

Forest Beaver Scout Report

This year has continued to be full of exciting experiences and programmes for our beaver. We have continued to support our Beavers with a great team of leaders and Young Leaders without whom this wouldn't be possible, and I would like to thank them all for their support and engagement within the section. Our Young Leaders continued to grow and develop their leadership skills alongside our other leaders, and it has been great to see their confidence grow across the year. We thank them for their time with us as they have both since moved on to other sections.

We are currently full at 28 Beavers with a strong attendance each session. This year the Beavers have been working really hard at home as well as at our sessions and they have earned a total of 498 badges at home and during our sessions well done to you and thank you to our parents/carers' engagement with this.

The Beavers have worked really hard during our sessions working on a variety of badges including; international, money skills (which is a new badge for us all), disability awareness and health and fitness.

Our year has been filled with a variety of experiences for our young people.

In the summer of last year, we held our own Jamboree on the Trail (JOTT) walk which is an international event with groups from across the world joining in with walks or hikes.

We also went for a visit to Broadstone Warren, a scout adventure centre, where the Beavers enjoyed activities including low ropes, tunnelling and pedal karts. Much fun was had by all who attended.

We held our sleepover in Selsey last year with a magical theme to entice the Beavers as well as visit to the local RSPB site to explore the area and learn about the different animals and creatures that call it home.

In February of this year, the Beavers went to clip and climb which they did amazingly well whilst Magpie watched from below admiring their confidence and climbing ability whilst keeping my feet firmly on the ground.

The Beavers have also enjoyed joining in with district events including a sandcastle competition, flying fortress and St George's Day in Arundel. Last year, some of our Beavers joined in with the celebrations for St George's Day during our time as duty group.

A total of 10 Beavers achieved their Chief Scout Bronze award which is a fantastic achievement for those Beavers. Lots of Beavers are continuing to attend sessions and are getting close to achieving theirs as well. We currently have a lot of younger children who are also on their way to achieving their bronze awards, so we are looking forward to seeing what the upcoming year has to bring.

I would like to end by thanking the young people and their families that make Forest Beavers what it is and the amazing team of volunteers without whom we couldn't run and provide the amazing experiences for our wonderful Beavers.

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