

# Scouts NI



Photographer Activity Badge

2020-2021

Activity Book

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Group: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Welcome to the 2020-2021 Beavers Photographer Badge Activity Book.**

As we begin to return to the new normal, this activity book is designed to support your child's learning and development within their Beaver Colony, to continue to learn new things and to earn badges.

Each of the activities in this pack meets the criteria of the badge requirements, therefore it is important that you complete all parts of the criteria otherwise you will not have met the badge requirements.

The Photographer Activity Badge aims to explore your child's imagination and their ability to express their imagination through recognition, observations, knowledge and skills. In this booklet there are four tasks that will help your child achieve their Photographer Activity Badge, while more activities can be found on the Scouts UK website link below:

[www.scouts.org.uk/beavers/activity-badges/photographer/](http://www.scouts.org.uk/beavers/activity-badges/photographer/)

Once you have completed each badge section you can either:

- a) Take a photo of each page of the completed task and send it to your local Beaver leader for authentication.
- b) With the agreement of your Beaver leader return the completed booklet.

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# How to take great photos

## The basics

1. Choose what you're going to photograph (this is called your 'subject') and decide if you want to take a picture of all or part of it (for example, if it's a person, do you want to include their whole body?)
2. Move the frame around until you're happy with how it looks.
3. Hold the camera steady, and press the button gently. Make sure the camera doesn't move as you press.
4. Check the picture—it's often a good idea to take another one so you can choose which one is best.

## Getting the right light

1. Look at where the light's coming from and move the frame around until you're happy with how it looks. Try to keep the light source to the side or behind you.
2. Get the right distance away from the subject. Are you close enough?
3. You may need to stand, sit, or lie to find the best angle.
4. Keep an eye out for interesting shapes, colours, and textures to photograph.
5. You may want to use something on the foreground (at the front of the picture) to 'frame' it, for example, the branch of a tree, a window, or a doorway.

## Taking pictures of people

1. Take the picture outside if you can.
2. Decide if you want to take a picture of their face (this is a portrait) or their whole body.
3. Find a good background for them to stand in front of—do you want it to be busy and colourful, or would that be too distracting?
4. Ask them to strike a pose and stay still while you take the photo.
5. Always take another picture, just in case they closed their eyes!

## Taking pictures of groups

1. Ask the people to stand or sit in different positions—think about how you can fit them all in to the frame.
2. Try different backgrounds. What looks best?
3. People don't always have to look straight at the camera, and they don't need to smile. Try different poses, angles, and expressions.
4. Experiment with your own ideas—if it doesn't quite work, it's OK. Just try again!

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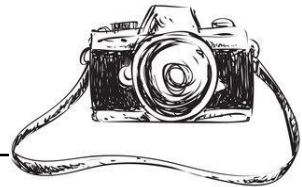
**You've been framed! – Make and use a simple view finder to find out what makes a good photograph and get snapping**

How to make a view finder:

1. You should take a piece of scrap paper or junk mail and fold it in half.
2. Then draw a rectangle from the folded end, leaving a border about three centimetres thick. Everyone should cut their rectangle out with scissors, and put it in the recycling bin.
3. You should open up the paper, to reveal their viewfinder.



Place an image of your best photograph here, using a view finder.



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A picture tells a thousand words. For this task we would like you to take 10 really good photographs.

Take photos at home with a parent or carer

1. You should think about the theme of 'our community' and talk to a parent, carer, or friend about objects or a scene that represents it—and how this could be photographed.

Ideas could include somewhere that is well known locally, places you like to visit or perhaps something that happens in your community. A recent example may be rainbows in people's houses?

2. You should take at least 10 photographs related to the theme. They may want to use the 'How to take great photos' sheet at the beginning of this activity book to remind yourself how to get the perfect shot, but it's OK to explore and experiment as well.

You don't need a camera for this—a phone will work just as well.

3. You should show your photos to a parent or carer and explain why they chose those shots and what they like about them.

Once you are happy with your 10 photographs you should send them to your group leader so that they can perhaps be put together in a group gallery.



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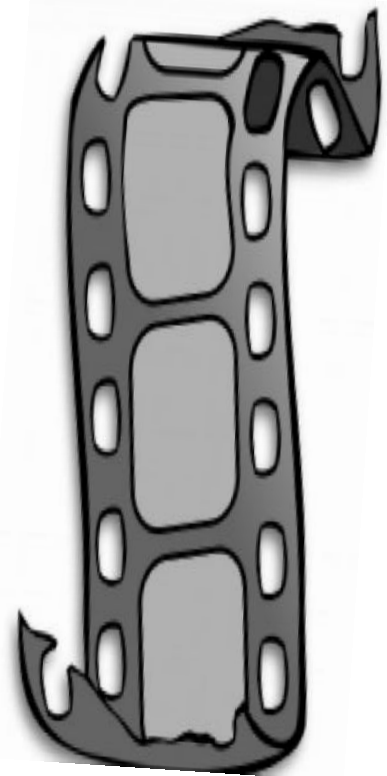
### Make something using photos you have taken.

You could make a:

- card
- calendar
- poster
- scrapbook
- slideshow



Place an image of your creation here ... we can't wait to see what you come up with.



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### Fabulous fancy frames

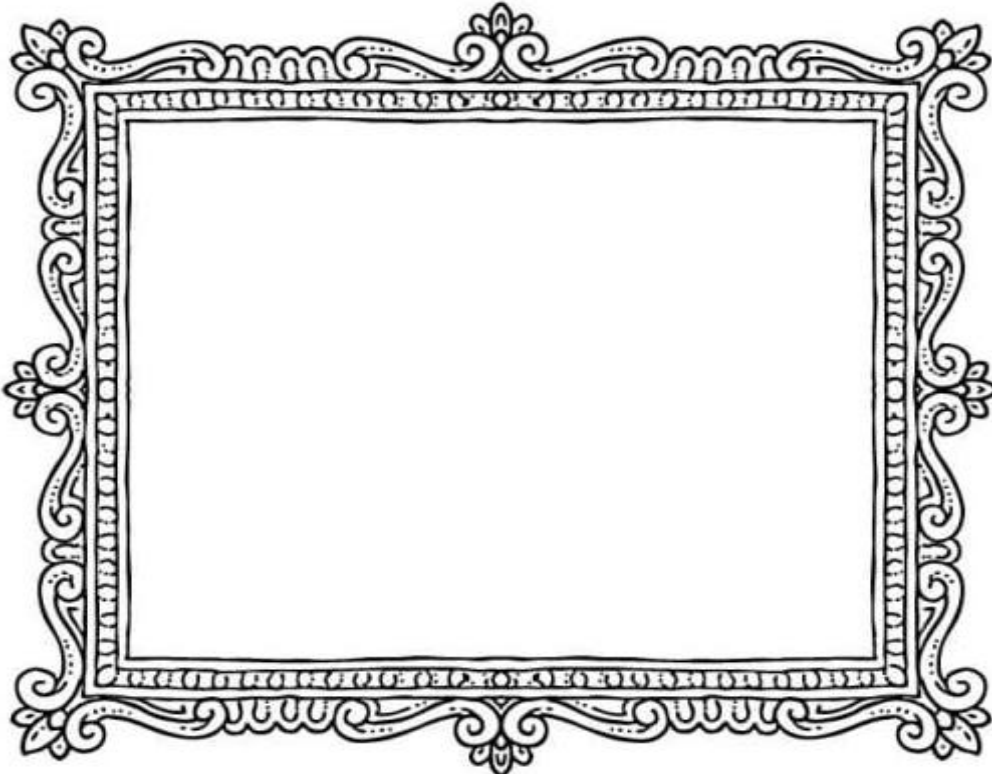
What makes you happy? Craft a frame for a photograph that makes you smile then make a gallery for everyone to admire.

You will need

- A4 card
  - Coloured pens or pencils
  - Craft materials (E.g. tissue paper, pipe cleaners, stickers)
  - String
  - Glue Sticks
  - Photographs
1. You should take a piece of card and put your photo in the middle. You should move it around until you're happy with where it is.
  2. You should draw around their photo with a pencil, and then put the photo to one side.
  3. You should decorate the border of the frame with pens, stamps, stickers, and other photos you've taken. You should try to make sure every bit is bright and colourful, but leave the middle rectangle blank (this will be covered by the photo).

You could choose a theme for the frame that matches the photo? For example, a picture of a cat could be framed with doodles of paw prints, whiskers, and mice, or a picture of a beach holiday could be framed with pictures of sun, sea, and sand.

4. You should glue your photo onto the rectangle space in the middle of the frame, and hey presto!!! A fabulous fancy frame. **Take a photo of your frame and place below**



**You have now completed all four requirements of the Beaver Photographer  
Activity Badge**

Please return your completed activity pack to your local beaver leader for authentication:

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