

What is a Beaver Leader / Helper?

How do Beavers Operate ?



Beavers are aged between 6 and 8 years old. The weekly programmes will incorporate games and activity around a theme of “Fun and Friendship”. The Beavers are normally put into small groups called lodges to make it easier for helping them with the activity. There are a number of badges that can be gained representing challenge and activity and these can be covered either at Beavers or through home or other hobbies.

What do Beavers do?

As with all Scouting, the programme can be whatever the leaders determine subject of course to the safety and welfare of the Beavers! You will often find Beavers making things from cardboard and glue or wood and nails, eating things that they previously prepared, taking part in themed evenings on other Countries of the world or based on specific dates in our calendar (e.g. Mothers Day, Christmas, Halloween or the Saints days). Beavers are allowed to join in with activities such as Archery (we have our own equipment and trained instructors), take part in walks, visit places of interest (e.g. Fire Station, Police Station) or may be visited by someone with a special interest.

Beavers are not allowed to camp in tents (unless with their own parents) but may take part in a sleepover in a building or the HQ, subject to the Leader in charge having completed the necessary training. .

What is the Commitment ?

Each weekly programme lasts for 1 hour onto which you should add another 30 minutes for the “before” and “after” preparation, clearing away and discussion on how it went.

In addition the planning meetings last for about 2 hours each half term.

Beavers will normally take part in an additional half-day activity each term outside of their normal meeting. This could be a trip for your Beavers or taking part in a Group or District event.

What Skills do I need?

The main skills required to help Beavers are enthusiasm, a sense of fun and some basic common sense. You will be surprised how much of your own life experience will be of benefit to the Beavers and how quickly you will learn new skills by working with other adults and the Beavers themselves. Previous Scouting and Guiding experience is not necessary.

What will I do?

You will be part of the Leadership team. This means that you will be involved in the execution of the weekly programme which could mean helping or running an activity or game, helping a small group of Beavers completing a task or taking part in a trip or visit. As your experience and confidence grows you may want to take the responsibility of organising the evening programme.

But I don't know what to do!

Don't Worry! We all had to start somewhere and others in the Leadership team will have varying amount of experience to help you. There are also a number of books and online resources to provide ideas for games and activities that will be available to you when you are ready to read them!