



...EVERYDAY ADVENTURE

CHESTER & DISTRICT – BEAVER SECTION MEETING

Meeting of: Beaver Scout Leaders	Month: November
Place: District Scout HQ, Weston Grove	Date: Thur 2nd Nov. 2017 8:00 pm
<u>Present:</u>	<u>Apologies:</u>
Kristy Collins (KC) (Chair) ADC / Cestrian Catherine Williams [CW] District BSL Jane Shortall DBSL & 18 th Chester Donna Scott 1 st Tilston Jenny Challinor [JC] 8 th Chester Nigel Banks 48 th Chester Nickkie Appleyard 8 th Chester	Bev Hall DBSL & 1 st Christleton Joanna Taylor DBSL & 1 st Christleton Amy Dilworth 1 st Saltney Juliet Jordan 1 st Waverton Heather James 1 st Upton

Item	Minutes	A C T I O N	D A T E
1.0	Present - as above		
	Apologies - as above		
2.0	<p>Group News...</p> <p><u>8th Chester:</u> Working on Health & Fitness at the moment, and have had a couple of great games nights. Planning a visit to Storyhouse. 8 Beavers attended Gang Show in a Day with a great attendance at MOSI.</p> <p><u>18th Chester:</u> Group Camp went well with 19 Beavers staying 1 night. Accommodation was at the Girlguiding Campsite on the Wirral. Highlight of the event was a walk out to Hilbre Island.</p> <p><u>48th Chester:</u> Roman Tours visited Beavers for a great evening enjoyed by all! A sports evening and an evening at Fun4All Play Centre were also well received. Currently working towards the Adventure Challenge and Safety Activity badges as well as making decorations for the Hoole Methodist Church's Christmas Tree Festival. Liaising with Beeston Castle to arrange a 'free' Educational visit next summer.</p> <p><u>1st Tilston:</u> Working hard towards completing Chief Scout Bronze Awards.</p> <p><u>Cestrian:</u> The Outdoor Challenge is our theme for the term with an evening on knots, one making juice carton bird feeders and an evening at Hoole Park on a Leaf Hunt. Next week Beavers are lighting fires, playing wide games in the dark and backwoods cooking. We are planning a visit to Paradise Island Adventure Golf before Christmas.</p> <p>Group Visits... None made and not discussed at this meeting.</p> <p>Group Updates... None received and not discussed at this meeting.</p>		
2.0	<p>Chester and District News...</p> <p>a) <u>Gang Show in a Day – Sept. 17:</u> Thanks to those who attended! There were 12 Beavers from 3 Groups who attended with an excellent rendition of 'Old McDonald's Farm' on stage. 😊</p> <p>b) <u>Manchester Museum of Science & Industry (MOSI) – Oct. 22:</u> Out of the 9 Groups who attended I am pleased to say that 4 had both Beavers and Cubs present. Positive feedback received from those Leaders present who attended [JC, CW]. Unable to get tickets for the 'Free' shows on offer as all gone when asked. Excellent robot demonstrations loved by all. Would recommend a future visit.</p> <p>c) <u>District Beaver Challenge – Sunday Nov. 19:</u> From 2-4pm. The venue is the 18th Chester Scout Hut in Westminster Park. We would love to have a team from every group participate. Teams</p>		

	<p>can be any size with a maximum of 6. This year we can provide you with a challenge if you don't have one and the focus is on Teamwork.</p> <p>d) Christmas Party & Sleepover – Friday Nov. 24 Numbers and money are due in NOW! So far, we have 40 Beavers booked for the party and 64 for the sleepover from 9 Groups. -Cestrian-8th-18th-42nd-48th-Christleton-Malpas-Saltney & Upton...are booked so far. It's not too late to join in. Further information will be sent out soon to those attending. I will need the names of all attending [Beavers & Leaders], whether male/female [for sleeping purposes], any food or drug allergies along with the name and contact number of your InTouch home contact please.</p> <p>e) RAF Cosford Day Trip – May 2018: Planning is underway on our next event. When an exact date is confirmed I will share this with you.</p> <p>f) Leader Training and Safety: Safety: No new issues raised from those present. Suspected snake bite reported earlier in the year from 18th Chester. If you have any safety concerns, please get in touch. All training courses can be found on the County website [www.cheshirescouts.org.uk] and under the heading of 'adult training'. Click on the link 'Eventbrite' to book. The next module here is... i. Module 10 [First Aid] – Chester – Dec. 3rd</p>		
3.0	<p>County News</p> <p>a) Beaver Faith Day. Feb 10, 2018. Chester Cathedral. Faith Activity Badge earned and received on the day. Laura Dyer (County ACC Beavers) looking at turning this into a full day event. Tbc.</p> <p>b) County Beaver Challenge. Mar 17, 2018. To be hosted by last years' winners Mid Cheshire. Winners from our District Beaver Challenge [Nov 19th] will represent Chester in the County event.</p> <p>c) Chamboree. July 31-Aug 1, 2018. This year there are two options for Beavers attending Chamboree! There is an opportunity for Beaver Scouts to arrive at camp Tuesday evening, partake in an evening activity session and then camp overnight. All Beavers will enjoy a full day of activities on Wednesday and then head home in the evening. Group bookings now open.</p>		
4.0	<p>National Scouting News Not discussed but...</p> <p>a) DAMBOREE. Summer 2018. Beavers can Camp! There is a national drive to support Beaver Leaders gaining their Nights Away 'Campsite' Permit and to encourage Beavers to camp. The aim is to have campsites across the country full of Beaver Scouts in tents and a plethora of Leaders gaining their NA permits. Please 'like' the Damboree page on Facebook and follow them for additional information.</p>		
5.0	<p>A.O.B.</p> <p>a) Any areas of the New Programme need help with? If you are struggling, do get in touch.</p> <p>b) Any events for 2017/2018?</p> <p>i. Digital Citizen Stage 1 – Proposed Spring 2018.</p> <p>ii. Beaver Day at Forest Camp – Halloween theme – Oct. 2018. Watch this space.</p> <p>c) Any other business?</p> <p>i. Gang Show Rehearsals – Start Dec 2nd from 10am-11am at the 8th Chester Scout HQ Tower Rd. Please encourage your Beavers to join in, all welcome.</p> <p>ii. Gang Show 2018 – Feb 13-17th. As it is not Chester half term please come, watch and support the show with your Colony/Group as a weekly meeting.</p>		
	<p>Next meeting @ Chester District Scout Centre, 58 Weston Grove, Upton CH2 1QJ General Meeting is - December 7th, 2017 at 8pm Beaver Section Meeting - January 4th, 2018 at 8pm</p>		