

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 take turns providing section snack and activities for the meeting.





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



Group Name

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 palm.



Chipmunk Photo

Place a photo of you as a Chipmunk here:



The Chipmunk section is known as a “Scurry” and is sub-divided 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.

“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*

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.”

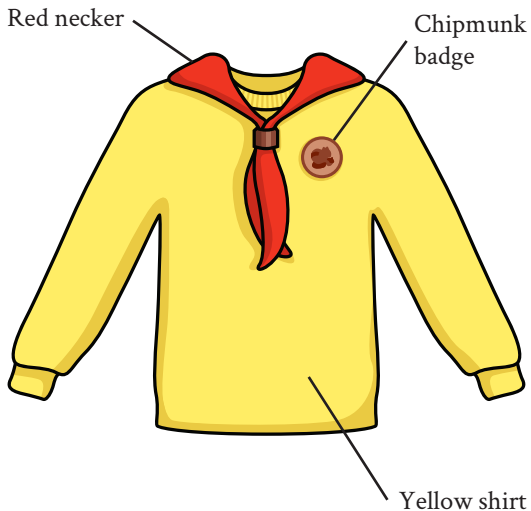
“This is a strong storm. Jump off the branch on to my stomach and I will carry you to shore,” encouraged Oscar. He moved in close to the branch and the blue bird jumped down to his stomach.

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

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 carabiner, and whistle

Chipmunk patches can be purchased at www.patchtown.com/chipmunkpatrolpatch.aspx

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*