

# Scottish Beaver Thistle Award

Complete 8 tasks with at least 2 from each section



## Outdoor & Adventure

- 1. Hold your own mini Highland Games. Try at least three different events. You could include a caber toss, shot put, hill run, or tug-of-war.
- 2. Learn some traditional Scottish playground games and try them. You might try Hopscotch, skipping rope games or Plainy-Clappy (there are a few local variations on these but examples can be found on the internet).
- 3. Visit a local landmark and learn some interesting facts about it.
- 4. Take part in an activity locally to help people or improve an aspect of your community. You might do some planting, visit a care home, or take part in a litter pick.
- 5. Go on a short local nature walk and record some of the birds, plants, insects, and other animals that you see. Find out the names of five of these.
- 6. Play an outdoor game themed around the legendary Haggis. You might try a Haggis Hunt (find a 'Haggis' in spots they would likely hide), or learn how a Haggis runs and play one of your favourite games moving like this.

## Skills

- 1. Find out about a Scottish myth or legend. Re-tell this story – you could make a comic strip, perform a puppet show, or create a picture showing an important part of the story.
- 2. Learn a Scottish song or dance.
- 3. Take part in an activity which uses Scots, Gaelic, or Doric language words. You might change your favourite game so that the calls/instructions are in Scots/Gaelic/Doric, or try to learn some interesting words in these languages.
- 4. Design and make a Tartan or Coat of Arms for your family or your Colony. It should clearly represent you. Think carefully about the colours you use and the symbols you include.
- 5. Make a map of Scotland showing as many different landmarks as possible. You could make models of the landmarks, or draw pictures. You can make your map as big or small as you like.
- 6. Make and taste a Scottish snack or treat.

## World

- 1. Create a poster/radio advert/television advert featuring all things Scottish. Your finished piece should represent Scotland and should encourage someone from another country to visit. Learn about some local customs or food. You could try some of these.
- 2. Find out 5 interesting facts about your local area. Are any popular actors/actresses, musicians/bands, or other famous people from your area? What are they famous for? What types of jobs did people living in your area traditionally do? You could ask someone from your community to visit your Colony and tell you about what they do.
- 3. Imagine you are having a visit from Beavers from another country. Plan out where you would take them, what you would eat, and what you would show/do with them while they are here.
- 4. Find out about some Scottish inventors and their inventions. Consider what life would be like without their inventions.
- 5. Plan a menu of traditional Scottish food and drink. Discuss how you would describe the food you choose to people from other countries.
- 6. Find out about a Scottish Island that you would like to visit. How many people live there? Do they have their own flag? What is there to see and do on the island?

**Top Tips** - If you haven't finished your badges and challenges, you can carry on and complete them your first term in the section you are progressing to. Please note that any of these badge requirements can be done in conjunction with the UK badge programme. Requirements can be adapted to suit each young person's abilities.

For support and guidance on the requirements please contact [hello@scouts.scot](mailto:hello@scouts.scot)

Signed

