



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Brooklin Beavers

## Scouting Year 2008-2009



**Welcome to our Beaver Colony!**

### Meeting Location (the "Pond")

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Renaissance Baptist Church, 40 Vipond Road.

**NOTE:** There will be meetings throughout the year that will not be held at the church and you will be informed of this in advance.

### Meeting Time

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Monday evenings from 6:30 – 7:45 PM.

### Leaders

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Leslie Chambers	Rainbow
Darrin Hughes	Tic Tac
Rob Jackson	Hawkeye
Mike Luke	Malak
Melissa Meisinger (contact leader)	Rain Drop
Le-Ann Mitchell	Chip
Siobhan O'Connor	Bubbles

### Our Sponsor

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St Thomas Anglican Church is our sponsor.

### Beaver Colony Set Up

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The "colony " refers to all members (youth and leaders) in the Beaver program. Within a colony, Beavers are sorted into smaller groups called "lodges". There is one leader for every 5 Beavers. Leaders are named after characters in "Friends of the Forest". This story is the background resource that provides the terminology, setting, theme and program material for operating a Beaver colony.

### Weekly Dues

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Weekly dues are \$2.00. We would encourage parents to use this opportunity to teach your child about responsibilities and encourage them to "earn" the money rather than give it out.



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#### Uniform

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A beaver vest and Coby hat is required by October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008 (Investiture Night). The colony supplies a neckerchief (scarf), woggle and badges during investiture. Many parents also purchase a Beaver shirt and campfire blanket – but this is not required.

Where to purchase: Oshawa Scout Shop (at Camp Samac)  
1711 Simcoe Street North, Oshawa, ON  
☎ (905) 725-5722  
✉ [oshawashop@scouts.ca](mailto:oshawashop@scouts.ca)  
Call for hours of operation

#### Arrival and Pick Up

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- Drop off time – 6:25PM; pick up time – 7:45PM; Prompt drop off and pick up is appreciated.
- When you drop off your child, please come into the church and sign in.
- Each Beaver must have a pair of clean shoes to wear inside.
- When you pick up your child, please sign out and make sure that you have taken any parent handouts.

#### Parent Participation

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Parents are welcome to stay during any meeting and your assistance is always welcome and much appreciated. Please feel free to talk to any of the leaders regarding any assistance you can give us.

#### Fundraising

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There are three fundraising activities that we automatically participate in each year:



**SCOUT POPCORN** – Program registration fees do not cover all the expenses of our colony. We encourage Beaver families to participate in the Scout Popcorn fundraiser. Over 60% of funds raised are directed back into our group to help offset the cost of special programming events, like Beaver Buggies, sleepovers and our Spring family camping weekend.



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**APPLE DAY** – This is a key fundraising event where 100% of the net proceeds are returned to the supporting groups in direct proportion to their participation. Please mark your calendars now for Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. More information will be distributed in early October about this event. You should set aside two hours on Saturday morning or afternoon to participate with your Beaver at a local commercial or residential location.



**SCOUTREES** – This activity takes place on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Information will be distributed in early April.

### Community Events

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- **Trail Clean Up** – Every spring all scouting sections help clean up our community. This year, Beavers will collect garbage along the Brooklin Lion's Trail behind Vipond arena.
- **Brooklin Spring Fair**
  - Parade:** We plan to participate in the parade this year. More details to follow.
  - Scout Pizza Booth:** For the past few years, parents and youth have volunteered to sell pizza and raise funds for equipment (tents, stoves, lanterns, mess kits). More details to follow.

We have attached a tentative schedule of activities for this scouting year. We encourage you to speak to your child and put forward suggestions on activities they would like to see this year. If you have any questions about the program, please do not hesitate to contact one of the leaders.

Yours in Scouting,  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Brooklin Beaver Leaders**