

Activity Badge Requirements - Beavers

Animal Friend



How to earn your badge:

1. Learn how to care for an animal.
2. Help to take care of that animal for six weeks.
3. Tell others in your Colony or Lodge about the animal.
4. Find out what the animal needs. Learn about its food, habitat, space, exercise and sleeping area.
5. Keep a note of how you have looked after the animal for two weeks. You can draw, take photographs or write short sentences.

Top tips:

The animal you care for could be a dog, cat, gerbil, guinea pig, fish, bird, rabbit, lamb or even a stick insect! Maybe you could help look after a family member's pet.

Camp Craft



How to earn your badge:

1. Help to put up a tent.
2. Collect wood and help to build a fire.
3. Cook on a fire or barbeque.
4. Learn how to tie a reef knot.
6. Take part in a small pioneering project.
7. Start your own camp blanket.
8. Visit a Cub, Scout or Group camp.

Safety is really important when you're around the fire. Your leader will be supervising you, so make sure you follow their instructions and be careful.

Top tips -

For the pioneering project you could use uncooked spaghetti or skewers and sweets, or bamboo canes and elastic bands.

Collector



How to earn your badge:

1. Spend at least six weeks making a collection.
2. Show your Colony or Lodge a sample of things from your collection.
3. Tell others in your Colony or Lodge about your collection. What is your collection? Why do you collect these things? What is your favourite thing from your collection?

Communicator



How to earn your badge:

1. Learn how to make a phone call.
2. Learn your phone number.
3. Learn how to send an email or text message.
4. Spell your name in Morse code, semaphore, the phonetic alphabet, or using pictures and symbols.
5. Try to work out a simple message given to you in Morse code, semaphore, the phonetic alphabet, or using pictures and symbols.

Chef



How to earn your badge:

1. Find out what makes a balanced diet.
2. Find out about why being clean in the kitchen is important.
3. Learn about being safe in the kitchen.
4. Choose three dishes to prepare and cook. At least one dish should be savoury and one should be sweet.

You will need help from an adult if you're using the oven or stove.

Top tips

Here are some ideas for dishes you could prepare:

- For the sweet dish, you could make fruit salad, a strawberry smoothie, chocolate crispy cakes, corn flake cakes, high energy snack bars, homemade muesli or flapjacks
- For the savoury dish you could try omelette, mini pitta bread pizzas, meat kebabs or cheese and ham toasties

If you're cooking at home take photos and bring them to your meeting.

Creative



How to earn your badge:

1. Do a performance. You could try one of these:
 - poem
 - puppet show
 - short play
 - dance
2. Try a craft. You could make one of these:
 - card
 - seasonal item, like a decoration for a faith festival
 - glass painting
 - plate painting
3. Construct something. You could do one of these:
 - make something that has moving parts, using recycled materials
 - use Lego or Meccano to build something
 - make something from clay or plasticine
4. Use your imagination. You could do one of these:
 - draw a picture, or make a model or collage, of what the world might be like in 100 years
 - create a cartoon character and write a short comic strip telling a simple story
 - create a superhero and tell others what superpowers they have

Cyclist



How to earn your badge:

1. Find out why it's important to wear safety equipment like a helmet, reflective clothing and lights.
2. Show how to put on and wear a cycle helmet correctly.
3. Show how to pump up a tyre.
4. Go for a short ride in a safe place.

You must always wear a cycle helmet when riding your bike. The only exception is if you're Sikh and you wear a turban.

Disability Awareness



How to earn your badge:

Do one activity from each of the lists below.

1. Disability awareness - do one of these:
 - Explain what a disability is.
 - Find out about a Paralympian and their sport. Tell a story about their achievements.
 - Visit an activity centre or playground for people with disabilities.
 - Talk about how your meeting place could be made better so that everyone can take part.
 - Make a poster that tells others about a disability. Choose something that's not mentioned later, in numbers 2, 3 or 4.
2. Physical disability awareness - do one of these:
 - Show how to safely push a wheelchair.
 - Talk about an aid that can help a disabled person. It could be a type of wheelchair, computer, grabber or rising chair.
 - Play a game where you can only sit down or use one hand e.g. goalball.
3. Deaf awareness - do one of these:
 - Learn how to fingerspell your name.
 - Learn the Promise in British Sign Language.
 - Explain what hearing dogs for deaf people do. Why are they helpful?
 - Play a game without using sound.
4. Sight awareness - do one of these:
 - Talk about what guide dogs for blind people do.
 - Guide a blindfolded Beaver through a game or assault course.
 - Play blind football or another blindfolded game.

Experiment



How to earn your badge:

Do three experiments. Talk to your leader about trying these:

- white light spinners
- magnetism fun
- making a ketchup packet sink on command
- experiment with oil
- volcano eruption
- sodium bicarbonate and vinegar
- dissolving
- growing cress

Before you try them, what do you think might happen?

2. After you do your experiments, tell other Beavers what you saw and discovered. Try to explain why it happened.

Explore



How to earn your badge:

1. Decide where to explore. You could go to:
 - the seashore
 - a forest or park
 - woodland
 - a town.
2. Think about what you expect to find.
3. Go on the exploration.
4. Tell other Beavers what you have discovered.

Faith



How to earn your badge:

1. Write a prayer or reflection.
2. Read or share a prayer or reflection. You could do this for the opening or closing ceremony, or some other time.
3. Find and tell a story about doing your best and helping other people. Think about the ways it links to the Beaver Scout Promise.
4. Visit a place of worship and tell other Beaver Scouts about your visit. You can do this with photographs, drawings, handouts, leaflets or information sheets.

Gardener



How to earn your badge:

1. Find out what happens to trees in each of the four seasons.
2. Learn how to use some gardening tools safely.
3. Find out what plants need to grow.
4. Help to look after a garden or allotment for three months. Keep a record of what you have done and the changes you see. You could draw pictures, write short sentences and take photographs.

Global Issues



How to earn your badge:

1. Keep a diary for a week, showing how you have recycled or saved energy at home.
2. Try different kinds of Fairtrade products. Talk about the benefits of Fairtrade in the world.
3. Create a 'zoo' of endangered animals. Find out why they are endangered. You might include pandas, South China tigers, black rhinos, Sumatran orang-utans, Amur leopards, vaquitas or Hawksbill Turtles.
4. Use a soft drinks bottle to create a water filter using sand and pebbles. Talk about the problems some people have finding clean and safe drinking water.

Hobbies



How to earn your badge:

1. Choose a hobby to take part in for at least six weeks.
2. Show that you have stuck with your hobby. Show what you know about your hobby and the skills you have learned.
3. Tell and show the Colony, your Lodge or Leaders about your chosen hobby. Talk about why you enjoy it.

Top tips -

You can earn more than one Hobbies badge.

International



How to earn your badge:

1. Learn a song, play a game or perform a dance from another country.
2. Find out about Beaver Scouts, or younger Scouts if they don't have Beaver Scouts, in another country. What do they call themselves? What's their uniform like? And what do they say for their Promise? Find out as much as you can.
3. Draw five different flags from five different countries across the world. Tell someone else a fact about each country.
4. Try different kinds of food from another country. Vote for your favourite dish and explain why.
5. Learn how to say a greeting in a language other than your own.

Photographer



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Safety



How to earn your badge:

1. Tell others what the Green Cross Code is about.
2. Tell others what the Water Safety Code is about.
3. Say what you should do if a stranger walks over to you and tries to talk to you.
4. Point out dangers around the home or at your meeting place.
5. Tell others what you should do if there is a fire. Talk about what you would do during a fire drill at your meeting place.
6. Find out how to call the emergency services.
7. Tell others what you should do at a roadside and at a railway level crossing.

Space



How to earn your badge:

1. Point out some of the things you can see in the night sky. It could be stars, the moon or planets.
2. Point out and name at least one constellation you can see.
3. Name the eight planets in our solar system.
4. Find out about a current space mission.

Top tips

You can see different constellations during different seasons in the year!

The International Space Station (ISS) is carrying out lots of exciting experiments in space. On some nights you can see the ISS in the sky - it travels quite quickly and looks like a star.

To find out where the International Space Station is and get more tips on astronomy, visit meteorwatch.org

Right now, there are vehicles called 'landers' exploring the surface of Mars. If you go on the NASA website, you'll find photos they send back. Visit nasa.gov

Sports



How to earn your badge:

1. Take part in a sport or physical activity regularly for at least six weeks.
2. Take part in a match, competition or demonstration of that sport.
3. Show your Lodge, Colony or an adult the skills you have learned.
4. Tell your Lodge, Colony or an adult about the rules of your sport.