

A brief introduction to.....

Beaver Scouting



Scouting.....

Where the Adventure Begins

What is Scouting?

Scouting is an international youth movement with a membership of more than 28 million youth and adults in 160 national Scout organisations in 217 countries and territories. It is also a non-formal educational organisation.

The Aim and Method of Scouting

The aim of Scouting is to develop good citizenship among boys by assisting in the formation and development of character; training them in habits of observation, obedience and self-reliance; inculcating loyalty, patriotism, courage and thoughtfulness for others; teaching them services useful to the public and handicrafts useful to themselves; promoting their physical, mental, moral and spiritual development.

The Method of achieving the Aim is through the provision an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

The Programme

The Programme is a seamless progression of training, activities and awards that covers everything that young people do in Scouting from the age of 4 to 21. The Programme is divided into four age groups called Sections.

Beaver Scouts	4 - 7 years
Cub Scouts	7 - 10½ years
Scouts	10½ - 15½ years
Venture Scouts	15½ - 21 years

The Programme is based around helping young people to grow in a number of personal development areas to ensure young people really are 'learning by doing'

The Association

Scouting in Barbados is administered by the Barbados Boy Scouts Association. The Association has jurisdiction over the entire island, and its headquarters is at Hazelwood, Upper Collymore Rock, St. Michael.

The first Troop on the island was registered on 9th March, 1912, at Combermere School, just 5 years after Scouting was founded. From 1912 to 1969, the local Association operated as a branch of

the British Scout Association. On 20th February, 1969, the Association's Constitution was approved, making it an independent Association and the 95th member of the World Scout Conference.

At present, the Association is headed by H.E. Sir Elliott Belgrave, Chief Scout and President, and Dr. Nigel Taylor, Chief Commissioner. It has a membership of over 2,000 boys and adults.

The island is divided into three districts - Bridgetown, North and South.

The Beaver Scout Section

Beaver Scouts belong to the first and youngest Section in the Scouting family. They can move to the next Section, Cub Scouts, between seven years and six months and eight years six months

Easily recognised by their distinctive yellow shirts, Beaver Scouts enjoy making friends, playing games, going on visits and helping others. They usually meet together once a week in a Beaver Scout Colony.

Some Beaver Scout Colonies also organise Sleepovers. These are often the first time a young person spends a night away from home. They take place in suitable buildings, often schools Scouts headquarters.

Young people between four and seven years of age participate in the fun and challenge of a number of activities, introduced by a variety of methods and based on four Programme Zones. Experiences are encouraged to be different by approaching activities sometimes close to home, sometimes based in the local community and sometimes introducing issues in the wider world. Beaver Scouts work together in a variety of groupings, depending on the activity being undertaken.

The following Award Badges are available in the Beaver Scout Section:

- **The Fitness Challenge**
- **The Friendship Challenge**
- **The Outdoor Challenge**
- **The Chief Scout Bronze Award**
- **The Moving On Award**

Further Information

Further information on Beaver Scouting can be obtained from Scout Headquarters, any Scout Group, or email beaverscouts@barbadosscouts.org.

The Person I would like to be

As a young person who shares the experience of the Scout Movement,
I aim to do my best

To be a person with freedom and integrity,
clean of thought and true of heart,
strong of will, responsible and self-reliant,
to make a personal commitment for my life,
to be constant and true to my word.

To be ready to serve others,
involved with my community,
defender of other people's rights,
pledged to democracy and committed to
development,
a lover of justice and a promoter of peace,
to value human labour,
to build my family on love,
to be aware of my own dignity and that of others
and share with everybody joyfully and
affectionately.

To be thoughtful and creative,
to leave the world better than I find it,
to strive for the integrity of the natural world,
learning continually and searching
for paths still unexplored,
to do my work well,
to be free from the hunger to possess
and independent of material things.

To be open to the spiritual,
to have a transcendental sense of life,
to reach out to God,
to live my faith joyfully and make it part of my
daily life,
to be open to dialogue and understanding
and to respect others' religious beliefs.