Welsh Beaver, Cubs and Scout Awards

Guidance for 'stay-at-home' Scouting during COVID-19 precautions

These badges were designed to be completed within section meetings over the course of about 12 months. There is no reason why Beavers, Cubs and Scouts should not work towards these badges while we are all staying at home to help limit the spread of the Coronavirus.

There are five programme areas:
- − Wales in the past
- − Wales in the future
- − Our culture
- − Where we live
- − Things to do in Wales

To earn the badge, each Beaver, Cub or Scout needs to complete **two activities for each section**. There are suggestions for what kinds of content fits into each area in the table below. Similar content is also allowed – you can check if something is appropriate by emailing me: jon.carter@bss.wales. There is a wide range of different ways to do each activity; some suggestions appear at the end under 'methods'.

So, as an example, one of the activities in the '*Wales in the future*' area is '*Design and make models of our future homes to make the most of our land.*' This one works well for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, as they can work at a level that suits their age and stage of development. You might make a model from recycled materials or from a construction kit like Lego or Meccano.

The only criteria are that:
- − Beavers need to spend about thirty minutes on each activity, so 6 hours total.
- − Cubs need to spend about sixty minutes on each activity, so 12 hours total.
- − Scouts need to spend about ninety minutes on each activity, so 18 hours total.

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Programme Area	Suggestions
Wales in the past	– The history of Wales – How Wales has changed over the years – Folk stories and Legends – All about our Emblems: the dragon, the daffodil, and the leek – Who was St. David and what is his story? – How did people make a living and how did they live in the past – Explore Wales in different periods, for example Wales in Roman times – Make replica items of traditional Welsh things. – Important Welsh people from the past – Look at how people in the past travelled around Wales
Wales in the future	– Wales as part of the world and the role it could play in the future – Looking after our environment – Our resources, the people and our institutions, what will we build, or grow in the future? – Imagine how Wales might change in the future. – Design and make models of our future homes to make the most of our land. – How could we make transport links better in the future? – How can we communicate better across Wales in the future? – Alien Landing – Aliens have landed in your meeting place. Help the Aliens to understand their new surroundings and make them welcome in Wales
Our Culture	– Put on a St David's Day celebration – Our language – Welsh food – Wonders of Wales' all the things that make Wales special to us – Find out what people from other countries know about Wales – Find out about the differences between where we live and young people the same age in another country – Learn about our National Anthem – Learn some Welsh songs and perform them – Learn the Welsh version of a camp fire song – Make a love spoon or other iconic items. – Find out about someone who is living now and the difference they are making in Wales. For example an artist, musician, writer or politician.

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Where we live	– Map making – Getting out and exploring places we know and places we don't know – Video, poster or displays about our locality – Make a tourism advert – Local photo trails – Visiting points of interest in our locality and reporting on them – Making our meeting place a bilingual environment – Put on a play about where you live – Famous Welsh people – Do an environmental or community project in your local area – Look at how our schools and education compare to those in another country – Find out what's different about Scouting in Wales to Scouting in a different county – Explore democracy in Wales and the different forms of government – Learn about public services and talk to someone who works for your community.
Things to do in Wales	– Visit places of interest in Wales that may not be familiar to you – Look at what sports we play and how important they are to Wales – Look at what entertainment is popular – Put on plays, displays and presentations for others about what we enjoy doing in Wales. – Do a review of a place you have visited – Camp somewhere new you haven't been before in Wales – Visit an Eisteddfod – Staying safe on social media and the internet

ScoutsCymru are publishing ideas on their Facebook page every Tuesday (https://www.facebook.com/ScoutsCymru/)

For example:
– To celebrate the amazing places that we live, design a poster, leaflet or advert for tourists to come and visit in the future! This could be done using a computer, drawing materials or even as a video message.
– Stuck for inspiration? Think about what makes your area individual. Maybe it's the history, the beautiful landscape or the things you can do there!
– The internet is a great tool to use for this activity, but make sure to stay safe online. Keep a copy of your advert to show your leader!

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Methods

- Making – craft, art, model making, making videos, photos, drawing pictures, cooking
- Sharing ideas – workshop, group work and discussions over Facebook pages
- Getting out and about virtually – visit online webcams
- Games – adapt well known games to give a welsh twist and one of the programme themes
- Learn new skills
- Research and report back
- Take part, try out sports etc.
- Connect with Scout groups abroad and compare things with the other young people via Skype, email, videos, letters etc
- Watch films, read stories, make up stories
- Set individual goals and challenges