

# 1<sup>st</sup> Stotfold Scout Group

## Cheyenne Beaver Scout Colony

We currently have 18 Beavers in our group and have had a fun filled year, covering a variety of challenges and earning plenty of badges.

We have covered safety issues both in and outside and had visits from the Police who took their fingerprints and Zena Collins from St John's Ambulance who taught them 1<sup>st</sup> aid. The beavers have learnt how to cope in an emergency and use their bandaging skills even if they fall off in 5 minutes!

They particularly enjoyed designing a Hot Wheels car for the Imagination Badge, and visiting the car stand at Gilwell is always a highlight of the day.

We had a great hike over to the park on the Grange with the Wednesday beavers, the sun shone, we ate ice creams and played games, and hope to repeat this again this year.

We had a couple of French evenings learning about the country and trying lots of French cheeses and croissants but unfortunately no wine and we enjoyed a competitive game of boules. They learnt how to say their Promise in French which was very impressive.

We've been looking at different animals and had a visit from Roger who brought his scorpions, lizards, toad, chilli rose tarantula and a 6 foot python!

We attempted to make Bird Feeders using lard and a seed mixture and the beavers complained non-stop about the smell and the mess! I think they need to get their hands dirty a bit more often! Although they did enjoy digging in the dirt for worms to put in our wormeries.

We had great fun trying to build structures using only marshmallows and dried spaghetti; it sounds bizarre but it works and the beavers were amazed by how much they would build.

The Beavers enjoyed making sandwiches and fruit kebabs to understand about healthy foods, and surprisingly managed to eat it all; don't they have tea before they come?

I have brilliant support from my team, Tina, Lynn and Georgina our Scout helper and we try to make it fun and varied for the young beavers - I hope we are succeeding!

Thanks guys

Tammy - Cheyenne Beaver Leader