

# ADC Beaver Scout Good Practice



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To help you in your role as the ADC Beaver Scouts, the UK Adviser for Beaver Scouts' Working Group has put together the following examples of good practice that have been used by other ADCs

## Programme

- Identify ways in which you can best support the Colonies in your District to deliver a balanced programme.
- Have access to all the Beaver Scout publications and resources and make them available to show at all possible opportunities
- Have the Balanced Programme on your agenda at every meeting so that all views can be collected and passed onto your County meeting or directly to Headquarters
- Promote SCOUTING Magazine and the sectional supplement as a source of regular ideas
- Plan the District programme well in advance so that you are not seen to be in competition with the Colonies in your District. Be clear that you are there to supporting them

## Communications

- Visit Colony Meetings at least once a year
- Send the minutes of your meetings to your District Commissioner as well as BSLs and AAC/ACC
- Use email wherever possible – its cheaper and quicker, whilst also remembering that not all leaders have access to e mail
- Attend your County Meetings so that issues can be discussed and views passed onto Headquarters. If you can't attend send a representative.
- Send a very positive newsletter to all Beaver Scout Leaders so that they are kept in the picture of what is happening across the District. These could be based on the minutes of your meetings

- Collect the Beavers' views on District events before and after the event.

## Development

- Focus on supporting the recruitment of adults to Colonies
- Keep waiting lists on your meeting agendas
- Keep a track of trends in Beaver numbers within your District from year to year
- Circulate success stories on development and inspire others by sharing tried and tested good practice.
- Send a CONGRATULATIONS note or card to Leaders who complete their Wood Badge
- Send a CONGRATULATIONS note or card to Leaders or Beavers who receive awards throughout the year

## District Meetings

- Make them FUN, yet purposeful. Focusing on practical support for the Colony Leaders
- Hold them regularly on a day and at a time suitable for most Leaders
- Plan meeting dates at least a year in advance
- Send an agenda out in good time
- Send minutes out as soon as possible after the meeting

## Headquarters Contacts

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