



7th Whitby Beaver Group

Hello Parents,

Welcome to the 7th Whitby Beaver Group. We apologize for the delay in getting started this fall, but we will be ready to go on **Monday, October 16th** for our first meeting. Your colony leaders will be Sarah Curry, Brett Wilcox and Andrew Caky. We have outlined some important information you will need as we begin the year.

Meeting Time and Location:

Our weekly meetings will be on Mondays from **6:45 pm-7:45 pm** at Whitby Shores Public School. We ask that you try to arrive promptly at 6:45pm as the school doors are locked shortly after 6:50 pm for safety reasons.

Uniforms:

The uniform requirements for the Beaver groups are the hat and vest. Both can be purchased at the Scout shop located at 1711 Simcoe St, North in Oshawa, phone # 905-725-5722(Call for store hours). Items can also be purchased online at www.scoutshop.ca . The cloth activity map called "The Pond" will be provided by the group-you do not need to purchase this. Please bring your activity map to each meeting. For those children who are returning Beavers, bring your activity map from last year with you to each meeting.

The Scout shop sells Badge adhesive called Badge Magic. While this is not required, it is helpful for attaching badges to the children's uniforms. No sewing is required. With the badge adhesive, badges can easily be attached using a hairdryer or with the heat from the dryer for 5 minutes. The badges are not made to be ironed on.

Weekly Dues:

All Scout groups collect weekly dues from each participant. The money collected from each child goes towards the cost of craft supplies, purchasing achievement badges and any other supplies we may need to support the program. Rather than collecting **\$3.00** each week, we have elected to collect the dues in "installments". Our first installment will cover from October-December (10 weeks) and we will be

collecting the second installment in the new year to cover from January-May. We are asking you bring the first installment in cash to the first meeting (**\$3.00 weekly x 10 weeks= \$30.00**).

Clothing/Footwear:

From time to time we will be doing activities with the children outdoors. We will tell you in advance when outdoor activities are planned. We ask that the children come dressed for the weather. During the winter and wet days, we ask the each child bring a pair of indoor shoes-preferably running type shoes as we do games and activities that sometimes require running or sport type activities.

Excursions:

We will be planning excursions with the children throughout the year. You will be given advance notice of these excursions. On these nights, please note the drop off and pick up location will be different than our regular meeting location. Parents are responsible for transportation for their child to the excursion location as the Scout leaders are not able to provide transportation.

Fundraising

The Beaver groups do fundraising throughout the year. The money raised from these campaigns comes back directly to the Beaver group and covers the costs of camps and excursions. These experiences add to the program and are enjoyed by all the children. Our first fundraising campaign has already begun by some groups in the area. The Beavers will be selling various types of delicious popcorn. The forms and money are due back **Monday, October 23rd**. Cash and cheque payments can be made, with cheques payable to **Scouts Canada, 7th Whitby Group**. We do understand this is a short turnaround time and appreciate your support. Since our group missed Apple Day, this fundraiser will be important for us. An electronic version of the product description and order form will be attached to this newsletter. Product catalogue and order forms will be handed out at our first meeting. We thank you in advance for your support.

We look forward to providing an exciting and enriching program for your children. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact any of us. We look forward to meeting you and your children on October 16th!

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