



# BEAVER COLONY

## WELCOME PACK

Hello, I am Barney the Beaver. Welcome to Grundisburgh Beaver Colony. I am here to help you through this pack and during the next few weeks. So let's get started...



### What are Beaver Scouts?

Beaver Scouts are the first and youngest Section of a Scout Group. Beavers are boys and girls who are almost 6 years old up to 8 years old. The Scout Group is part of a big organisation that has lots of other Beavers and older members. This is called 'The Scout Association'. Across the World, various people are part of the 'Scout Movement' with 28 million members in 216 countries.

### What is a Beaver Colony?

The Colony is the name of the collection of Beavers within the Scout Group. In that Colony there is a variety of small teams called 'Lodges'. The Colony will be run by a group of adults called Leaders. These Leaders will also be assisted by a young person aged 13 to 18 years old called a Young Leader.

### What do Beaver Scouts do?

Beavers take part in a wide range of activities. These include making things, playing games, going out on visits, learning new skills and most importantly, making new friends. They do this through taking part in a programme of activities provided by the Leaders and Young Leaders.

### How do I become a Beaver Scout?

To join the Beaver Colony and Scout Movement it requires its members to make a Promise. Making the Promise is the most important act in Scouting and is common to every Section. A special ceremony for making the Promise is called the Investiture or 'being Invested'. When a young person makes their Promise, they receive their Membership Award and are welcomed as a new Member into the Scout family. The Promise for Beavers is:

***I PROMISE, TO DO MY BEST, TO BE KIND AND HELPFUL, AND TO LOVE GOD.***

A different version is available for those of different faiths who may prefer not to use the word God. The Motto for Scouting and all its Members is: ***BE PREPARED.***

### What do I wear?

Any members who are part of the Scout Movement wear a uniform. The uniform for Beaver Scouts is a blue sweatshirt along with a scarf or 'necker' and woggle showing their lodge colour. Each Scout Group has a different coloured scarf. At 1<sup>st</sup> Grundisburgh our scarf is Royal Blue and Gold halves, with a Sky Blue border.



This is my uniform.  
As you can see, I have  
lots of badges and this  
is where they all go.  
All the Beavers at  
1<sup>st</sup> Grundisburgh have  
uniforms like this.



**The Membership  
Badge is used  
by all 28 million  
Members!**



The 1<sup>st</sup> Grundisburgh scarf is worn with  
the royal blue half on the same side as  
the Membership badge, and the gold  
half on the same side as the name  
tape and the big yellow area badge.

You can buy scarves and woggles  
from a Leader at the Scout Hut.  
The blue sweatshirt can be bought from  
a shop or have it delivered to your home.

Look at our website to find out more about getting a Uniform  
<http://www.grundisburghscouts.org.uk/buying-the-uniform/>

## What Badges and Awards can I earn?

As part of our balanced programme the Beavers will complete lots of activities and tasks to achieve the requirements of each badge or award. There are many badges and awards to earn. The main badges are the red hexagonal challenge badges, these normally take a whole school term to complete as there are lots of things to do for the badge. The activity badges are yellow and go on the left arm. These badges you earn for different activities either at home or at the Beaver meetings. The other round badges on the left arm are called staged badges for different levels of activities such as swimming, hiking, performing music, sailing, navigation and camping!

The top award is called The Chief Scout's Bronze Award. This can be gained by completing all 6 challenge badges plus 4 activity or stage badges.

To see what badges you can earn, look at our website:

<http://www.grundisburghscouts.org.uk/beaver-badges-awards/>

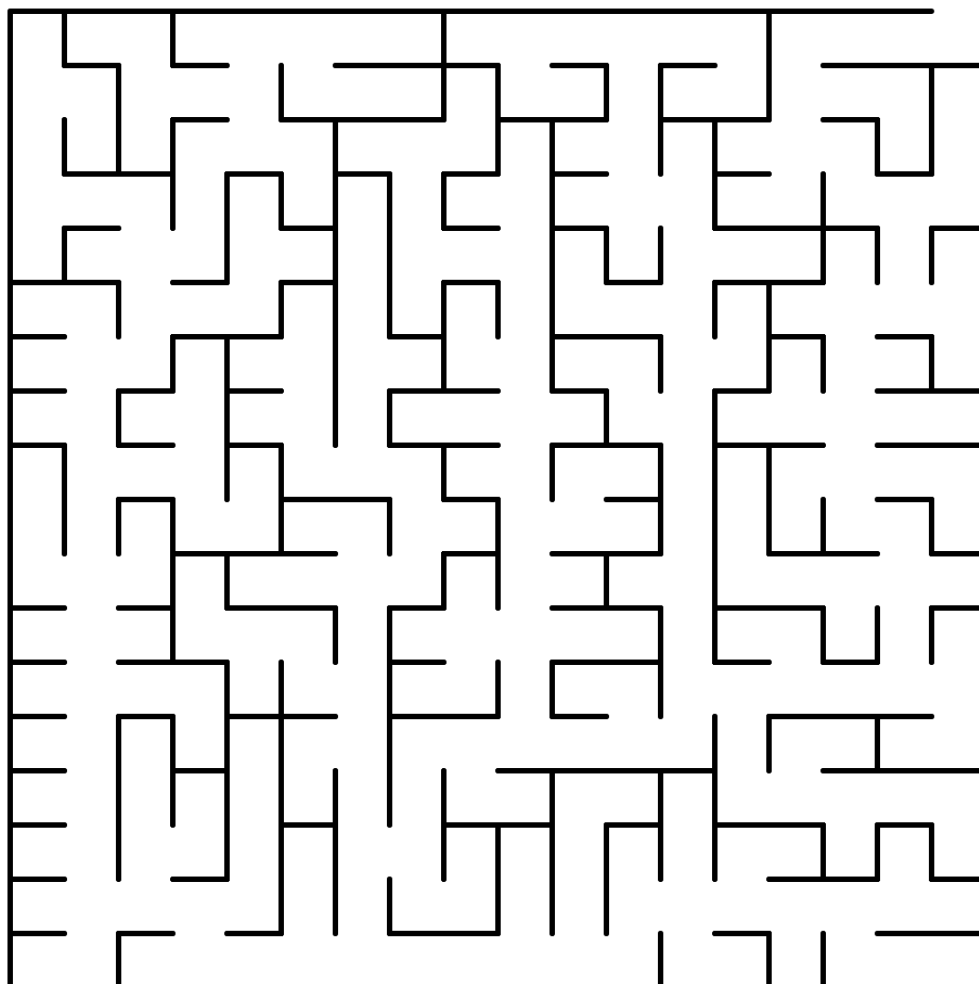


## Where do Beavers meet?

The whole Colony of Beavers meet at a place called the Scout Hut. This building is on the Grundisburgh Playing Field and inside there is a kitchen, toilet, office, storerooms, and space for our activities. Outside the Scout Hut we have a campfire circle for burning wood and cooking on an open fire, plus other storage buildings for all our equipment.

The Scout Hut is also the meeting place for all the members of the Scout Group.

When you are 8 years old you stop being a Beaver and move up to become a Cub. Cubs meet on Friday evenings 6pm to 7.30pm. They are 8 to 10½ years old. Then when you are ready to leave Cubs you move up to Scouts. Scouts meet on Monday evenings 7pm to 9pm. When Scouts are 14 years old, they move up to Explorers. Explorers meet on Wednesday evenings 7pm to 9pm. Explorers is the last Section open to young people because when you turn 18 years old you become an adult. However, lots of people at 18 years old start as a Leader with the Group helping the next generation of Beavers, and other young members join in Scouting Adventures.



With all this talking I forgot the time, and now I am running late for our Colony meeting. Can you help me get through the maze to the Scout Hut?





## When did Scouting begin?

Scouting began in 1907 and was founded by Robert Baden-Powell, a Lieutenant-General in the British Army, serving from 1876 until 1902 in India and Africa. In 1899, during the Second Boer War in South Africa, Baden-Powell successfully defended the town of Mafeking in a siege that lasted seven months. Baden-Powell's troops were vastly outnumbered, so he used local boys to administer first aid, carry messages and run errands. On returning to the UK, Baden-Powell realised that boys at home could benefit from similar sorts of activities as the boys at Mafeking, so he wrote down his ideas. Then on 1<sup>st</sup> August 1907 Baden-Powell organised a camp on Brownsea Island in Poole Harbour, with 20 boys to test his ideas. After the camp he then published his ideas in a book called '*Scouting for Boys*'. The book was very popular with children as they liked all the activities. Children wanted to learn more, so across Great Britain they asked adults to become their Leaders. From this the Scouting Movement was born which then spread across the World.

Since then Sections were made for younger members in Cubs and Beavers, plus Explorers for older Scouts. Scouting remains educational and exciting today as it was in 1907. It has not lost the original core values of outdoor adventure, helping the community and other people, and continues to teach its Scouting skills for life.



**ROBERT BADEN-POWELL**  
**CHIEF SCOUT OF THE WORLD**

## The Scouting Handshake, Sign and Salute

In the Scout Movement we have a special way of shaking hands. We use our left hand because many years ago Baden-Powell met an Ashanti Warrior Chief who laid down his shield, and therefore had no protection, and offered his left hand to shake as a sign of friendship. The Scout sign is made with your right hand level with your face. The thumb touches the little finger, and the other fingers are out straight. The Scouting salute is the same, but instead you bring your right hand to the side of your head – see the pictures below.

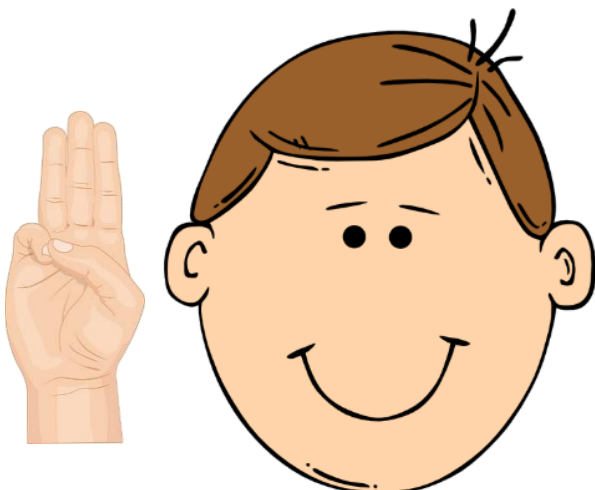
### THE SCOUT HANDSHAKE



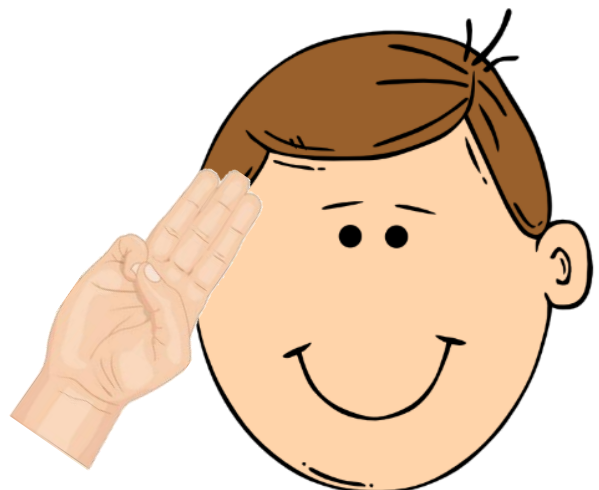
See if you can do all three.  
Try the handshake with a friend or family member. Try making the Scout sign and salute with your right hand. With lots of practice you will be good at making the Scout sign and saluting!



### THE SCOUT SIGN

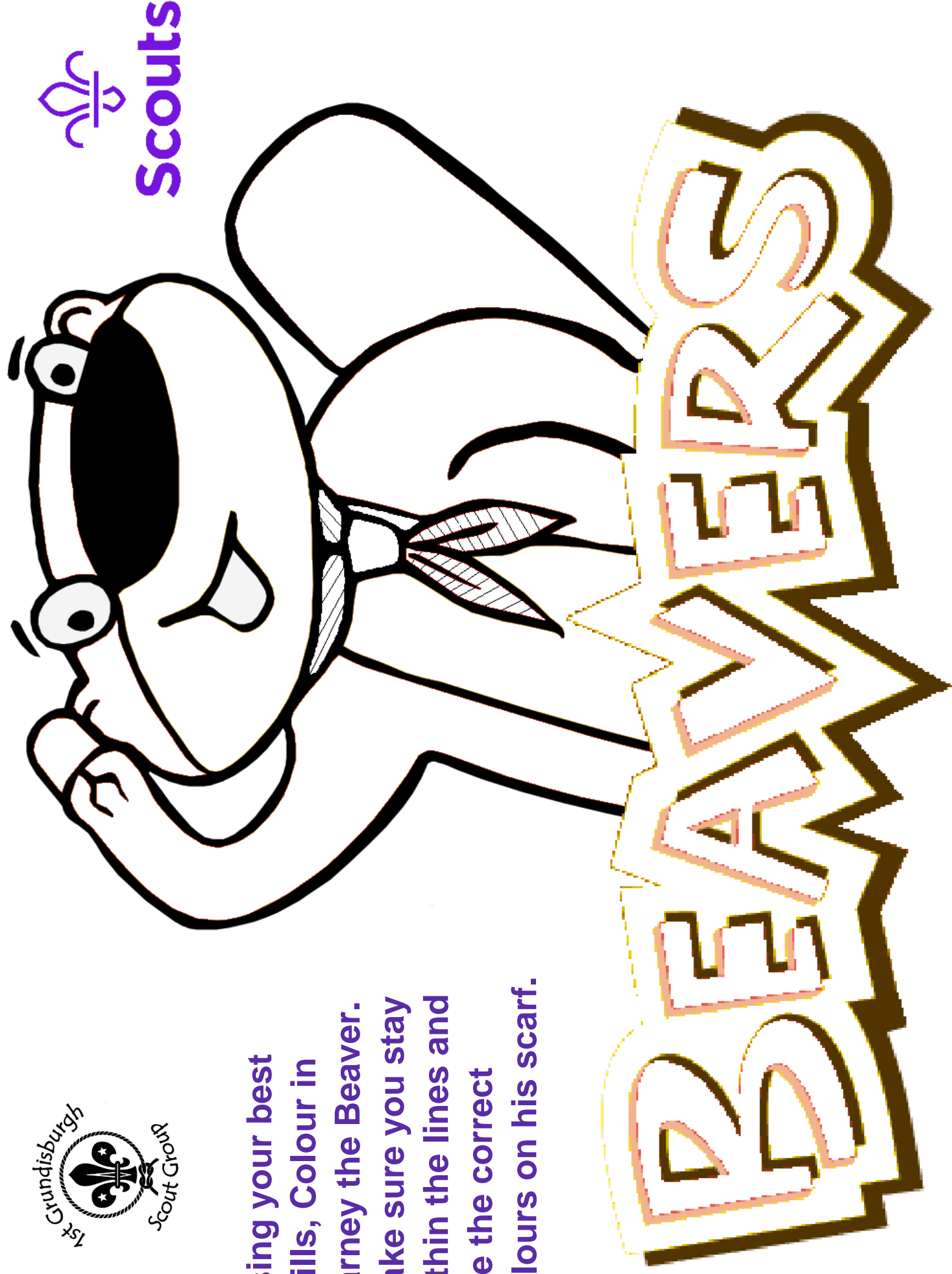


### THE SCOUTING SALUTE



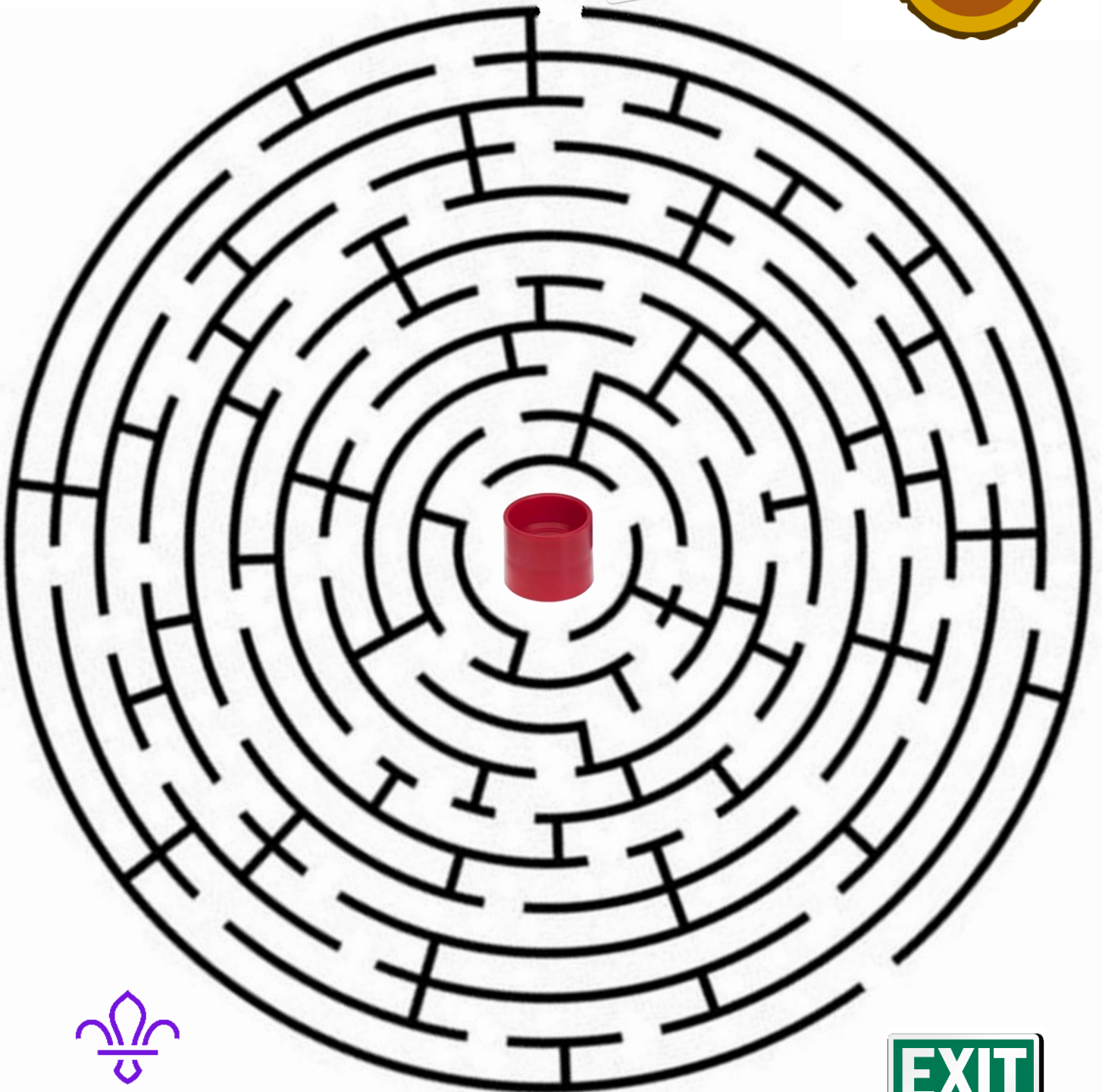


Using your best  
skills, Colour in  
Barney the Beaver.  
Make sure you stay  
within the lines and  
use the correct  
colours on his scarf.





Oh dear, I have left my woggle in the maze!  
Can you help me find it and exit the maze?





# Beaver Scouts

Can you find all the words in our Beaver Colony wordsearch? Remember you can ask for help from Mum or Dad.



U	L	T	I	G	G	P	C	R	A	F	T	S	I
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LEARNING  
LEADERS  
WOGGLE  
FUN  
SKILLS  
AWARDS  
BEAVERS  
UNIFORM  
COLONY  
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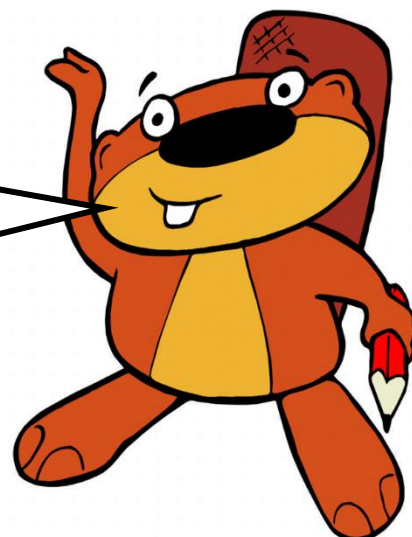


This is the man who started Scouting in 1907. Do you remember his name? Colour in his picture as best as you can. The Leaders would like to see all the pictures.



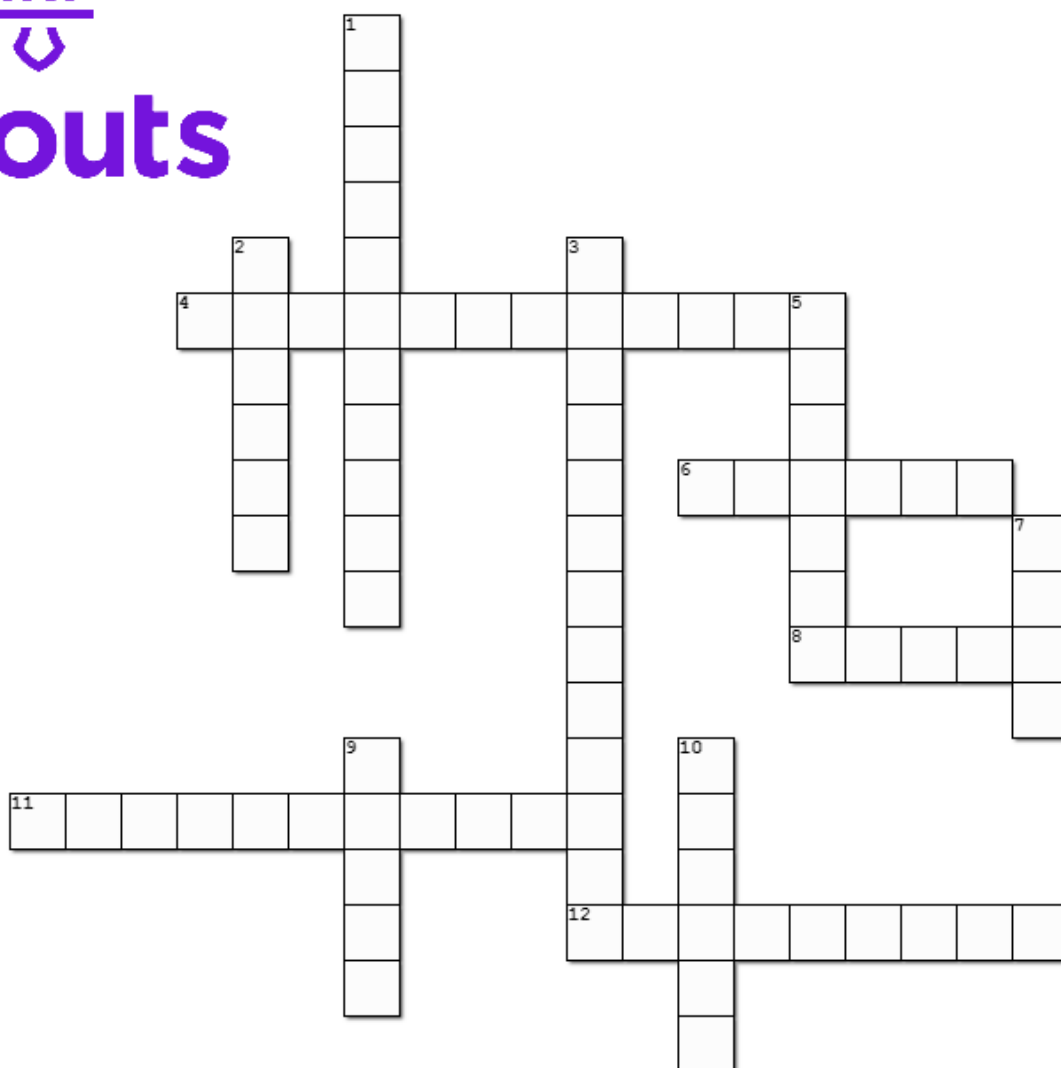


Let's see how good your memory is! All the answers to the crossword clues are in this Welcome Pack. Do you know all of them? Ask Mum or Dad for help if you get stuck.



Scouts

Complete the crossword puzzle below



### ACROSS

4. The man who started Scouting in 1907
6. The small teams at Beavers
8. Where the woggle goes
11. special ceremony for making the Promise
12. The building where Beavers meet

### DOWN

1. The Scouting Motto
2. What Beavers wear on their uniform
3. The young people aged 13-18 who come to help
5. The people in charge of Beaver meetings
7. Which hand do we shake with
9. Which hand do you use to make the Scout sign
10. The name given for a collection of Beavers