

# BEAVER SCOUTS

Scouting is a journey of personal development through fun, adventure & challenge. Scouts learn by doing, acquire confidence within a small team of friends, discover self-sufficiency and independence while on activities and especially on camp and on hikes.

The journey is structured within a programme that is divided into five sections:

- Beaver Scouts are girls and boys aged 6-8.
- Cub Scouts are girls and boys aged 9-11.
- Scouts are girls and boys aged 12-15.
- Venture Scouts are girls and boys aged 15-17.
- Rover Scouts are girls and boys aged 18-25.

If you're interested in your child joining Beaver Scouts [CLICK HERE](#).

Beaver Scouts typically meet once a week during school terms. At the meetings they will play team games and learn Scouting skills like hiking, camping, knots, first aid, cooking etc.

The activities are all geared to allow each Beaver Scout to develop in the areas of Social, Physical, Intellectual, Character, Emotional & Spiritual growth according to their own abilities and particular interests.

When they have met a set of challenges or have mastered a particular level in a skill they earn a badge to sew on their [UNIFORM](#).

Beavers work in small teams called Lodges which are led by one of the Beaver Scouts – called a Lodge Leader - and also an Assistant Lodge Leader.

Adult leaders - known as Scouters, just one of the many [SCOUTING TERMS](#) you'll learn - will do their best to let every child have a turn in these roles. When your Beaver turns nine they will be invited to move up to [CUBS](#) where the adventure continues with old friends from Beavers and new Cub friends.

Weekly meetings are only half the story. They also go on outdoor adventures – walks, treasure hunts, one or two night camps, litter-picking, parading on Saint Patrick's Day, slumber parties in hostels or Scout Dens, etc. Children of this age love the outdoors and once they have the [RIGHT GEAR](#), won't mind a bit of rain. They also handle overnights without parents surprisingly well, often it's a first taste of independence. If you want to come along [CONSIDER BECOMING A SCOUTER](#) – we always need more volunteers.

As Beavers are young the ratio of adults to Beavers is set accordingly. Scouters are all Garda Vetted and trained in Child Protection issues. Scouting Ireland is committed to [SCOUTING SAFELY](#) at all ages.

National events for Beavers include JamÓige – a camp held every four years for Beavers and Cubs, and Santa Days at [LARCH HILL SCOUT CENTRE](#) – a volunteer run Santa event in the Dublin foothills. There are also events run at Scout County level and at Scout Province level.

More questions? Check out our [FAQ](#) or get in touch with your [LOCAL SCOUT GROUP](#).