



Spring Term Programme 2015 – Bourne Curious!

Dear Parents & Carers,

Happy New Year & Welcome back, Beavers & Families.

This term we will be working towards our Creative Challenge Badge and our Experimenters & Communicators Activity Badges. This will be a term of learning something new & finding out how things work...prepare for new songs, games & to be bamboozled with interesting facts! We will continue working towards our Promise Challenge Badge. Beavers achieve this badge by participation in colony ceremonies, being a 'Beaver Buddy' for our new starters, showing how we do our best and by writing & reading a prayer for the closing ceremony. Please encourage your child to prepare & read a prayer for us.

We will have three sessions this term where Beavers can come and present their hobbies, collections, sport or work towards an activity badge. This is an optional activity for Beavers to take part in, please make sure their collections / achievements meet the requirements (a hobby should be more than 3 weeks of participation & collections reflect a real interest). Badge requirements are online <https://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources>

2015 will bring a big change to the Beavers' Challenge Badge programme. The Scout Association are introducing new badges which form the pathway to earn the Chief Scouts Bronze Award. Bourne Beavers who will complete their Chief Scout Bronze Award or will move up to cubs in 2015 will continue to follow the existing badge programme. The younger Beavers will be transitioned to the new badges in 2015 – don't worry, elements earned in previous Challenge badges will be transferred on our records to the new badges, no one will miss out!

Parent Helpers are always welcome. If you have a particular interest in a programme activity, please come and join us! A change in the Scout Association rules mean that occasional Parent Helpers are no longer required to be DBS checked. Helpers who support on a regular basis, or support our offsite / overnight activities will still require the DBS check, please chat to us if you need clarification or would like to submit DBS with 1st Chertsey Scouts (they are sadly not transferable between organisations e.g. schools or sports clubs)

Dates for your diaries

Comedy Night. Saturday 7th February. This was a hugely successful & extremely enjoyable night in Autumn 2014, we are thrilled to be hosting it once again. Information available on 1st Chertsey Scout Website & emails to follow.

Date	Programme Activity & Information	Programme Zone / Badge
08 January 2015	Welcome Back – Are you ready, Beavers? How are you Beavers? Have you done your best? New Assistant Lodge Leaders will be announced for Red & Blue lodges Games	Challenge Badge – Promise
15 January 2015	Communicators Badge This will be an interesting activity badge to earn – we will learn about codes, flags & sending messages.	Activity Badge – Communicators
22 January 2015	Badge Night Show & Tell / Learning a New Song This is the opportunity for Beavers to bring along their independent work towards badges & show the colony. We will also be learning & singing some of our favourite Beaver songs.	Activity Badge – Beavers' own work Challenge Badge - Creative

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29 January 2015	1st Aid We are thrilled to welcome Simon Malton, a paramedic with the local Ambulance Service. Simon has specialist training in search & rescue as well as a long history with Scouting. Simon will teach Beavers the basics of 1 st Aid & 1 st Response towards their Stage 1, or Stage 2 1 st Aid Activity Badge.	Staged Activity Badge – 1 st Aid
05 February 2015	Badge Night Show & Tell / New Games Night This is the opportunity for Beavers to bring along their independent work towards badges & show the colony. We will also try out some new games....are you ready, Beavers?	Activity Badge – Beavers' own work
12 February 2015	Lights Out Games Night Dark evenings don't scare us.....we can have fun in the dark too!!	Challenge Badge - Fitness Challenge Badge – Promise
19 February 2015	Half Term – No Meeting	
26 February 2015	How things work? As part of our Creative Challenge Badge, we will be asking Fox & Mr Fox how things work.... A Magnet? A Battery?and lots more! If you have your own question, why not challenge them?	Challenge Badge – Creative
05 March	Experimenters Badge Continuing our theme of knowledge & how things work, this week we will be earning our Experimenters Badge.... did you know that Fox & Mr Fox are both scientists (when not being Beaver Leaders!!)	Activity Badge – Experimenters Badge
12 March 2015	A Night at the Museum.... It's Chertsey Museum....and only 1 hour! We will meet at Chertsey Museum, Windsor St.	Challenge Badge – Creative & Promise
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02 / 09 April	Easter Holidays – No Meeting	

Summer 2015 Spoiler Alert!

We are already looking forward to a wonderful Summer Term with some extra events & days for the Beavers to enjoy. We are planning at least 1 overnight camping trip, we will parade on St Georges Day, we have been invited to try canoeing to earn our time on the water staged activity badge and we also have Surrey & Runnymede District Beaver Events. More info to follow....

Any questions, please don't hesitate to ask us!

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