

LEADERS  
18 Years +

## "The Motto" Fun and Friends

WELCOME TO  
THE FAMILY OF SCOUTING



AN INTRODUCTION  
TO  
BEAVER SCOUTING

What is a Beaver Scout?

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What do Beaver Scouts do?

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How long can you be a Beaver?

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Who runs the Colony meetings?

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What is there after Beavers?

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How did Beaver Scouting begin?



## *Welcome to the family of Scouting.*

This leaflet has been produced to help you understand more about Beaver Scouting.

### **INFORMATION TO READ TO YOUR CHILD**

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 usually 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.

### **INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS**

Scouting is the largest youth movement in the world with over 26 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 there are Skills Instructors, Helpers and administrators - committee members, fund raisers and so on.

Scout Groups are always needing help and support. If you feel that you can spare a little of your time please speak to the Beaver Scout Leader for more information.

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

### **BEAVER SCOUT BADGES**

The **First Badges** that will be presented to a Beaver following his/her investiture are:-

- Membership Badge
- Group Ribbon
- District & County Badge

In addition it is possible for a beaver to earn a badge or badges prior to their investiture, but they will not be presented until that time. We try to set a programme with the aim that all beavers have the opportunity to earn a range of badges before moving up to join Cubs.

**THE Promise**  
**I promise to do my best  
to be kind and helpful  
and to love God.**

Beaver Scouting is open to young people of all major denominations, faiths and all who can make the Beaver Scout Promise. Beavers do not make their Promise until they have been in the colony for a few weeks. Parents are warmly invited to their child's Promise Ceremony for which the Beaver will need uniform.



### **USEFUL INFORMATION**

Your Beaver Scout Group is:

**2<sup>nd</sup> Farnham**

Your Beaver Scout Leader is:

**JANET FRASER (JAY)**

Telephone: **01252 321300**

Assistant Beaver Scout Leader is :

**TONY MACER (KINGFISHER)**

Telephone: **01252 686938**

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The colony meets at:

**2<sup>nd</sup> Farnham Scout Hut,**

The Recreational Green, Hale,  
Farnham Surrey, GU9 OHN.

**THURSDAYS**

From **5PM - 6:15 pm**

The subscription is £10 per term to be paid every 1st Thursday of each term  
Plus annual membership fee..

Visit **2<sup>nd</sup> Farnham Beavers Website** for more info at  
[www.halescouts.org/Beavers](http://www.halescouts.org/Beavers)