

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Beaver Programme – One Programme

### 1. How many learning objectives are beaver scouts to cover in a year ?

Firstly, it is not a calendar year; it will take approximately a year to complete a stage in the beaver programme. The three stages are Bree, Ruarc and Conn.

The beaver scouts should hit on aspects of all 36 learning objectives. It was never intended to be a box ticking exercise.

If the beaver scouts are selecting challenges from a wide selection of pages and using the different characters they will hit most of the learning objectives.

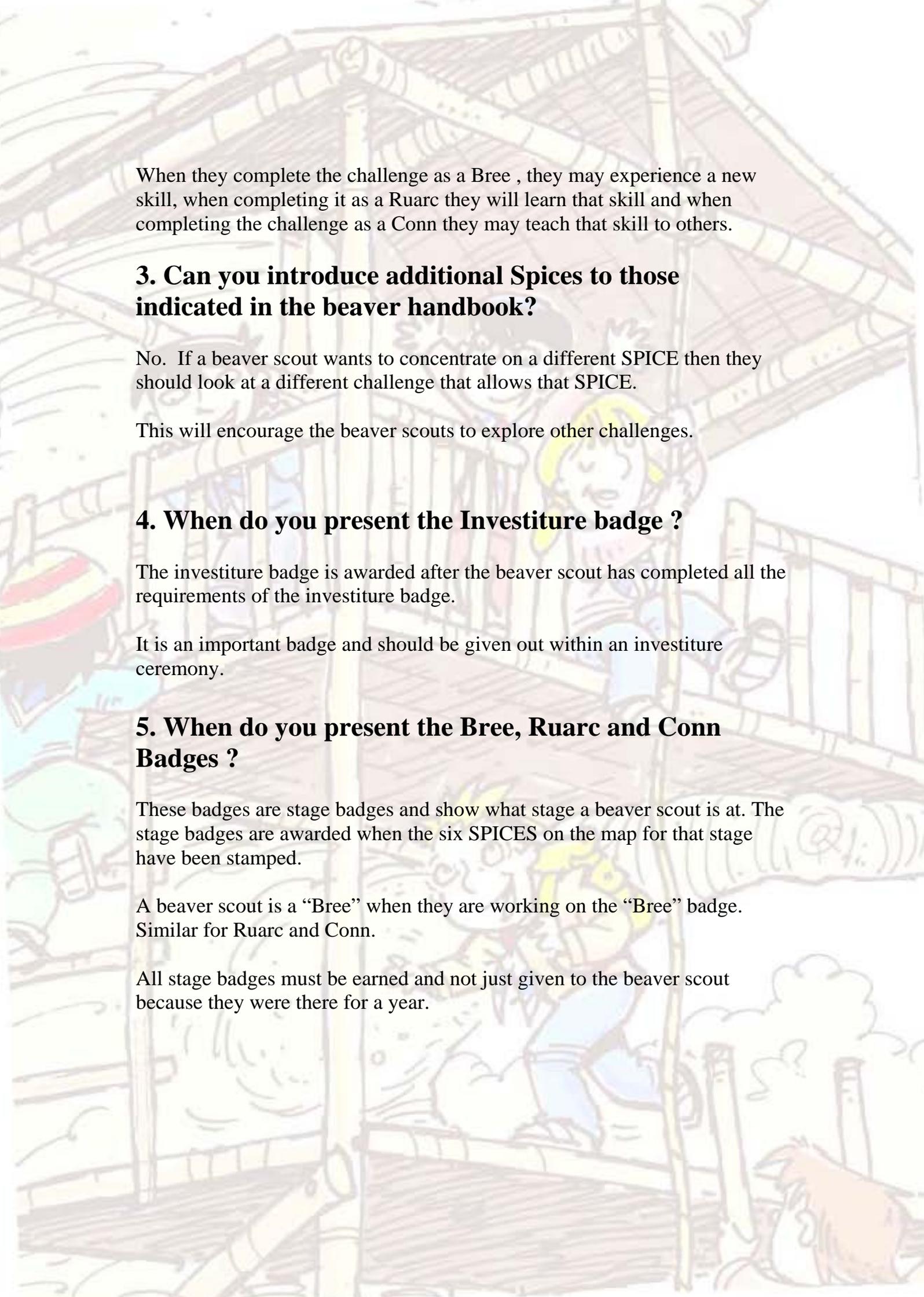
### 2. What is the relevance of the Bree , Ruarc and Conn triangles at the top of the pages in the beaver book ?

The idea behind the triangles is that the beaver scout can return to each challenge during each stage but do each challenge with a different prospective.

When they have completed each challenge they can mark it off as completed in that stage.

**Example :** Forces of Nature – Ropes and Fibres.

Challenges      Bree – What sort of ropes are there and when do we use them.  
                         Ruarc – Learn 3 knots. Reef knot , Clove Hitch and bowline.  
                         Conn – Teach a knot to the others in your lodge.



When they complete the challenge as a Bree , they may experience a new skill, when completing it as a Ruarc they will learn that skill and when completing the challenge as a Conn they may teach that skill to others.

### **3. Can you introduce additional Spices to those indicated in the beaver handbook?**

No. If a beaver scout wants to concentrate on a different SPICE then they should look at a different challenge that allows that SPICE.

This will encourage the beaver scouts to explore other challenges.

### **4. When do you present the Investiture badge ?**

The investiture badge is awarded after the beaver scout has completed all the requirements of the investiture badge.

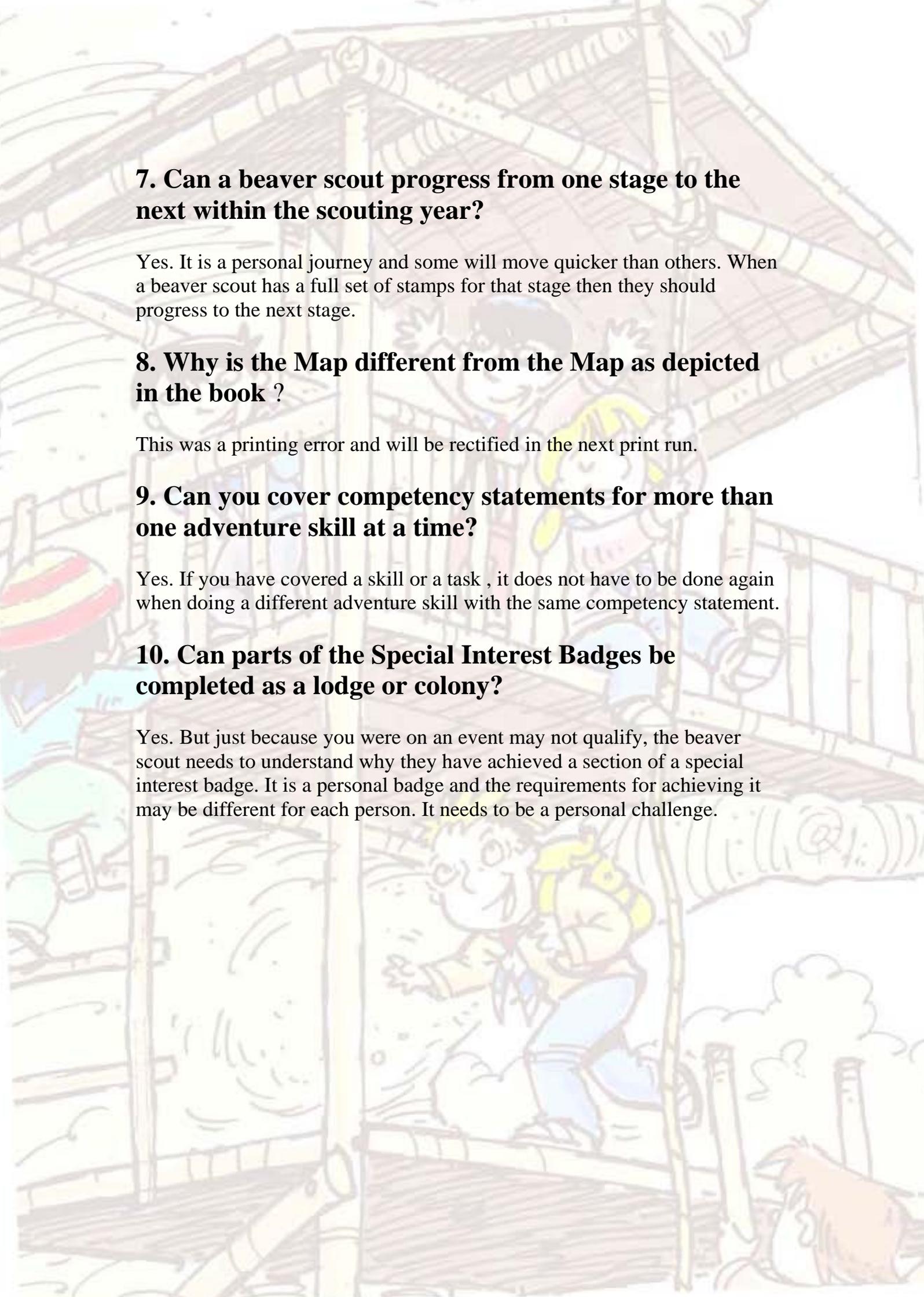
It is an important badge and should be given out within an investiture ceremony.

### **5. When do you present the Bree, Ruarc and Conn Badges ?**

These badges are stage badges and show what stage a beaver scout is at. The stage badges are awarded when the six SPICES on the map for that stage have been stamped.

A beaver scout is a “Bree” when they are working on the “Bree” badge. Similar for Ruarc and Conn.

All stage badges must be earned and not just given to the beaver scout because they were there for a year.



**7. Can a beaver scout progress from one stage to the next within the scouting year?**

Yes. It is a personal journey and some will move quicker than others. When a beaver scout has a full set of stamps for that stage then they should progress to the next stage.

**8. Why is the Map different from the Map as depicted in the book ?**

This was a printing error and will be rectified in the next print run.

**9. Can you cover competency statements for more than one adventure skill at a time?**

Yes. If you have covered a skill or a task , it does not have to be done again when doing a different adventure skill with the same competency statement.

**10. Can parts of the Special Interest Badges be completed as a lodge or colony?**

Yes. But just because you were on an event may not qualify, the beaver scout needs to understand why they have achieved a section of a special interest badge. It is a personal badge and the requirements for achieving it may be different for each person. It needs to be a personal challenge.

## **11. Do you have to complete all requirements of the Chief Scouts Award within the last 6 months?**

You cannot start the CSA until you have submitted your application form. Only activities from then on are counted towards the CSA. It is recommended that it should take a minimum of 6 months.

### **Beaver Scout Chief Scout Award**

*A Beaver Scout should be in their final year in the section when they begin the Beaver Scout Chief Scout Award.*

*Skill: One Special Interest Badge from the "Skill" Area*

*Physical: One Special Interest Badge in the "Physical" Area*

*Community: One Special Interest Badge from the "Community" Area*

*Environment: One Special Interest Badge from the "Environment" Area*

*Scout Skill: Two Adventure Skills to Stage 2*

*Expedition: Walking 10 Km over a 6 hour day*

*Residential/Intercultural: Shared activity with a group in a residential/camp setting for 2 days and 1 night, and find out about different cultures*

**A minimum of 6 months duration**

## **12. Can you complete more than level 2 in the Adventure Skills?**

Yes. In theory a beaver scout can achieve level 9 .

## **13. Do you have to use the Memory Bag ?**

The memory bag is an important tool for the review stage within the programme. In order to get the best out of the programme it is best practice to use the tools available.



**14. Can a National Camp such as Jamoige form the part of the intercultural experience for the chief scouts' award?**

No. The idea of the chief scouts award is for the beaver scouts to help plan do and review a residential camp with a different group.

A national camp is an easy way out and the beaver scout may interact while on this camp but it is not planned.

If however there is an element of planning, perhaps meeting up with the other group and finding out about other cultures, and organizing some pre-programme then it would suffice.

*Residential/Intercultural: Shared activity with a group in a residential/camp setting for 2 days and 1 night, and find out about different cultures*

**15. Do you have to complete “Conn” before you start the Chief Scouts Award?**

The Chief Scout Award can be used to complete the Personal Challenges of the Award Scheme of each section.

When working on the Chief's Scouts Award you may be also working on your personal Journey.