

Badge, Badges, Badges!

There are lots of different badges that your child can earn in scouting, and they fall into three main categories. Here's a quick guide to the type of badges your child can earn:

Activity Badges

Activity badges are round in shape and will have a set colour scheme depending on which section your child is in. There are set criteria for each child to complete.



Staged Activity Badges



Stage activity badges are ones which have increasingly more difficult and challenging criteria to meet as you progress through scouting. They are round and pale blue with a purple trim and include numbers to show how far along the staged activity you are. They tend to be a specific activity, such as

Music or Swimming.

Challenge Badges

Challenge badges are ones your child must collect all of (as well as a minimum number of activity/staged badges) in order to achieve the Chief Scout Awards. They are - as the name suggests - challenging, and are designed to help improve the children in such things as leadership, and teamwork etc. They are hexagonal in shape and like activity badges are specific colours depending on which section your child is in. There are six in Beavers, seven in Cubs and nine in Scouts. Once completed, you child will receive the Bronze, Silver, or Gold Chief Scout Award.



Find out more at <https://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources>



Scouting Matters

The newsletter from the 6th Farnborough Scouts Group

October 2019

New term - new Beaver colony!

This year we opened our second Beaver Colony, the Pond Beavers, making us a group of 4 Sections. I am sure that you will join me in wishing the new Colony all the best.

The opening of the new Colony means we can offer places in Scouting to young people that otherwise might have missed out. This was only made possible with the commitment of a selection of parents who have joined as leaders of the new section.

There are a few leader changes this term. Akela is taking some time so she can concentrate on a degree and Dragonfly, who has started her Masters degree, is moving from Beavers to Scouts as she can no longer make Monday evenings. I wish them both all the best in their studies. Badger is also moving to Cubs to help there. However, this doesn't cover the adult numbers that we need, so please come and join the fun.

Speaking of joining the fun, the group has now tried to hold three separate fundraising subcommittee meetings and we have had no one come and join them. It is impossible to raise the funds that the group needs without people there to organise it all. Our leaders and existing committee already do so much so please, please come forward and join in. Yours in Scouting, Bear (Tim) Group Scout Leader



Raven being invested by Bear

Messages and updates

Subs from Sept 2019

As mentioned at the AGM, our subs will be going up to £40 a term. This is because we have to pay a “capitation” fee to both the District and HQ levels of Scouting - and both these have increased for this year.

For those paying by Direct Debit, the increase will be automatically applied from your next payment.

Treasurer still needed

As explained at the AGM, as a registered charity we must have a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer in order to function. We still require a treasurer and this vital role must be filled ASAP! If you or someone you know is willing to fill this role, please contact our chairman on chairman@6thfarnboroughscouts.org.uk.

Fundraising subcommittee

Dates for the fundraising subcommittee are now available via our “friend of 6th Farnborough” Facebook group. Please come along if you can -we still have a long way to go to reach our £10K target to replace our aging storage garage. The dates are: Sat 23rd Nov 2019, Sat 18th

Jan 2020, Sat 21st Mat 2020, Sat 23rd May 2020, Thur 23rd Jul 2020. All meetings will be at the Snow Goose Pub and start at 7pm.

We're 50 years old!

Next year we are celebrating the fact our group is 50-years old (since we were re-constituted). We will be doing a number of activities throughout the year to celebrate this milestone!

Pond Beavers update

Our new Pond Beavers section has had six new members invested and one new leader invested. In addition five new members start their Scouting adventure. We have had a good start to 2019 and are looking forward to some fun upcoming events such as campfires, panto and our Lego building night.



Dates for your diary

Key : Beaver Events ; Cub Events ; Scout events ; All sections events

A badge next to an event, means you will earn progress towards earning that badge by attending this event.

Date	Section / Activity	Badges
Sat 5th Oct	District Beavers - Sleepover at Frimley Lodge Park	
Sat 12th Oct	All Beavers - Paulton's Park visit	
Sat 12th Oct	Scouts - Master at Arms competition @ 3rd Farnborough HQ	
Wed 16th Oct	Cubs - Night hike, Cove Brook	
Sat 19th Oct	Scouts - JOTI @ 2nd Aldershot HQ	
Wed 23rd Oct	Cubs - Archery/Air rifles @ Runways End	
Fri 25th Oct	Scouts - Night Hike	
Mon 4th Nov	All Beavers - Halloween party	
Sat 16th Nov	District - Swimming gala	
Sat 23rd Nov	Fundraising sub committee meeting @ 7pm, The Snow Goose Pub	
Fri 6th Dec	Scouts - Christmas party	
Sat 7th Dec	Group - Pantomime trip	
Wed 11th Dec	District - Camp fire carols	
Wed 18th Dec	Cubs - Christmas Beach party!	
21st Dec (TBC)	Scouts - Scuba diving	