



**14th King's Lynn (Wootton's)
Beaver Scout Colony**

Welcome Pack

BEAVERS 



Welcome to 14th King's Lynn (Woottons) Beavers

Introduction

Welcome to our Beaver Colony. This information pack will give you and your Beaver important information about scouting and what we do at Beavers. We hope your Beaver has lots of fun and makes lots of new friends. This pack should answer any questions you may have but if it doesn't, please speak to one of the leaders and they will try and help.

14th King's Lynn (Wootton's) Beavers meet on Tuesday evenings during term time, from 6pm - 7.10pm. We meet at the Scout and Guide HQ, Station Road, North Wootton.

What is Scouting?

Adventure is at the heart of everything we do. It is the single most important thing that sets Scouts apart. It's exciting being involved with us. We believe that through the everyday adventure of Scouting, young people and adult volunteers regularly experience new challenges that enrich their lives. We offer hundreds of activities, as diverse as kayaking, abseiling, staged performance, paragliding, and archery. There's something for every young person, whatever their physical ability.

Every young person in Scouting enjoys a balanced programme of activities, events and experiences, based around subject areas we call Programme Zones. The zones vary slightly depending on which of our sections the young person is in, but they cover a huge range of activities, from outdoor and physical pursuits to community involvement, creative expression and learning about the wider world.

Together we help Scouts get the most out of their Scouting experience by including elements from as many zones as possible within the activities on offer. And, the older they get, the more input young people themselves have in their own programme. Hiking in the dark, travelling across Poland with just a backpack and three friends spending the first night away from home. Activities are an integral part of Scouting. But as well as being challenging physically, our activities help young people set and achieve goals and grow in confidence.

What we do?

During your Beavers time in the colony, they will get a chance to try a whole host of different activities like craft, play, music, exploring, computing and collecting.

There are a range of badges available which they can wear on their uniforms to show everyone how well they are doing.

Behaviour

We expect your Beaver to behave sensibly, to be considerate and to be kind to everyone in the colony. Please listen to others when they are talking, this includes the leaders, adult helpers and fellow Beavers. Please remember the rules we have are there to keep you safe and ensure you can enjoy yourself. If you have any concerns please speak to one of the leaders and they will help you.

Investiture

The Beaver Scout Membership Award takes about a month to complete. The investiture happens at the end of that award. We like to wait about a month to give new members a chance to settle in. Uniform is required for the investiture but should not be worn until then.

Uniform

Your Beaver will need a Beaver sweatshirt and a polo shirt. You will receive your necker at your investiture.

Beaver Scout Promise

Your beaver will be asked to repeat the Beaver Scout Promise at their investiture ceremony- but if they can't learn it by then, the leaders will help you.

The Beaver Scout Promise

I promise to do my best
To be kind and helpful
And to love God/Our world.

The Beaver Scout Motto

Be prepared

Admission Form

We will ask you to complete an admission form which includes emergency contact information. Please let us know if any of the personal information changes while your child is a Beaver. There is also a Gift Aid form attached, we would be grateful if you could complete and return this to us alongside the admission form.

Activity Programme

We will send the programme details of the activities and meetings at the start of each term.

Parent Helpers

The leaders greatly appreciate the help and the support that parents provide and without them it would not be possible to provide such a varied programme for the Beavers to enjoy. If you have any particular skills or attributes that may be beneficial to helping us provide a varied programme please let us know.

Money Matters

Any money owed can be paid via cash or cheque (made payable to '14th Kings Lynn Scouts') and should be placed in a sealed envelope with your child's name and what the payment is for i.e. subs.

Subs are £35.00 per term, payable at the beginning of each term (or at your child's investiture)

Subs are used to pay for insurance and hall upkeep as well as resources to provide activities. Sometimes activities will incur an additional cost, these will be detailed on the activity programme. Sleepovers and certain trips/outings also have additional costs attached to them. We do try to keep any additional costs above basic subs to a minimum.

There is an initial joining fee of £10.00 which covers the cost of the necker and joining badges.

Uniform can be purchased at Rowlinson's Sports, Norfolk Street, King's Lynn. However, have a look on eBay or speak to one of the leaders as we may have some second hand ones available.

Badges and how to get them

Once your Beaver has been invested they will receive their 'Adventure all the way' book.

The 'Adventure all the way book' is designed for your Beaver to guide them through Beavers as well as a full list of badges. Work towards the badges can be completed at home, school, clubs, and of course beaver meetings!

Activity Badges

Many of the badges available are activity badges, which allow Beaver Scouts to show their progress in existing pursuits, but also to try all kinds of new things and form new interests.

Challenge badges

Gaining a challenge badge involves accomplishing a number of more ambitious tasks within the Colony or community. There are several challenge badges across a number of themes, from the physical and outdoorsy to challenges dealing with the local community or issues connected with the Scouting world.

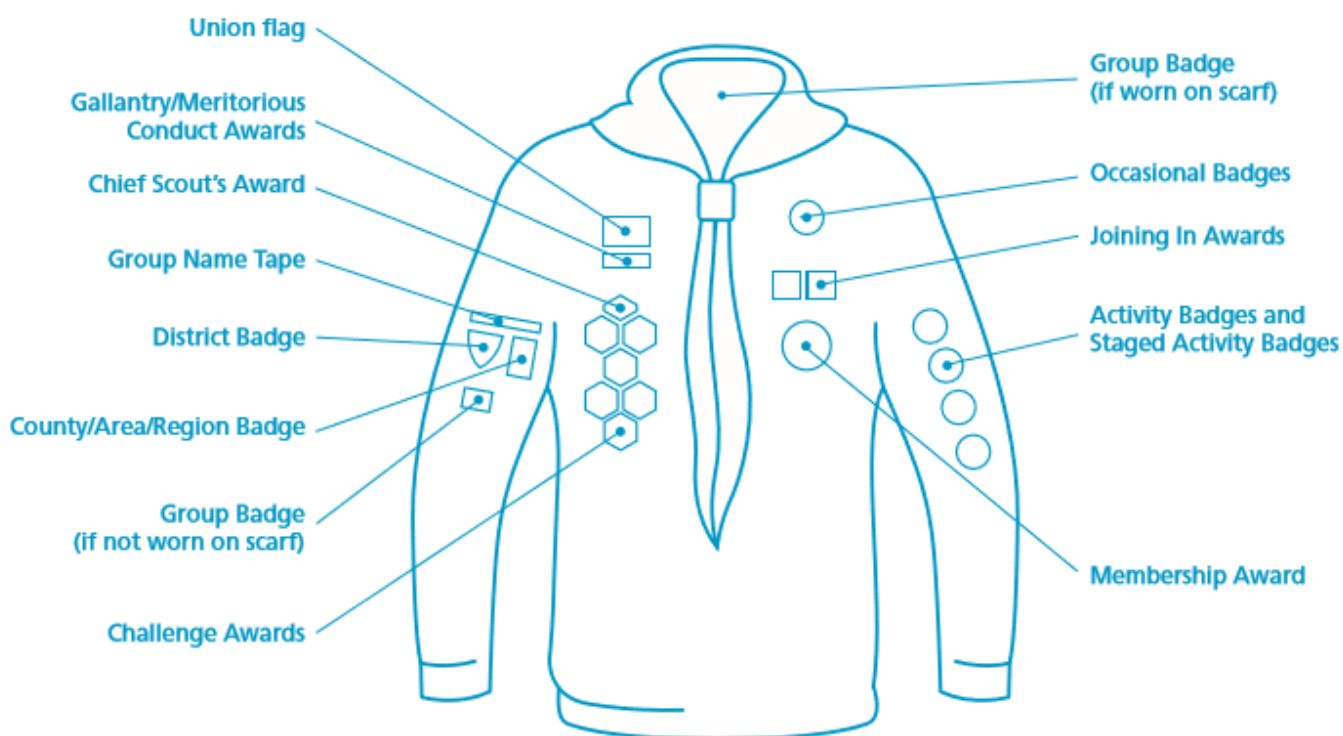
Core badges

In addition, there are a number of core badges, obtained upon joining or moving on from the Colony, or for time spent in the Scouting movement.

The Chief Scout's Bronze Award

Is the highest award available in the Beaver Scout Section. It is gained by completing all of the challenge awards and by completing any four activity or staged activity badges.

Position of Badges on Uniform



The Scout website has lots of information about Beavers, including all of the badge requirements. Please take a look at www.scouts.org.uk

Finally as a group we use 'my.scout'. A programme that is used by nearly 28,000 sections across the UK. My.scout gives us as leaders the ability to keep in touch with you as parents/carers easily, and for you to keep track of your Beavers badge work progress. It also enables us to reduce the amount of printing. However to enable it to work properly can you please add the email address **'beavers@14thkingslynn.co.uk'** to your trusted contact list, this will prevent the emails from bouncing to your spam/junk folder. I will send an email to you shortly to invite you use to 'my scout'.

Contact Details

Email: beavers@14thkingslynn.co.uk

Phone: 07810 281975

Website: www.14thkingslynn.co.uk

We could be very grateful if you can let us know if your child won't be attending a meeting (i.e. if they are poorly).

We hope your Beaver has lots of fun at Beavers and makes lots of new friends

Yours in Scouting

Owl and Penguin

(aka Donna and Charlene)

Beavers you can use this list to tick off your achievements once you are awarded your badges. If there are any badges that you would like to work on at home, please speak to one of the leaders. In the mean time why don't you pin it up in your bedroom.

Challenge Awards

-  My Adventure
-  My Outdoors
-  My Skills
-  My World
-  Personal Challenge
-  Teamwork
-  Chief Scouts Bronze Award

Activity Badges

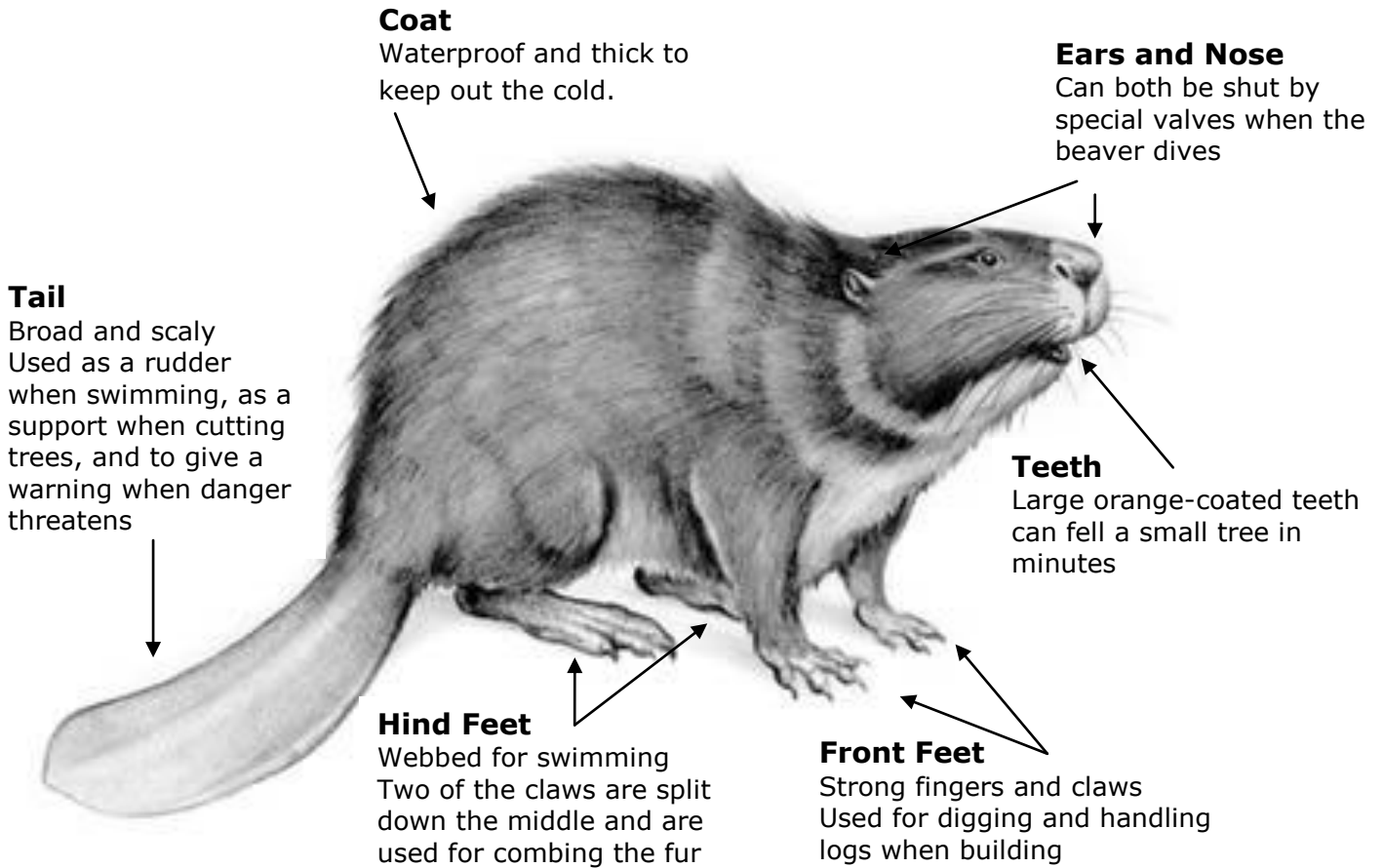
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| <input type="checkbox"/> |  | Creative | <input type="checkbox"/> |  | International |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  | Cyclist | <input type="checkbox"/> |  | Photographer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  | Disability Awareness | <input type="checkbox"/> |  | Safety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  | Experiment | <input type="checkbox"/> |  | Space |
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Staged Activity Badges

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| <input type="checkbox"/> |  | Digital Maker | <input type="checkbox"/> |  | Paddle Sports |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  | Emergency Aid | <input type="checkbox"/> |  | Sailing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  | Hikes Away | <input type="checkbox"/> |  | Swimmer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  | Musician | <input type="checkbox"/> |  | Time on the Water |



Beaver Animal Facts



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14th Kings Lynn (Woottons) Beaver Scouts

Registration Form

Child's Full Name:

DOB: Religion:

Address:

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..... Post Code:

Telephone Number:.....

Mobile Number:

Parents/Guardians' Name:

Email Address:

(only state if you are prepared for us to contact you using it)

School:

Emergency Contact:

(e.g. Grandparents, Aunts & Uncles, Neighbours, etc)

Emergency Contact Address:

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Emergency Number:

GP Name: NHS Number:

GP Surgery Address:

..... Phone Number:

Additional Needs (e.g. Illnesses, disabilities, allergies, medication, dietary, etc):

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Please Circle: Asian Black Mixed White Other

This information is required for Scout Headquarters Census completed in January of every year.

The Scout Movement in the UK is a membership organization. To enable it to operate and communicate with its members, it is necessary to maintain records about them. Information held in our Scout Group may be shared from time to time within Scouting, including the Headquarters of the Association. New legislation came into force in March 2000 which covers the protection and processing of personal data. Adults and young people have the same rights under the Data Protection Act 1998. The Act covers both paper and computer based information.

All the information above will only be used in connection with your child's membership of the Scouting Movement in the UK. Please give your consent to this information being stored and used in the way described above by signing below.

I accept that the Scout Group will be keeping the information about my child above for Scouting purposes and give explicit consent to this.

Signed: Date:

I give/do not give my consent* for my child's photograph to be taken on organized Scouting events and promotions.

Signed: Date:

*please delete where appropriate.

I give/do not give* my consent for my child's photograph to be used on the '14th Kings Lynn' Facebook and/or twitter page.

Signed: Date:

If you have an enhanced DBS (formerly CRB), please indicate the date of issue (we sometimes need parent helpers to help run activities/trips etc):

Date of Issue:

Gift Aid Declaration

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Name of charity: **THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION**

Please treat as Gift Aid donations:

- The enclosed gift of £ _____ OR
- All gifts of money that I make today and in the future as Gift Aid donations OR
- All gifts of money that I have made in the past four years and all future gifts of money that I make from the date of this declaration as Gift Aid donations.

✓ *Please tick the appropriate box*

Donor's details

Title: _____ Initial(s): _____ Surname: _____

Home address: _____

Postcode: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs), that I donate to, will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give.

Please notify The Scout Association if you:

1. Want to cancel this declaration.
2. Change your name or home address.
3. No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

If you pay income tax at the higher rate, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return if you want to receive the additional tax relief due to you.

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