

Minutes of District Beaver Meeting 3rd January 2017

Present: Chris Mazillius 1st Gadebridge
Wayne Yorsten 1st Gadebridge
Tyla Stevens 2nd Hemel
Suzanne Ford 3rd Boxmoor
Helen Dyble-Bassett 1st Leverstock Green
Michelle Woodall 1st Apsley
End of meeting Simon Fancourt 1st Apsley

Apologies: Chris Loake

Everyone introduced themselves to new Beaver leader Tyla.

Main topic for this evening was International Badge day 29 Jan.

There will be 5 bases and a snack break.

- Chris M has asked if everyone running a base can get their own resources and keep receipts to claim back.
- Chris M can print out anything on A4 black and white for free. He asks if everyone can email him what's needed in plenty of time.
- Wayne has said he can print out on colour for free, again please send him copies in plenty of time.
- Michelle has created a fact sheet for each country which covers the badge requirements. There will be 5 copies at each base for Leaders/Adults to read out to the Beavers or they read themselves. Will send them to Wayne to print, and he will arrange to get them laminated.

COULD ALL LEADERS ARRIVE AT AROUND 12.30/12.45 TO SET UP AND HAVE A CUP OF TEA OR A QUICK LUNCH!! (BRING YOUR OWN)

How the event will run:

ARRIVAL 1.45 – Each group will have a table with pencils & colouring pencils (Michelle to source)

Each Beaver will be given an A4 passport sheet which they will fold to create a passport. They name it, and colour the outside. They take this with them to each base. (Helen to create passport sheet and send to Chris M for printing)

BASE 1 AUSTRALIA Chris M - Dot Art/ colour flag / joey in pouch game. Will need large space ie Hall for running around game.

BASE 2 CANADA Chris L - Colour uniform and flag / sample pancakes and maple syrup. It was suggested that we have American style pancakes and cut up into 4 and sprinkle with maple syrup. Will need a few plates, knife, spoon and kitchen roll for spillages.

BASE 3 BRAZIL Helen - Carnival masks / colour flag.

BASE 4 JAPAN David - Veggie sushi/ colour flag /another activity decided by David.

BASE 5 SOUTH AFRICA - Gareth & Sarah – Dance/ drums / colour Flag.

They will talk about their experiences in SA. Beavers to try out some dance moves and possibly have a go on African drums. (Helen to arrange dance instructions and music, and ask Richard for use of drums). Will also need a large room with OHP screen.

SNACK BREAK EUROPE – Michelle. Squash made with Evian water!! Danish biscuits or Aldi French ones. Sheila Neep will be helping with refreshments, so Michelle will liaise with her.

Michelle – ensure groups move around on time.

Chris M to liaise with Richard about which rooms we can use.

Once numbers are in (Apsley have 52 and 4th & 5th Hemel 30, so we are looking at reaching 120 in total). Michelle will create a rota who is visiting which base when. Based on 120 we will be looking at around 25 Beavers plus adults visiting each base.

Everyone will be asking their YLs to help when they return next week. Many work weekends, but we should get a few to help on bases.

Tyla has offered her help where she is needed.

Other Business

12th Feb County Beaver Leaders Skill Session. Am St Albans, pm Stevenage. No other information. Michelle will contact Hazel at County for more info.

7th May Beaver Challenge Hike 3-5pm. Charge £3. Drop off at Kings Langley Common and hike to Phasels Wood for hot dog, drink and camp fire songs. All Beavers will get a hike stage 1 badge. If they already have then they can swap for the next stage with their leader. Simon suggested arranging for walking leaders to park at Phasels and organise mini bus to transfer them to KL.

Chris M with maybe Keith will organise lighting of fire and campfire songs.

Michelle will contact Phasels for use of fire circle and Amie for mini bus use.

Michelle will sort out letter to be distributed by Feb half term so that they are returned by end of March as Summer Term begins 18th April.

We will need volunteers to organise the food (I suggest using tinned hotdogs) and drinks.

1st-2nd July County Beavers in Tents. It was all agreed that we would not be attending and do our own thing. Helen asked about joining 1st Apsley in May.

1st October County Beavers paradise park day.

Next meeting TBC but usually first Tues/Thurs of Term o either 18/20 April