

Beaver Program Quality Standards and Awards Application

Scouts Canada is committed to quality programs. This checklist will help you meet program standards. Upon successful completion, forward this form to your Group Commissioner (GC) for submission to your Area Commissioner (AC). Your Section will be recognized with the Program Quality Award.

Program Planning

The Colony has:

- Short-range (one month)
- Medium-range (three months)
- Long-range (one year) program plans which will reflect the program goals, as outlined in the B.P. &P.
- Weekly programs are typically conducted as described in the *Beaver Leader's Handbook*, and incorporate appropriate safety precautions.

Environmental Awareness

Opportunities are provided for Beavers to participate in activities which increase their understanding and awareness of their role in preserving the environment. All activities are conducted in a manner that reflects appropriate environmental awareness and "leave no trace" principles.

- Minimum standard: one project/activity annually.

Outdoors

Opportunities are provided for Beavers to participate in outdoor activities. All activities follow Policies and Accepted Practices, as outlined by Camping/Outdoor Activities, Section 10000, B.P. &P.

Beaver minimum standards require:

- One regular outdoors meeting per month or 10 regular meetings outdoors per year
- One weekend outing every two months
- One night at camp annually.

Spiritual Emphasis

Spiritual emphasis is regularly incorporated throughout the program. Examples may include, but are not limited to:

- Opening and Closing Ceremonies
- Use of Promise
- Law and Motto, Scouts Own, and Scouter's Five.

Youth Input

- Beavers are regularly consulted and participate, when and where appropriate, in program planning and delivery.
- Small groups (lodges) are used to deliver activities to different aged members which reflects their skills/interests
- Youth are actively engaged in the creation of their section's Code of Conduct.

Family/Parent Involvement

Opportunities are provided for family/parent involvement with adherence to National Screening Guidelines for Parental Involvement.

- Minimum standard: four events annually
- Regular communication occurs to inform parents of program plans through contacts such as meetings, phone calls, emails, calendars and newsletters, etc.



It starts with Scouts.

Membership/Retention/Growth

- No youth who is willing to subscribe to the Promise and Law is denied membership (i.e. Scouts Canada does not want any waiting lists or youth turned away due to financial constraints).
- Contact Leader (or designate) personally invites Beavers back at the beginning of each year
- Those not returning at any time of the year are contacted by the Contact Leader (or designate) to determine the reason why.
- One activity per year focuses on increasing membership.

Linking

Unless distance/isolation prohibits, opportunities are provided for Beavers to interact with Cubs, with the minimum standard being:

- One regular meeting and one other activity with a Cub pack annually
- Senior Beavers of swimming-up age have at least one other opportunity to interact with a Cub Pack
- Keoo is utilized as part of the leadership team.

Community Service

Opportunities are provided for Beavers to participate in community service projects/ events.

- Minimum standard: one annually.

Training/Leadership

- All Leaders to achieve Wood Badge Part I during the first year
- At least one Scouter to have Wood Badge Part II (Beavers)
- Scouts Canada expects at least one member of the leadership team to hold a current, recognized first aid qualification and be present at meetings/events
- The leadership team has the necessary attitude, skills, knowledge and/or training required to conduct programs, or has recruited a skilled resource person(s) with such knowledge to attend the outing/activity
- Youth members (activity leaders, Scouters-in-Training, Keoo, etc.) are included as part of the leadership team
- Training is provided to assist Keoo in fulfilling the position.

Administration

The following are performed to administer the Colony:

- Maintain current and accurate Colony records including attendance
- Submit a plan and related budget to the Group Committee for a year's activities
- Maintain appropriate financial records and submit proper financial statements to the Group Committee
- Provide an annual inventory to the Group Committee of all equipment and property controlled by the Colony
- Ensure a representative from the section leadership team attends at least 90 percent of Group Committee meetings.

Name of Group _____

Area _____

Date _____

Leader Signature _____

GC Signature _____

AC Signature _____