



**23<sup>rd</sup> Limerick Scouts**  
**Scout Hall**  
**Caherdavin**  
**Limerick**  
**Ireland**



## 2019 Beaver Easter Overnight Camp

Dear Parents,

**Camp Drop-Off:** From 15:45 Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> April, Caherdavin Scout Hall

**Camp Collection:** 10:00 Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> April, Caherdavin Scout Hall

The planned programme of events begins promptly at 4pm and Beavers are expected to arrive in good time. Scouters must be informed in advance if a Beaver is going to be late. Camp finishes at 10am sharp. We expect all Beavers to leave at 10am, please inform us in advance if you are going to be late.

If you need to contact Scouters for any reason during the event, you can do so via the WhatsApp Group or by telephoning a Scouter on call. The Scouters on call for this event are Phelim, David & Fiona. You have access to their telephone numbers via the WhatsApp group.

### Overnight Camp Checklist:

**Please remember to label or otherwise mark all of your child's gear including utensils, clothes, sleepwear, etc. with their name. Essential items are marked\***

- Neckerchief\*
- Rucksack\*
- Sleeping Bag\*
- Ground Mat\*
- Hat / Gloves / Scarf
- Warm jacket & fleece\*
- PJs, Sleeping Buddy [e.g. teddy bear] & Pillow\*
- Flashlight / Head Torch & Batteries\*
- A complete Change of Clothes x 1\*
- Spare Runners / Walking Boots\*
- Spare Socks, T-shirts & Underwear
- Rain Gear\*
- Strong Black Plastic Bag for Wet / Dirty Clothes\*

For Meals: **(tip: pack together in a zipped laundry net)**

- Plate, Bowl & Mug\*
- Knife, Fork & Spoon\*
- Tea Towel\*

Toiletries: **(see above tip)**

- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Face Cloth
- Small Towel

**Rucksack:** This year, we are asking that Beavers / Parents invest in a proper, suitable, overnight rucksack. There are special offers available in several Limerick outlets: Radar Stores, Foxes Bow; The American Army & Navy Store, Lower Shannon Street and; Outdoor Adventure Store, Cruises Street. Please visit 23<sup>rd</sup> Limerick's Beavers Webpage for more information. Colin has also posted links to the WhatsApp Group. The link is [www.caherdavinscouts.ie/backpack-for-Beavers](http://www.caherdavinscouts.ie/backpack-for-Beavers). **Note:** some of the offers include cutlery, a sleeping bag, a 65 Litre Rucksack [particularly suitable for Beavers – easy to carry and pack] and a ground mat. Properly looked after, these rucksacks should last for 3 to 5 years. We consider them a great investment for children beginning their Scouting journey.

**First Aid:** As part of their preparation for the Emergencies Adventure Skills Stage 2 Badge, each Beaver should have a personal First Aid kit. A suitable one can be bought in Lidl [approx. €5]; alternatively, Beavers can make one themselves. The kit should have the child's name clearly written on it. It should include small sealed bandages, a pair of sanitary gloves, burn-shield gel, medi-wipes, a miniature scissors, and an elasticated bandage.

**NB:** If your child needs to take any form of medication (including non-prescription / OTC) during this camp, you must present a fully completed Managing Medications form on arrival to the Camp First-Aid Lead [Phelim] along with the medications. The form is available to download on the Beavers webpage. It is important that you include all medications to be taken by your child. All medicines must be presented in a zip-locked, clear plastic bag with your child's name labelled clearly on the outside of the bag and on each medicine.

Please advise us prior to camp of any allergy / intolerances your child may have. While it is important that you inform us of any food concerns your child may have, we will be limited on camp as to the food choices available. We will however have plenty of fruit and crackers.

Please ensure your child has eaten before arriving at camp on Saturday afternoon as dinner won't be served until 7.30pm.

Please do not give your child sweets to bring to camp, we will provide all snacks and treats.

This is a completely **nut free** camp. Nuts of any description are not permitted. This includes whole nuts, nut butters, confectionary or any other item containing nuts.

Beavers will be sleeping indoors in tents. The aim of this is to simulate a camp environment. To that effect, kit inspections will take place to ensure Beavers are packing their gear properly in preparation for their outdoor camp this summer. This is in keeping with the 'practical scouting' programme of learning and gives them a perfect opportunity to implement it.

**Code of Conduct:** Beavers are expected to abide by the **Beaver Code of Conduct**. There will be a **Parents / Beavers / Scouters** meeting at 4pm on Saturday to review it and ensure that everybody is fully aware of the behaviour that is expected of Beavers and of the consequences of breaching the Code. Leaders give freely of their time to promote fun and learning, and to teach the children new disciplines & skills. If a Beaver persists with bad behaviour, parents will be called (regardless of the time) to come and take their child home.

We encourage the children to bring Board Games, Top Trumps & Playing Cards to camp as these toys encourage sharing and inclusivity. In the spirit of this, **no Trading Cards please.**

**The following items are not permitted and will be confiscated:**

Electronic items (phones, tablets, personal gaming devices, etc.)

Trading Cards

Nuts of any description

Sweets and Chocolate

Fizzy Drinks

Chewing / Bubble Gum

There will be a **Beaver of the Camp** award presented to the child who best displays good friendship, integrates well, helps out on camp, listens attentively to Scouters' instructions, enthusiastically participates in activities and has the most **FUN** on camp.

We strive to make Beavers a fun and above all a safe environment for every child. Thank you for your cooperation with the camp requirements and we look forward to seeing you all on Saturday.

**Yours in Scouting,**

*23<sup>rd</sup> Limerick Beaver Scouters*