

# The Beaver Scout Section and Module 16 (Nights Away)



## Frequently Asked Questions

### Are Beaver Scout Leaders required to complete this module?

Yes. The module is compulsory for anyone wishing to complete a Wood Badge in any Section.

### What happened to the Beaver Scout Sleepover module?

The Beaver Scout Sleepover module has been superseded by module 16.

### The new module seems to cover things that Beaver Scout Leaders do not need to know (e.g. knives, axes and saws) - do they need to do it all?

The module is intended to give leaders the information they need to manage a residential event for any Section. The main parts of the module cover areas such as administration, food and finance that are common to all Sections. There are some aspects of module 16 that may not seem directly relevant to Beaver Scout Sleepovers such as making and striking camp.

However there are occasions when it may be necessary when a Beaver Scout Leader could use these skills. For example tents are often needed for one day events or family camps and Sleepovers often involve tents being put up indoors so that the Beaver Scouts 'feel' like they are camping.

There are some areas of the module such as knives axes and saws that are not directly relevant to the role of a Beaver Scout Leader. However these are covered as skills bases and it is recommended that at this point of the training Beaver Scout Leaders elect to take part in activities that are more relevant to their role such as appropriate games or safety aspects of bunk beds. It should also be noted that some skills that are not required for the Beaver Scout Section might be required if a leader changes Sections in the future.

### Is it OK for Counties/Areas to run a Beaver Scout specific version of module 16?

Yes. Where possible this should be seen as good practice, as it would give a 'Sectional slant' on the experience. However it should be remembered that not all Counties/Areas would have sufficient numbers to make such a course viable and that all objectives of the module will need to be covered.

### How can Beaver Scout Leaders complete this module?

The validation criteria for this module are laid down in the Adults Personal File and the Training Adviser's Guide. Beaver Scout Leaders will need to choose the requirements most suitable to them but in simple terms they will need to assist with the running of a Sleepover.

### How does the module relate to the Nights Away Permit?

The areas the module covers relate directly to those assessed for Nights Away Permits. Anyone who holds a Nights Away Permit can automatically validate the module.

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