

Welcome to the

6TH ST. AGNES BEAVER COLONY

Welcome and Thank you for joining the 6th St. Agnes Scouting Group as we look forward to another exciting year with our Colony – enjoying lots of fun games, crafts and outings along the way. We will be participating in making and racing our own Beaver Buggies at Capilano Mall, parading with our own Bug lights creations during the Torchlight Parade, learning songs and skits for our Scouting campfires, planting trees to help our environment and joining in with Beavers from across BC in a sleepover at Science World!

Weekly Meetings:

Our Beaver meetings are held each Tuesday evening from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the hall at St. Agnes Church. We normally run through until the end of June or thereabouts.

Our meetings begin with our Tail Slap Opening and end with our Lodge Closing. For new Beavers, these are two Ceremonies they will learn quickly! We usually start with a Sharing Circle within individual lodges, since Sharing is the motto of our Beavers. We will then move onto crafts, story telling, a game (if time permits) and, at least several times a year, an indoor Scouting campfire.

What do I need for a meeting?

- We do our best to get outside with our Beavers. If it is noted on the calendar that it is an outdoor evening, please send your child dressed for the weather. Beavers don't seem to mind being out in the rain!
- For the safety of your child, **non-marking shoes** (preferably runners) must be worn at all meetings in the hall.
- Please have your Beavers bring a water bottle to all meetings. They will get thirsty and it helps our leaders focus on the program when the Beavers have a readily accessible water bottle.
- Once a BEAVER has been invested, he/she must be in full uniform at all meetings, unless otherwise noted. More information about uniforms below.
- Learn, Remember and Abide by the Beaver Scout Promise, Law & Motto

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Beaver Scout Promise

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

Beaver Scout Law

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

Beaver Scout Motto

Sharing, Sharing, Sharing.

Uniforms:

For new Beavers joining our Colony, the Beaver Uniform consists of a Beaver hat and vest. These items can be purchased at the Scout Shop located at 664 West Broadway in Vancouver (two blocks West of Cambie). The 6th St. Agnes Scouting Group will provide the neckerchiefs and woggles/slides.



Fund Raising:

Registration fee only cover a portion of the funds needed to run various Scouting activities. Monies collected from Fund Raising activities helps Groups purchase equipment, supplies and fund activities such as camping and international trips.

All members of the 6th St. Agnes Scouting group participate in two **Mandatory** fund raising activities per year. The biggest of these is the Christmas Tree sales with a number of other groups on the North Shore. While this is still advertised as the West Van Scouts Christmas Tree Sales their enrollment numbers are down over the years and the simple fact is that they needed some of the other groups on the North Shore to assist them in running and organizing the lot operations. This event alone brings in about \$4000 minimum for our group alone, so you can see how important it is for us to participate!

In addition to the Christmas Tree Sales that each member does, the beavers and cubs participate in Apple Day during a weekend usually mid-October and the scouts run the Christmas tree chip-up in the first weekend of January. In addition, there may be extra methods that we try to use to bring in some additional revenue in the always-challenging effort to help ease the cost of running a quality program to families and our group alike.

In all, these fundraisers require about 4 hours of your time. About 2 hours for each event. We expect everyone to participate in their 2 duties in this regard, and a missed shift without advance notice and an acceptable reason will result in a lost opportunity to capitalize on the subsidies the 6th offers for various camps and events. For example, if we're able to subsidize our year end all-sections camp by 50% (our usual goal), one missed shift might mean a subsidy for that youth of 25%. Two missed fundraisers in the same year would mean the loss of any and all subsidies for camps and events.

Fundraising Activity

Participating Section

Apple Day: Beavers & Cubs

Christmas Tree Sales: Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, & Rovers

Christmas Tree Chip-up: Scouts, Venturers, & Rovers

Apple Day:

Apple Day is a fundraising tradition that started right here in Canada.

This is annual event provides our Scouting youth with an opportunity to show their appreciation to the general public for their support throughout the year. Our youth distribute apples as a way of saying "Thank You" to the community. Donations are accepted in exchange, but apples are not sold.

Any money raised during Apple Day goes towards improving the Scouting program by providing more outdoor Adventures for youth, camping equipment, training and many other endeavours. This year national Apple Day weekend is happening from October 15–16, 2016.

Christmas Tree Sales:

The West Vancouver Groups and some North Vancouver Groups get together and jointly sell trees at Park Royal as their primary fundraising activity for the year. All Sections (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, & Rovers) of each Group are expected to do their part by selling trees. It is also expected that PARENTS accompany youth at the Christmas Tree Lot. Christmas Tree Lot shifts begin near the end of November and continue until just before Christmas.



Additional Notes:

We have lots of goals that we are working towards. One of them is making your child's Scouting Adventures the first of many! There is a well established Cub Pack for our White Tail (3rd Year) Beavers to "Swim Up" to in the spring. They will be able to participate in "Linking" activities with the Cubs, so they will enjoy the continuity of friendship while exploring what it means to be a Cub together.

We welcome parent involvement, help setting up crafts and cleaning up afterwards. Do you like to tell stories? We invite you to come to read a story to our Colony. Beavers can learn so much from exploring the world around them and are always happy to share their parents' talents. Please consider bringing your particular talent or hobby to our Colony! We have a place for each of you – whether you can give an hour, a day or are willing to take on a leadership role. You won't be doing it alone as there are lots of us to help you along the way. We welcome your participation!

Feel Free to contact us with any questions or concerns you have:

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Welcome to the Beaver Scout Colony!

HAWKEYE
Rudy

RINGTAIL
Paul

PIP
Brenna

BUBBLES
Eunice

ECHO
Ashley

TIC TAC
Megan

MALAK
Lenny