



In the last 12 months 12 Beavers have moved up to Cubs, 9 of which had completed all their Challenge Awards and were awarded the Bronze Chief Scout Award.

Since last year we have been building on the number of Nights Away for the Beavers. I'm very pleased to say all 12 Beavers who moved up to Cubs had spent at least one night away, and 5 of them had even spent 4 Nights Away on camps and sleepovers. In Spring 2019 both myself and Grey have worked for, and achieved, our Nights Away permits. This will allow us to offer at least one sleepover each term.

We have supported two of the District Events this year; the Campfire Sing-Along in October (one of my favourite events) and the trip to Chatham Dockyard. Both events give the members of 1st Weald Brook the opportunity to meet other Beavers in the Brentwood District and realise they a part of a bigger family that has approx. 222 members.

Thanks to our International element of our meetings the Beavers have also learnt about Scouting in Brazil and Nigeria. They have also learnt about the different opportunities that will be open to them as they move up through Scouting; Adam spoke to them about his Caving trip with the Essex Scouts Caving Team and Rhys fascinated them with his tales of Adventures from his trip to the Australian Jamboree. We look forward to Chloe and Andrew telling us about their Jamboree in America later this year.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge "Thank You" to Grey (ABSL), Mauro and Rhoda, our Section Assistants. I wouldn't be able to plan such a range of activities without knowing I can rely on their support.

Thank-you also to the Beavers who come along to the meetings every week, rain or shine, with such enthusiasm!

Yours In Scouting,
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