

Furry Fred's Derbyshire County Challenge



Leader's Booklet



Who is Furry Fred?

Furry Fred is Derbyshire's Beaver Scout County Mascot. He was introduced to us in 1995 by Christine Forster who was the Assistant County Commissioner (ACC) for Beaver Scouts in Derbyshire at that time. Every few years, he (and a few friends) create a County Challenge for all of the Derbyshire Colonies to take part in, which includes a badge to wear on your uniform and an invitation to a Beaver Scout Bonanza.

Furry Fred's "Goes Global" County Challenge

The "Furry Fred Goes Global" County Challenge focuses on countries around the world. The challenge is split into 3 stages - mini, midi and mega - with each stage building on the previous, and requiring you to 'visit' more of the countries featured in this booklet. You can aim towards just one stage of the challenge, or aspire to complete more.

In this booklet you will find four specific countries featured for each of the five continents. Each country has a special Continental Mission to complete, together with some example activities for things you could do.

To 'visit' the country, your Colony must simply take part in an activity appropriate to the Continental Mission (it doesn't have to be exactly what is suggested).

Furry Fred also has 2 of his own Global Missions which are detailed below. A mixture of Continental Missions and Furry Fred's Global Missions will make up each stage of the County Challenge.

Challenge Stages

- Mini:** Complete 6 missions including 1 from each continent
- Midi:** Complete 12 missions including 2 from each continent and 1 of Furry Fred's Global Missions
- Mega:** Complete 21 missions including both of Furry Fred's Global Missions

Furry Fred's Global Missions

Sleepover

Mission: Spend a night 'in another country'.

Hold a sleepover on an international theme. You could choose to focus on a specific country or continent, or even go global. Why not use it as an opportunity to include several of the continental missions along with giving the young people a great nights away experience?

Scouting

Mission: Find out about Scouting in another country.

See if you can find their promise, law, uniform or even make contact with a group overseas. You could explore one of the countries listed in this booklet (for which Furry Fred has gathered some handy facts) or pick a country of your choice.

Continent 1: Europe



United Kingdom

Mission: Host an evening or event celebrating a British Tradition.

Example activities:

- Well dressings Plan a visit to a local set of well dressings, or try your hand at making miniature ones in the Colony.
- British Saints Take part in an activity based on one of Britain's Saints.
 - * St David's Day (Wales) - 1st March
 - * St Patrick's Day (Ireland) - 17th March
 - * St George's Day (England) - 23rd April
 - * St Andrew's Day (Scotland) - 30th November
- Guy Fawkes Have fun building your own Guy Fawkes, make some chalk firework pictures or even attend a fireworks display.

Scouting founded: 1907

Founder: Robert Baden Powell

Youngest section: Beavers - aged 6 to 8.

Promise: I promise to do my best, to be kind and helpful and to love God.



Netherlands

Mission: Grab your clogs and have fun with flour or flowers.

Example activities:

- Flour Try your hand at making something using flour. This could be a loaf of bread, pizza base or a salt dough model.
- Flowers Plant some seeds, beans or a bulb and watch them grow.
- Paper craft Make a windmill or flowers out of paper. e.g. daffodil, pinwheel, sunflower etc.
- Flour mills Visit a working water mill or windmill.

Scouting founded: 1910

Youngest section: Beavers (Beaver Scouts) - aged 5 to 7

Promise: No official Promise. Each group creates their own.



Continent 1: Europe



Iceland

Mission: Look up and discover the sky at night.

Example activities:

- Create your own Make a shooting star, some star shaped biscuits or create a mobile of the solar system.
- Star gazing Take part in some star gazing using the actual stars or drawn constellations around your meeting place. Alternatively invite someone to bring a telescope or visit a local observatory.
- Grab a space suit 'Explore' another planet or go on a 'moon walk' using the Beaver Scout's imagination .

Scouting founded: 1912

Youngest section: Drekkaskátar (Dragon Scouts) - aged 7 to 9.

Uniform: A yellow scarf with the Dragon scout badge on the back.



Russia

Mission: Dress up warm and take part in a winter or Olympic themed activity.

Example activities:

- Torch relay Allow the Beavers to make their own Winter Olympic torch. You could even try passing a torch between colonies in your local area.
- Olympic games Have a go at some Winter Olympic sports (or their non-snowy equivalent) e.g. sledging, ice skating, grass sledges, ice hockey etc. Alternatively you could explore the Paralympics and try a sport with a special needs twist. E.g. Using blindfolds, one handed etc.
- Snow Have some fun with snow. Try making a snowman, snow globe or paper snowflakes.

Scouting founded: 1909

Motto: Bud' Gotov (Be Prepared)

Fact: The Scout Association in Russia is made up of multiple nationwide and regional organisations. Names in use include Scouts, Pathfinders and Navigators.



Continent 2: Africa



Kenya

Mission: Go 'on safari' and learn about African wildlife.

Example activities:

- Animal crafts Have a go at some themed crafts with animals you might find in Africa. E.g. Lions, giraffes, elephants, hippos, rhinos etc.
- Treasure hunt Hide pictures of African animals around your meeting place or go on a 'safari' walk and allow the Beaver Scouts to find them.
- Visit a zoo Arrange a trip to the local zoo. Create a short quiz to help the Beaver Scouts find out about the animals.

Scouting founded: 1910

Youngest section: Sungura (Cub Scouts) - aged 6 to 11

Promise: I promise to do my best; To do my duty to God and my Country;
To obey the Sungura Scout Law and to help somebody every day.



South Africa

Mission: Switch on your torch and have some fun in the dark.

Example activities:

- Caving Take part in a caving activity. Use tables, chairs and dark cloth to make a tunnel for the Beavers to explore. Or you could invite the Caving SASU (Scout Active Support Unit) along to run some caving activities at a Colony meeting.
- Fun in the dark Carry out some games or activities in the dark. This could be a treasure hunt or obstacle course with the lights turned off, a blindfold trail or a night time walk outside.
- Bats Learn about bats or make some bat related crafts. You could invite a member of a bat conservation group to visit the Colony.

Scouting founded: 1908

Youngest section: Cubs - aged 7 to 10½

Promise: I promise to do my best. To do my duty to God and my country; To keep the Law of the Wolf Cub Pack; And to do a good turn to somebody every day.



Continent 2: Africa



Malawi

Mission: Think of others before yourself and discover how other people live.

Example activities:

- Think of others Find out about the importance of food, shelter, clean water and sanitation. e.g. Learn about Fairtrade or look at how much water you use every day compared to other countries in the world.
- Helping hand Raise some money for a good cause, preferably one which works in third world countries. e.g. WaterAid, ShelterBox, AquaBox etc. Fund raising ideas include collecting pennies in empty water bottles, selling cakes or a sponsored silence.
- Charity visit Arrange a visit to/from a charity and find out about the work they do.

Scouting founded: 1931

Youngest section: Cub Scouts - aged 6 to 10

Promise: I promise to do my best, to do my duty to God and my country, to help others and keep the Cub Scout Law.



Nigeria

Mission: Get creative and explore some African culture.

Example activities:

- Music Have fun with drums. Try making your own or invite a drummer along for a drum themed evening.
- Masks Try making some African themed masks out of pieces of card.
- Beads Be creative with beads and make a bead necklace or bracelet. Or make some African inspired Hama bead designs.

Scouting founded: 1915

Youngest section: Cub Scouts

Fact: In Nigeria, Cub Scouts only use two fingers in the salute, not three.



Continent 3: America



Canada

Mission: Find out about beavers in their native country.

Example activities:

- Story Write, act or mime a short story about a beaver. Why not try a creative way of telling it, such as storyboards, puppets or shadows?
- Lodges Try making a model of a dam or lodge. Clay, Play-Doh and sticks work great, though Matchmakers offer an edible alternative.
- Crafts Make some beaver related crafts such as masks, pen pot, fridge magnet or note holder. Or play some beaver themed games.

Scouting founded: 1910

Youngest section: Beaver Scouts - aged 5 to 7.

Promise: I promise to love God and help take care of the world.

Law: A Beaver has fun, works hard and helps family and friends.



Honduras

Mission: Follow in the footsteps of the Mayans and try out some technology.

Example activities:

- Past Explore some old technology such as sundials, rain gauges, cup and string phone etc.
- Present Find out about some more modern technology such as electricity, batteries and steam engines.
- Future Create a model of a piece of technology the Beaver Scouts would like to see in the future. This could be a robot, teleporter, flying car or an everyday household object.

Scouting founded: 1952

Youngest section: Lobatos (Cub Scouts) - aged 6 to 10.

Motto: Siempre Listo (Always Prepared)



Continent 3: America



Ecuador

Mission: Help conserve your little corner of the world.

Notable dates: January (RSPB Big garden bird watch)

Example activities:

- Conservation Take part in a local conservation project to plant trees and flowers, clear a walk way or look after a pond.
- Animal care Help look after an animal such as a domestic pet or wild birds. Take part in a garden bird watch to learn about the birds you find locally.
- Recycling Take part in a recycling project or have fun making something from junk.

Scouting founded: 1920

Youngest section: Lobatos (Wolf Cub) - aged 7 to 11.

Motto: Siempre Mejor (Always Better)



Brazil

Mission: Ready, Steady, Go! Enjoy staying fit and healthy.

Notable dates: 5th - 21st August 2016 (Rio Summer Olympics)

Example activities:

- Football Run a football session at a Colony meeting to practice dribbling and penalty shoot out, or play some games involving a football.
- Keep fit Take part in a keep fit session to get in shape ready for the 2016 Olympic games in Rio.
- Fruit Learn about how to stay healthy by trying a variety of exotic fruits from Brazil.

Scouting founded: 1910

Youngest Section: Lobinhos / Lobinhas (Cubs) - aged 7 to 10.

Motto: Melhor Possivel (Do your best)



Continent 4: Asia



Hong Kong

Mission: Celebrate some Oriental customs.

Notable dates: January/February (Chinese New Year)

Example activities:

- Dragons Make a dragon puppet out of paper and straws, a sock or wooden spoon.
- Lanterns Create and decorate some paper lanterns or glass tea lights to brighten up your home or meeting place.
- New Year Take part in an activity to celebrate the Chinese New Year and enjoy some horse related crafts or games. Why not act out the Chinese Zodiac story to learn about all of the characters?

Scouting founded: 1915

Youngest section: Grasshoppers - aged 5 to 8.

Promise: I promise to be a Grasshopper Scout, to love God, to love people and to love my Country.



Nepal

Mission: See how high you can go and explore tall buildings and structures.

Example activities:

- Build a tower Challenge the Beaver Scouts to build a tall tower using a set amount of objects e.g. wooden blocks, straws, marshmallows etc.
- Get up high Visit a tall building, e.g. Church, tower etc. Or plan a walk up a hill. Find out what you can see from the top.
- Climb Have a go at rock climbing, abseiling or bouldering.

Scouting founded: 1952

Youngest section: Cub Scouts - aged 7 to 11.

Motto: Sakdo Kosis Gara (Do your best)



Continent 4: Asia



United Arab Emirates

Mission: Power up with petrol and find out about vehicles.

Example activities:

- Box cars In small groups make a box car out of a large box and junk for accessories. Then have fun carrying out races between teams.
- Special vehicles Visit a fire, ambulance or police station and learn about the vehicles they use. Alternatively take a trip on public transport or visit a farm and discover more about the vehicles you can find there.
- Safety Learn about road safety and the importance of keeping safe on and near roads.

Scouting founded: 1972

Motto: Kun Musta'idan (Be prepared)

Fact: Scouting existed in several of the individual emirates before unification. The first of these was Sharjah, with Scouts founded in 1957.



Indonesia

Mission: Discover the world of colourful creepy crawlies.

Example activities:

- Life cycles Learn about the life cycle of insects, butterflies or frogs.
- Get creative Have a go at some bug crafts. e.g. peg butterflies, ladybird pebbles, origami frogs etc.
- Pond dipping Explore a local pond/stream and find out about the creatures that live in or near it.

Scouting founded: 1912

Youngest section: Pramuka Siaga (Cub Scouts) - aged 7 to 10

Fact: Indonesia currently has the highest population of Scouts with over 17 million.



Continent 5: Australasia



Australia

Mission: 'Go walkabout' and explore the Australian (or your own) outback.

Example activities:

- Walkabout Plan a walk for the Beaver Scouts around your local neighbourhood. Why not create a map or photo trail for them to follow?
- Boomerangs Make or decorate a boomerang and learn how to throw it.
- Aborigine Art Try your hand at some Aborigine style art. An ear bud dripped in paint works well to make the spotted designs.

Scouting founded: 1908

Youngest section: Joey Scouts - aged 6 to 8.

Promise: I promise to do my best, to love God and be helpful.

Law: A Joey Scout cares. A Joey Scout shares.



Papua New Guinea

Mission: Dive in and discover about life in the sea.

Example activities:

- Sea life Have fun with some ocean related crafts. Maybe make a seahorse, starfish, whale or shark for your meeting place.
- Aquarium Plan a trip to a local aquarium and find out about the fish and creatures they have on show.
- Below the waves Explore ways of travelling under water or imagine what life is like in the ocean. Try making a periscope or pen top diver.
- Sink or swim Learn about what sort of objects will sink, and what will float. Will changing an object alter how it reacts? e.g. cutting it in half, removing a lid.

Scouting founded: 1975

Youngest section: Junior Scouts - aged 8 to 12.

Fact: Scouting started in Papua New Guinea in 1926 as a branch of Australian Scouting.



Continent 5: Australasia



Tonga

Mission: Enjoy some sand, sea and sunshine.

Example activities:

- Sand Have fun playing with sand or making sand crafts. Alternatively learn about how to stay safe at the beach or near water.
- Castaway Split the Beaver Scouts into small groups and provide each team with a set of basic items e.g. garden canes / sticks, string, elastic bands plastic sheet etc. Challenge them to make something like a model raft or shelter and compare how each team does.
- Beach party Join with another Colony or section and host a beach party or BBQ. Ask everyone to dress up in a sunglasses, shorts, and flip flops and offer games such as volleyball or rounders.

Fact: Tonga is one of 29 countries where Scouting exists, but there is no National Scout Organisation. Scouting is active in Tonga as an overseas branch of The Scout Association.



New Zealand

Mission: Bubble your way to Middle-earth.

Example activities:

- Volcanoes Create an 'edible volcano' using an upside down ice cream cone and coloured icing. Or make a volcano using bicarbonate of soda and vinegar.
- Bubbles Have fun making bubbles or even build a lava lamp using coloured water and oil in a small pop bottle with a fizzy tablet.
- Cooking Try cooking food in the embers of a fire. Yummy examples include baked potatoes, toasted sandwiches and bananas with chocolate.

Scouting founded: 1908

Youngest section: Kea Scouts - aged 5 to 7.

Promise: I will try to share my fun and help others.

