



4TH WEST BRIDGFORD SCOUTS

INFORMATION FOR BEAVERS

Beaver Scouts wear a turquoise sweatshirt and a Group scarf (and woggle to hold it in place) with the option of wearing either navy blue activity trousers or shorts. They also have the option of wearing a turquoise polo shirt and a baseball cap.

During the first few weeks at Beavers, your child will take part in a range of activities that will give them an understanding of Scouting. They will discuss the origins of Beaver Scouts, and the meaning of the Beaver Scout promise will be explained. After about 4 weeks, you will be invited to attend a simple ceremony of investiture, which takes place at the end of the meeting. The new Beaver will make their promise, and will be presented with the Membership Badge and the Group Scarf. (Price available at the time)

Their Promise, which is appropriate for the age range, is;

'I promise to do my best, to be kind and helpful and to love God'

The Beaver Scout Programme and activities are based on six "Programme Zones". These are:

Beliefs and Attitudes – This zone is at the heart of all our Scouting activities and underpins all the other zones. It helps Beaver Scouts to understand their Promise and how to put it into practice. This zone will also help to develop their sense of right and wrong and help them to respond to the needs of others.

Community – Through this zone, Beaver Scouts will find out about the community in which they live, and how they contribute to it. They will also learn about local people, places and facilities.

Fitness – This zone focuses on activities to improve fitness, promote personal health and increase awareness of personal safety. It should provide Beaver Scouts with the opportunity to participate in a variety of games and to improve their co-ordination skills.

Creative - This zone provides opportunities for Beaver Scouts to take part in and enjoy different creative activities. Beaver Scouts are at an age where they are starting to learn how to express themselves. They enjoy making things, creating and developing their talents, skills and interests, and expressing themselves through creative play and activities.

Global – Scouting is proud of its strong international links and its presence in 216 countries and territories. This zone will help Beaver Scouts to start exploring the similarities and differences between people of different cultures. The zone also helps Beaver Scouts to develop an awareness of both the natural and manmade worlds.

Outdoor and Adventure – Beaver Scouts will be given the chance to enjoy the outdoors and sample different adventurous activities, whilst perhaps learning some Scouting skills.

A number of badges are available for the Beaver Scouts to recognise their progress through the Colony. To help you identify them, these are as follows:



The Membership Award

this is to be awarded at a Promise ceremony after four to six weeks in the Colony. Helps the young person understand the commitment they are making when they make the Promise and become a member of the Movement



Joining In Award

recognises a young person's participation in the Balanced Programme.

Challenge Badges - Awards that challenge young people to use the skills that they have learnt through participation in the Balanced Programme. There are six awards:



Promise Challenge



Creative Challenge



Fitness Challenge



Friendship Challenge



Global Challenge



Outdoor Challenge

Challenge activities are to be undertaken as a Colony and not individually.



Chief Scout's Bronze Award

this is the top Award that a Beaver Scout can achieve.



The Moving On Award

helps ease the transfer of a Beaver Scout to the Cub Scout Pack.

Activity Badges

Beaver Scouts have an opportunity to achieve twelve Activity Badges. These are:



Adventure



Air Activities



Animal Friend



Creative



Experiment



Explore



Faith



Health & Fitness



Healthy Eating



Hobbies



Imagination



Safety

Staged Activity Badges

Six badges, which are staged across the first four Sections (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & Explorer Scouts) . A young person can gain whichever badge is appropriate to the level they have reached.

The six badges are



Emergency Aid

(5 Stages)



Hikes Away

Awarded for 1, 5, 10, 20, 35 & 50 hikes



Information Technology

(5 Stages)



Musician

(5 Stages)



Nights Away

Awarded for 1, 5, 10, 20, 35, 50, 75, 100, 125, 150, 175 & 200 nights away



Swimming

(5 Stages)

Partnership Awards

These awards are tackled with other Sections in the Group and which promote activities within the Balanced Program of each Section.



Faith

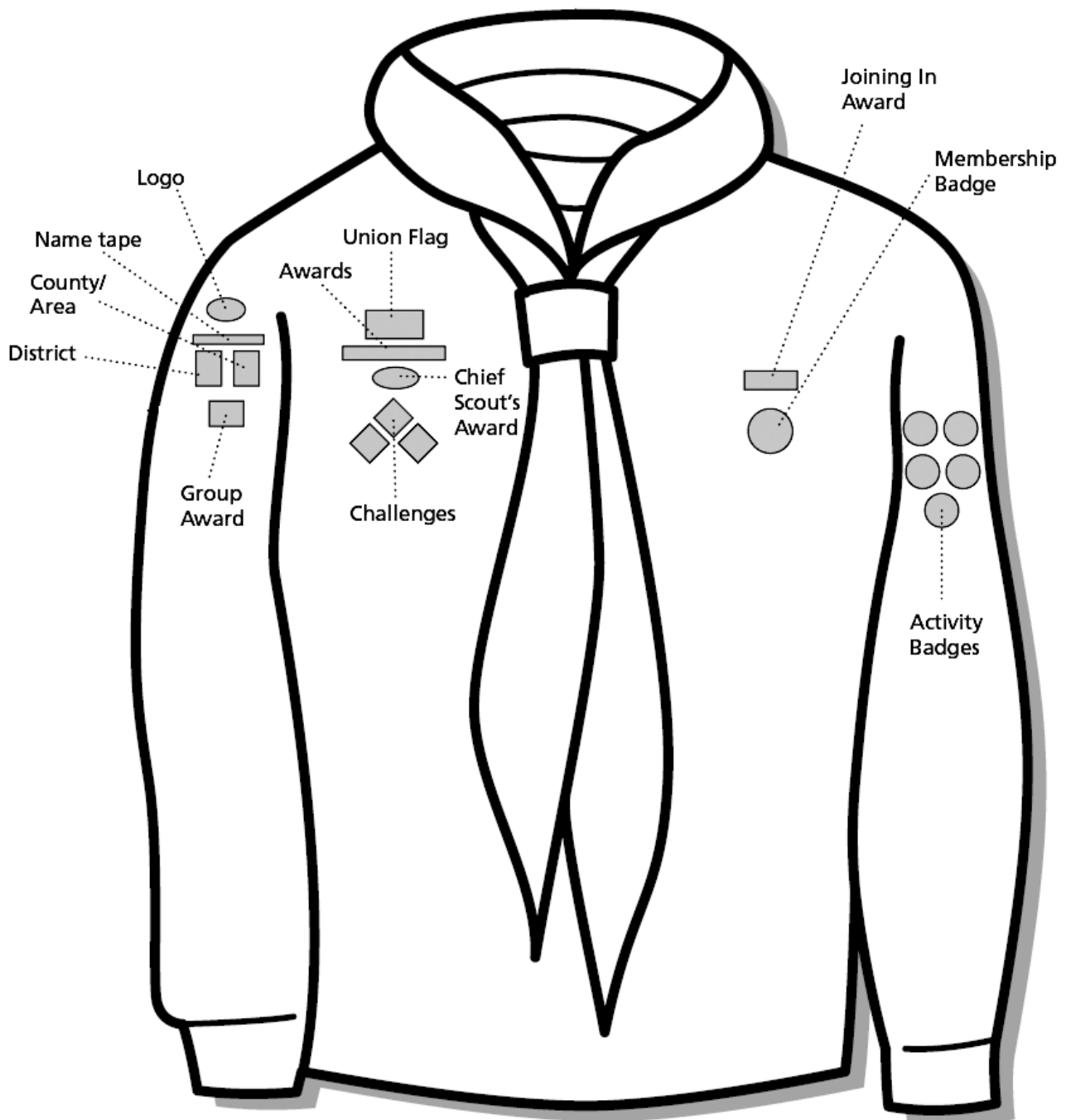


Environment



International Friendship

BEAVER UNIFORM BADGE POSITIONS



Where can I get more information?

Many aspects of Scouting are covered by the Scout Associations official Members Web site. This includes details about each of the Activity badges mentioned in this short guide.



www.scoutbase.org.uk

This Cub Section information is provided as a supplement to the Group "New Member Information Pack".
If you have not received this and would like a copy, please ask your leader.