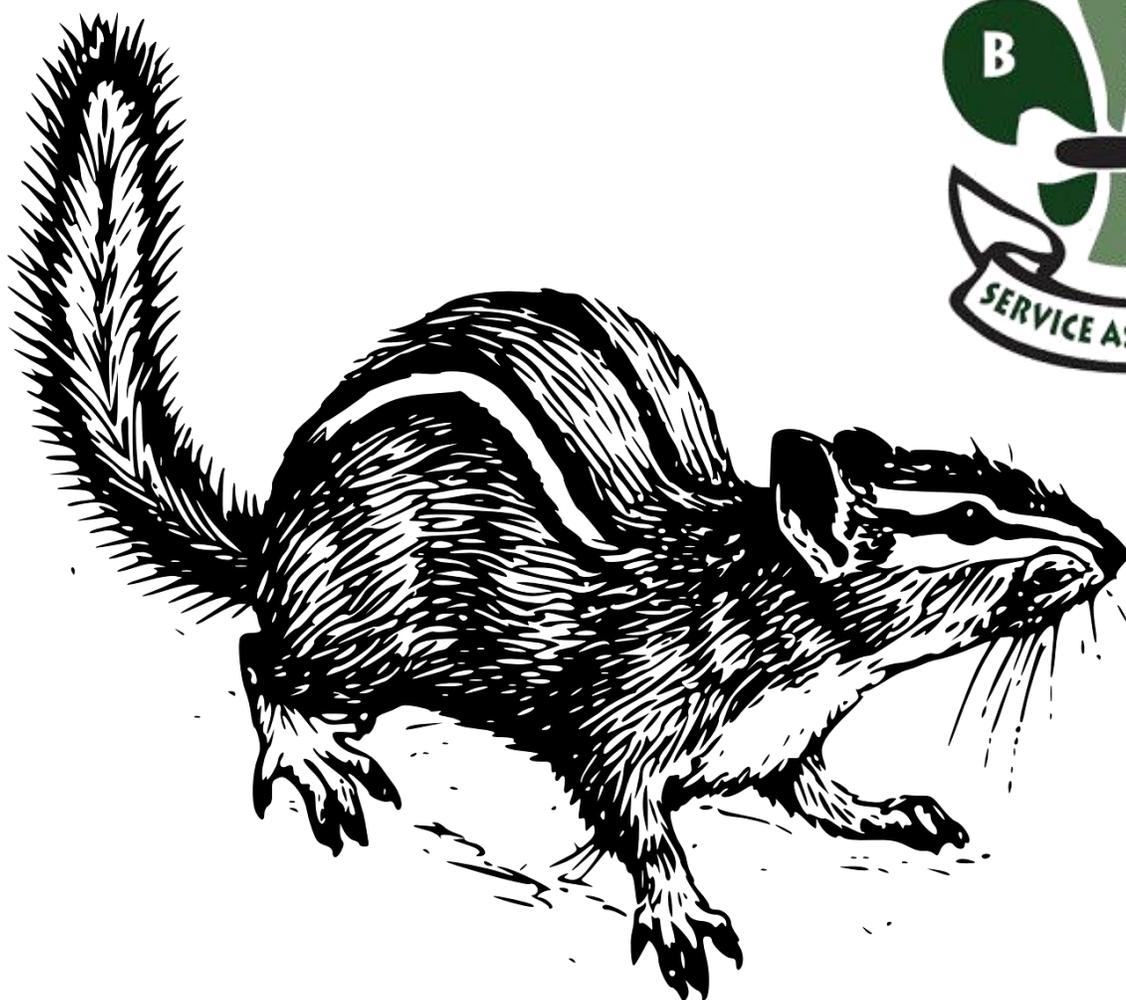


CHIPMUNK HANDBOOK



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What is the Baden-Powell Service Association and Traditional Scouting?

The Baden-Powell Service Association (BPSA-US) was formed in 2006 as an independent and traditional-style Scouting Association. It perpetuates the principles and practices of Scouting laid down by Robert Baden-Powell in 1907 that had been developed and refined in Boy Scout associations around the world for over a century. These principles are so fundamentally sound and the practices so adaptable that Traditional Scouting goes on developing and can never be dated or unsuited to any community. Our aim is to promote good citizenship and wholesome physical, mental and moral development; and provide training in habits of observation, discipline, self-reliance, loyalty, and useful skills.

The BPSA is totally independent of, and not affiliated with, either the Boy Scouts of America or the Girls Scouts of the USA. We are members of the World Federation of Independent Scouts (WFIS) and, as such, are not in competition with other American Scouting Associations; we are only their brothers and sisters. We are affiliated with the Baden-Powell Scouts' Association of the UK.

The training scheme devised by Robert Baden-Powell is based on using the natural desires of young people as a guide to the activities that will attract and hold them. The appeal of true Scouting has always been to that element of the vagabond, pioneer and explorer, which is part of our nature, and is at its most evident in youth. Hence the significance of the opening sequence of Baden-Powell's "Explanation of Scouting" in *Scouting for Boys*:

"By the term 'scouting' is meant the work and attributes of backwoodsmen, explorers and frontiersmen."

Scouting is an outdoor movement and that is part of its character. To whatever degree conditions may, at times, force us indoors—such as weather, darkness, etc.—we must regard this as a second-best necessity and never as a satisfactory substitute for the real thing.

BPSA believes that everyone deserves a chance to participate in the movement which Baden-Powell started, and with that, we have crafted our policy of inclusion:

BPSA Scouting offers a choice for those with curiosity, energy and independence of spirit. We are committed to providing an appropriate alternative and community-oriented Scouting experience. BPSA welcomes everyone. Our mission is to provide a positive learning environment within the context of democratic participation and social justice. We foster the development of Scouts in an environment of mutual respect and cooperation.

This book is published with the object of providing boys and girls, when they join, full instruction on the tests they will be required to pass, up to their Second Star Badge in the Timberwolf program section. As it is not possible to pass all the tests in one day, and as it is sometimes difficult to remember which tests each individual has passed, a page is provided at the end of each chapter where each test can be signed off when passed. Additionally, there is a single page at the back to track the overall progress of the Timberwolf Scout.



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YEAR

SCOUT NAME

SIGNATURE

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INVESTITURE REQUIREMENTS

- Know the Chipmunk Motto, Law, Promise, and Sign
- Know the limerick
- Make different animal sounds
- Gather sticks of three sizes for fire; place in three piles
- Wash hands without help Count to 10
- Collect 10 special things from nature while on a hike and share these items with a leader, explaining what the items are or why they are special.

THE CHIPMUNK MOTTO

Share and Prepare

THE CHIPMUNK PROMISE

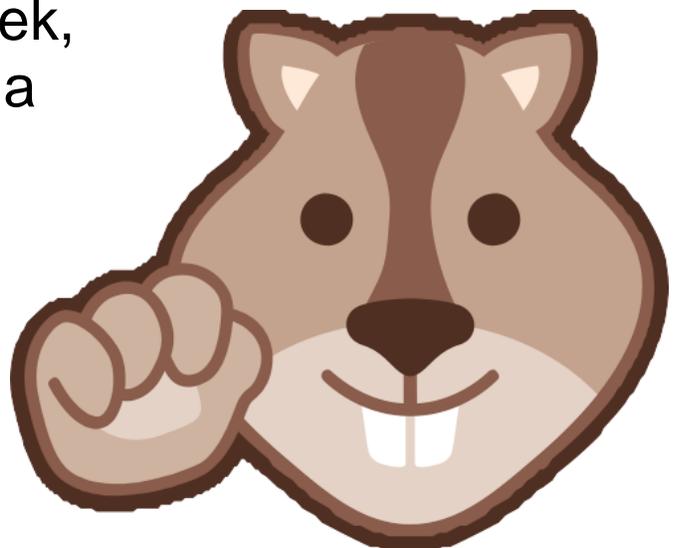
On my chipmunk honor, I promise to do my best.

THE CHIPMUNK LAW

The Chipmunk explores the world.

THE CHIPMUNK SIGN

Chipmunks have their own scout sign:
Right hand by right cheek,
fingers folded over into a
palm.



The Chipmunk section is known as a “Scurry” and is subdivided into a “Nest”.

Chipmunks will have a “utility spoon”.

After being Invested, Chipmunks will be presented with an emergency whistle.

NOTE TO PARENTS

Chipmunks are at an age where the world is filled with natural curiosities and wonder. Encourage your Chipmunk to explore whether it is in the woods or your neighborhood. Everywhere is an adventure. Baden-Powell said that scouts “can see adventure in a dirty old duck puddle”.

THE CHIPMUNK LIMERICK

There once was a Chipmunk called Scout,
who was brave and clever as she ran all
about,
She tried her best,
To gather nuts for the nest,
“Be Prepared!” was her motto throughout.

THE CHIPMUNK JODIE

Chipmunks, Chipmunks what do you eat?
Nuts and berries and a little treat!

THE CHIPMUNK SONG

To the tune of “Oh, Playmate”
Oh Chipmunks,
come out and play with me,
and bring your acorns three,
climb up the big oak tree,
slide down the tree branch,
run across the forest floor
and we’ll be playful friends
forever more, more, more.

SPECIAL PROFICIENCY BEADS

Colored beads or simple felt patches are earned by a variety of activities designed by each scout group. For example, make a book about leaves using leaves collected on a hike.

THE CHIPMUNK UNIFORM



Gear: spoon on carabineer, and whistle

Chipmunk Patches can be secured through your Group Scout Master

BE PREPARED STORY

It was fall, and there was a bird who stood on a bench. The bird saw a chipmunk who was hard at work burying food for winter. The bird said, "Come play with me on this bench."

"Not right now," replied chipmunk. "I am burying food for winter."

"Come on, winter is not for a month yet," Bird begged. "I'll give you a lesson in fun."

Chipmunk said, "Not right now."

When winter came Chipmunk had plenty of food. However, Bird was very hungry because he did not prepare for winter. Bird went to the Chipmunk and said, "I am so hungry; can I have some food?"

Chipmunk smiled and said, "Yes, I will share my food with you, and now I will give you a lesson."

****It is best to be prepared for the days of necessity*

SERVICE STORY

Oscar, a very bright and busy otter, laid on his back, in the soft dirt of a river. Oscar smiled as the warm rain hit his fur. Suddenly, his little ears perked up, catching a faint call for help down the river.

Oscar slid into the river to investigate, and saw a blue bird, trapped on a branch, her feathers all wet.

“Help me,” said the blue bird. “I cannot fly because my feathers are too wet, and I am stuck here and my children are at home in the nest.”

“This is a strong storm. Jump off the branch on to my stomach and I will carry you to shore,” encouraged Oscar. He moved in close to the branch and the blue bird jumped down to his stomach.

Oscar wiggled his tail, carrying the bird to the nearest shore.

“Thank you,” she said . “My name is Aleah . This was very kind of you .”

He smiled and said, “It is my pleasure to be of service .”

Aleah smiled and headed home to her nest .
Oscar waved good-bye and set out to see if there were other stranded animals to help .

****It is great to be of Service to others*

CHIPMUNK PHOTO

Place a photo of you as a Chipmunk here:



LEADER GOALS AND FOCUS

The Chipmunk Scurry is an unofficial section of Baden-Powell Service Association. The Chipmunk section is created by scouting groups with an interest in providing purposeful play to the littlest siblings of older scouts who come to meetings and outings.

Chipmunk meetings are an opportunity for these little ones to take part in an organized play date of sorts so that they can have constructive group time while the Otters and Timberwolves have their meetings. The goal is to keep Chipmunks engaged and interested in scouting while working on following directions, sharing, memory games and having fun through song and craft, all with an awareness of and attention to the natural world. This formal fun will turn into scouting once the Chipmunk turns 5-years-of-age.

All uniform items are optional.

Chipmunk Wrangler(s) are volunteer parents

that coordinate an activity for the Chipmunks during meetings. This may be in the form of a craft, snack, sing-along or other activity to keep the Chipmunk Scurry busy and engaged.

All Chipmunks must be of preschool age (2-5) and have a sibling who is an Otter, Timberwolf, Pathfinder, or a parent who is a Rover in the larger scout group. Chipmunk meetings often pair up with Otter meetings for frequency, time and place. There are no dues for Chipmunks. Chipmunk parents may take turns providing section snack and activities for the meeting.