

## ANIMAL FRIEND

Animals need love, care and affection. Show your care and commitment by looking after your animal friends.

### How to earn your badge

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

### Top tips

The animal you care for could be a dog, cat, gerbil, guinea pig, fish, bird, rabbit, lamb or even a stick insect!

This can include the looking after of wild animals such as birds. Caring for them would include feeding them and looking after a bird bath, for example.

Maybe you could help look after a family member's pet.

Even though there are lots of computer games and things that show you what it's like to care for an animal, these won't count for this badge. You will need to learn to take care of a real, live animal.

## BUILDER (NEW)

### How to earn your badge

1. Design a model of something you would like to build. The design can be on paper or a computer.
2. Make a list of all the things you are going to need to build your idea.
3. Build your idea using the things you need. Your model could be made using building blocks, gears or recycled items such as toilet roll tubes or cardboard boxes.
4. Explain to your Lodge Leader, Explorer Scout Young Leader or Beaver Leader how long your build took to finish, if anything went wrong and what you would change if you built it again.

## BOOK READER (NEW)

### How to earn your badge

1. Design a cover for your favourite book and tell your Colony, Lodge, Explorer Scout Young Leader or Beaver Leader why this book is your favourite.
2. Read at least six books. Books you have read on an e-reader count too.
3. Show that you know how to look after a book.
4. Make a bookmark and explain what bookmarks are for.

### Top tips

Completing the Summer Reading Challenge can count towards achieving this badge.

## EXPERIMENT

Scientists do experiments to find out more about the world around us. Do some of your own, and you can make your own discoveries.

### How to earn your badge

1. Do three experiments. Talk to your leader about trying these:
  - white light spinners
  - magnet tricks
  - making a ketchup packet sink
  - sensory bottles
  - volcano eruption
  - making slime
  - growing cress
  - rainbow flowers

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.

## GARDENER

Do you have green fingers? With a splash of water and a ray of sunshine, you can grow some spectacular flowers and plants.

### How to earn your badge

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

### Top tips

For number 2, you can learn how to use small tools, like a trowel or a hand fork. If you want to find out more, you can learn about bigger tools used by adults.

If you don't have a garden or allotment you can use, you could try looking after a range of pot plants. Or you could see if there's a scheme in your local community. Your school might have a garden you can help with. Or your meeting place might have a space you can use.

The Royal Horticultural Society runs a campaign to turn grey spaces into living planted places. You and your Colony could promise to turn a grey space around.

## 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. Show and tell the Colony, your Lodge or leaders about your chosen hobby. Talk about what it is, why you enjoy it and what your favourite thing about it is.

### Top tips

You can earn more than one Hobbies Activity Badge. A hobby is an activity done regularly in your free time for enjoyment.

## GLOBAL ISSUES

This badge links to the Global Goals that children, adults and governments all over the world are trying to achieve to make the world a better place. By doing this badge, you can play your part in helping to change the world.

### How to earn your badge

1. Learn about how to save energy or recycle. Decide on three ways your Colony could save energy or recycle to help save the environment.
2. Try different kinds of fairly traded products. Talk about the benefits of fair trade in the world.
3. Learn about endangered animals and transform your Colony into endangered animals by making masks or costumes. Why are they endangered and how could we save them? You might include polar bears, Siberian tigers, white rhinos, mountain gorillas and loggerhead sea turtles.
4. Talk about the problems some people have finding clean and safe drinking water. Make a water filter. You could make it out of a soft drink bottle and use things like cotton wool, pebbles and kitchen roll to filter your water.

## INTERNATIONAL

Learning about other countries and cultures is an amazing experience. Earn this badge to find out about how people live in other parts of the world.

### 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. Play a game to match flags and their countries. Use facts about the countries to help you find the right flag.
4. Try different kinds of food from another country. Vote for your favourite dish and explain why.
5. Learn how to say hello and goodbye in a language other than your own.

## PHOTOGRAPHER

Learn the skills to take great pictures that everyone will love to look at.

### How to earn your badge

1. Show how to use a camera to take a good photograph.
2. Take 10 or more photos and show these to your Lodge or an adult. Why do you like these photos? What made you take them?
3. Make something using photos you have taken. You could make a:  
card  
calendar  
poster  
scrapbook  
slideshow

! Your leader might like to put some of your photos on display or share them with the local newspaper. If they do, your parents will need to say it's OK first.

## SPACE

Get ready to explore the stars, planets and beyond. Got your space suit on? Good, let's go...

### 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 and draw or make a model of one of the planets. You could use papier-mache to make your model.
4. Find out about a space mission, an astronaut or a planet in our solar system.

## SPORTS

By taking part in sports, you'll learn a fun new activity and have bundles of energy. Don't be a couch potato – be a catching, jumping, sprinting sprout!

### How to earn your badge

1. Play a team sport with the Beavers in your Colony. This could be a game of football, basketball, rounders, cricket, netball, rugby or volleyball.
2. Understand the rules of that sport.
3. Take part in a sport or physical activity regularly for at least six weeks.
4. Take part in a match, competition, show or pass an exam or achieve a grading for that sport.
5. Show your Lodge, Colony or Explorer Scout Young Leader the skills you have learnt and the equipment you need for your sport. Explain the rules of your sport.

## SNOWSPORTS (NEW)

### Snowsports - stage 1

#### How to earn your badge

1. Identify different types of snowsports.
2. Name three places you could safely take part in snowsport activities.
3. Take part in a warm up activity to prepare you for a snowsport activity such as skiing or snowboarding. This should be an appropriate warm up for your upper, middle and lower body.
4. Dress properly for your chosen activity. Show you know the importance of helmets and how to put one on correctly.
5. Take part in a taster session that covers:
  - naming equipment used
  - how to get in and out of your skis or snowboard
  - balancing on your skis or snowboard
  - moving around on your skis or snowboard; including moving in a straight line, controlling your speed and stopping.

#### Top tips

You can do most of these steps without actually taking part in a snowsport activity on either a natural or artificial slope. But we think it's best to do them as part of a practical activity.

Your leader should be able to find lots of support on the National Governing Body websites for Snowsport England, Snowsport Scotland and Snowsport Cymru Wales. More support for disability snowsports can be found on the Disability Snowsport UK website.

### Snowsports - stage 2

#### How to earn your badge

Before you attempt Stage 2, you need to have completed all the steps for Snowsports Stage 1. You then need to complete all the steps outlined below.

1. Identify the equipment you require and know how to carry it safely.
2. Climb and then ski or snowboard down a short run, or go on a short cross country ski.
3. Show you can make wide and narrow turns.
4. Show you can stop and wait safely on a run avoiding other users of the slope, or stop safely if doing cross country skiing.
5. Demonstrate how to safely use a drag lift or magic carpet for downhill skiing or snowboarding.
6. Know how to safely fall and get back up onto your feet.

#### Top tips

You can do most of these steps on either a natural or artificial slope. This badge can be completed doing cross country skiing as the activity, in which case element 5 should be replaced with the ability to identify a suitable route.

Your leader should be able to find lots of support on the National Governing Body websites for Snowsport England, Snowsport Scotland and Snowsport Cymru Wales. More support for disability snowsports can be found on the Disability Snowsport UK website.

### Snowsports - stage 3

#### How to earn your badge

Before you attempt Stage 3, you need to have completed all the steps for Snowsports Stage 2. You then need to complete the following:

1. Identify hazards of the mountain environment.
2. Show you understand what to do in the event of an accident.
3. Show you know and understand the 'Ski Way Code' published by the International Ski Federation (The F.I.S.)
4. Understand the effects of extreme temperature in cases of frostbite, hypothermia, sunstroke, heat exhaustion and dehydration. Explain how they are avoided and treated.
5. Choose and complete two of the following:
  - Demonstrate a sequence of 10 linked turns
  - Complete a free run down a moderate to hard slope (red) showing balance, control, good choice of line and awareness of other people on the slope
  - Complete a 3km cross country ski route on a prepared track
  - Complete a 500m cross country ski route on varied terrain

If you have achieved The Scout Association Personal Activity Permit for Snowsports, you can automatically gain this badge.

The safety rules in chapter nine of Policy Organisation and Rules and the Adventurous Activity Permit Scheme apply when you're attempting this badge.

### Snowsports - stage 4

#### How to earn your badge

Before you attempt Stage 4, you need to have completed all the requirements to gain Snowsports Stage 3 in your chosen discipline.

You then need to complete the following:

1. Show you understand what equipment to carry for the different two types of activity you may undertake (a single lesson, day on the hill, expedition in the woods, off-piste experience, session at a snow park)
2. Show how to look after yourself and others in the event of not being able to return down the mountain, or being stranded on a route
3. Show your ability to use a ski map or resort map and identify where you are on the map
4. Plan a half days activity, considering location, group, equipment and abilities, this should include a plan B in case of bad weather, etc.
5. Participate in a snowsport activity different from that which the other requirements have been completed in, this could be something completely new or an activity you've not done for a while such as skiing, snowboarding, cross country skiing, ski touring and slalom
6. Choose and complete two of the following:
  - Demonstrate your ability to safely descend a black run
  - Perform a sequence of turns in fresh snow, leaving even tracks behind
  - Complete a day's cross country ski trip, planning your route before you go
  - Complete a cross country timed route and then improve your time over a two further attempts

You can do this stage by taking part in a snowsport activity on either a natural or artificial slope. But it is encouraged to experience both environments as part of this badge.

## MY WORLD

Explore the world around you; from the mini-beasts on your doorstep and the people that serve your community to games from around the globe.

### How to earn your award

1. Learn about what makes up your local community and meet someone who serves your community such as a police officer, lifeboat crew, a coastguard, fire fighter, youth worker or nurse.
2. Complete an activity to help people in your local community. This could be carol singing at a local care home, repairing paths at a nature reserve or helping to clear a garden for someone with a disability.
3. Take part in at least one activity that reflects England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales, or your part of the UK. These could be: dance and music, craft, festivals, food, sports and activities.
4. Find out about, and take part in, an act of worship, reflection or celebration.
5. Discuss your Beaver Promise to do your best and how your Promise can help remind you to do good things in your community.
6. Do at least one activity to help you learn about the natural world around you. These could be: pond dipping, mini-beast hunting, growing something from seed, leaf printing, or something similar agreed with your leader.
7. Take part in an activity from another country. You could learn your Promise in another language, make a dish from another country or create some artwork inspired by another country.