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Past Events

Scouting

Community Day

A fantastic day was had by over 100 youngsters, taking part in activities around the Canyon Activity Centre, Stevenage Scouting's newest HQ. After all the beavers and cubs were there, they were split into groups. The groups had a variety of tasks to complete, such as leaf clearing, laying bark chips, cleaning playground equipment and clearing the ground ready for the new equipment to be installed.

Hopefully by the time the newsletter is delivered there should be a brand new climbing wall, and access to a variety of other adventurous activities for Stevenage Scouting to take part in at the Canyon, such as archery and air rifles.

New Badge System

With effect from the start of this term the Beavers are going to taking part in a variety of new badges to achieve their Chief Scout Award; as well as a whole range of exciting new activity badges.

The main thrust of the new badges is to add adventure and excitement, and allow the youngsters to spend more time completing activities. Also within the badges is a greater emphasis on teamwork and personal challenge.

The Outdoor Challenge badge will need to be completed as part of a sleepover, though practise can happen within normal evening programmes. Hopefully, therefore, every colony will give their youngsters a chance to take part in a sleepover this academic year.

Within the main badges, there have always been Activity badges, which have now been extended to include :

- Camp Craft
- Collector
- Communicator
- Cyclist
- Gardener
- Photographer
- Sports
- Space
- Disability Awareness

along with a larger set of Staged Badges, including :

- Air Activities
- Community Impact
- Digital Citizen
- Digital Maker
- Emergency Aid
- Hikes Away
- Musician
- Nautical Skills
- Navigator
- Nights Away
- Paddle Sports
- Sailing
- Swimmer
- Time on the Water

Hopefully, this will mean an exciting future for Beavers in Stevenage Scouting; both in their evening programmes and other weekend activities.

Autumn 2015—Diary

Sept				
	26th	Paradise Wildlife Park	Coach leaves District HQ	8:30am
Oct				
	17th	JOTA / JOTI	District HQ	2:00pm
Nov				
	9th	Remembrance Sunday	OldTown, Waitrose car park	10:00am
Dec				
	6th	Christingle Service	St Andrew and St George Church	4:00pm



JOTA

Sat 17th October

District HQ, Poplars

This annual international event will give the Beavers the opportunity to make contact with Beavers, Cubs and Scouts worldwide via various Radio communications or the Internet in a controlled environment and work. The activities will all be based around communication, code breaking and making; speaking in foreign languages; non-verbal communication and signalling.

Beavers are welcome to come along on Saturday afternoon from 2pm till 4pm. The cost per session is £4, including refreshments.

Remembrance Parade

Sun 9th Nov

Old Town

More information will be made available from your Beaver Leader nearer the date. It is expected that Beavers will be asked to assemble in the Old Town at approx 10:00am.

They will need to be in full uniform, and be wearing a coat, especially if the weather is cold or wet, as well as warm clothes under their uniform. Uniform should include dark navy / dark grey trousers/skirt and dark plain school shoes.



For more information, please see the website:

www.stevenagescouting.org



Christingle Service

Sun 6th December

St George and St Andrew's Church

Our annual Beaver & Cub service in aid of the Children's Society will begin at 4pm. The church will be open from 3:30pm.

There will be a collection during the service. However like last year, there will be a chance for the youngsters to fill a box to bring along to place on the large Christmas Tree at the front of the church, during the service.

During the service the Christingles will be given out.