

THE BEAVER SCOUT PROMISE AND MOTTO

Explained

Scouting is not just a youth group.

Scouting has a purpose, and our activities are run in line with our movement's values:

THE PURPOSE OF SCOUTING

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

THE VALUES OF SCOUTING

Integrity

We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.

Respect

We have self-respect and respect for others.

Care

We support others and take care of the world in which we live.

Belief

We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.

Cooperation

We make a positive difference; we cooperate with others and make friends.

THE SCOUT METHOD

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of scouting, and:

- enjoy what they are doing and have fun;
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors;
- learn by doing;
- share in spiritual reflection;
- take responsibility and make choices;
- undertake new and challenging activities; and
- make and live by their Promise.

The values of scouting can be difficult for young people to understand at different ages, therefore Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Scout Network Members and Adult Volunteers all make a 'Promise' which is age appropriate. This is explained on the following page.

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JOINING THE BEAVER COLONY

Young people who are new to the beaver colony will visit for a few weeks to see what beavers get up to. During one of these visits a beaver leader will discuss the Beaver Scout Promise with them. To become a beaver in the colony officially, they will make their promise in front of the colony, during a short ceremony called an 'investiture'. The Promise is based on the shared values of all scouts, but has a number of variations in wording, depending on each child's personal faith and beliefs.

We ask that all beavers try to learn their promise off-by-heart, as it is important they they try their best to live by it. However we understand that people can get nervous when having to speak in front of the beaver colony, so during their investiture they will be asked to repeat their promise after a leader.

They should choose the most appropriate wording of the promise for them, from the list below.

THE BEAVER SCOUT PROMISE

(Christian, Jew or Sikh)

I promise to do my best,
to be kind and helpful,
and to love God.

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(Humanist, Agnostic, Atheist, or no faith)

I promise to do my best,
to be kind and helpful,
and to love our world.

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(Hindu or Buddhist)

I promise to do my best,
to be kind and helpful,
and to love my Dharma.

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(Muslim)

I promise to do my best,
to be kind and helpful,
and to love Allah.

The Scout Motto is possibly one of the most famous phrases associated with Scouting and is shared across the movement - including beavers!

THE SCOUT MOTTO

"Be Prepared"