

VIKING CHALLENGE

My name is Freya Upton and I'm a young leader at 20th Oldham Uppermill Scout Group.

I have created this Challenge Badge to fundraise so I can attend the World Scout Moot 2017 in Iceland.

This Viking Challenge is a selection of activities suitable for all sections on the theme of Vikings for you and your young people to try. I have split the challenge into 4 categories: Games, Craft, Other Activities and Food; with several diverse challenges in each. There are activities that can be used with all sections, including Longship beetle drive, Make your own Viking Helmet, Voyages navigation and Pizza shields.

Through all these booklets I refer to all young people as Scouts this doesn't mean it isn't for Beavers and Cubs or Rainbows, Brownies and Guides or Sections from other countries, it is just because it is easier as I am imagining how I would tell my scout group as I type.

The sections I refer to are TSA sections (since I am a member of TSA), for the benefit of other organisations the recommendations are made for:

Beavers: 6yrs - 8yrs

Cubs: 8yrs -10.5yrs

Scouts: 10.5yrs - 14yrs

For each activity in this booklet I state Category (Games, Craft, Other Activity or Food), Section (this is just a recommendation you know your young people and can choose any activities you want), Time (it is approximate and will vary depending on your group and in reality what mood your young people are in), Location (this is a recommendation, use what you have and think would work best) and Equipment (this is less flexible but use what you have and what you think would work). There are also badge references for each activity where I have listed the parts of badges that activity can link to, they are under sub headings of Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Staged. The Viking Challenge covers parts of over 20 different badges.

In this booklet is a list of all the activities with a bit of information but for full instructions you will need to look in the other documents (one for each category) on the website. It will say in this booklet which it is in and what pages it is on.

To complete the challenge I recommend Beavers do 4, Cubs do 5 and Scouts do 6 activities. For all sections they should be from at least 3 different categories.

At the back of this booklet is a table you can use with your group so you can keep track of who has done what, you can also use OSM for this as it is an extra badge in the Core section as “Viking Challenge.” On OSM it just asks for one of each activity - this was to keep the organisation simple, and really it's up to you how you want to run it anyway.

The activities in these booklets can be amended as much as you want and if you need help making alternatives for special requirements don't hesitate to email me and I will help as much as I can.

I have a Facebook page for the challenge where you can find other ideas I have found. Please give it a like and post pictures of your young people's work on our Facebook page and any variations you do to help other people who may need to make the same change.

When your group has completed the challenge you can reward them with my special Viking Challenge badges for £1 each.

Website: www.20tholdham.co.uk/vikings

Facebook: Viking Challenge Badge

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Creating this challenge is also my Extended Project Qualification - if you have any photographs or feedback that you would be happy for me to include please comment on the Facebook page, or send me an email. Thank you.

There are also other badges that you could do parts of throughout the challenge that are general activities.

During the activities you could get your scouts to take pictures of what the group have done or made and then upload the photos onto a computer at the end, and share the pictures on the Viking Challenge Badge Facebook page or email them to me.

Beavers

~ Photographer - 1. Show how to use a camera to take a good photograph.

Cubs

~ Photographer - 4. Choose one of these activities to do...

Scouts

~ Creative challenge - 1. Over a period of time, take part in at least 4 creative activities...photography

~ Photography - option 1 - 1. Choose one of these two activities ... produce 12 photographs ...

~ Photography - option 2 - 1. Produce at least 2 short films from these categories...

Staged

~ Digital Citizen 1 - 2. Create a piece of digital media. It could be ... a photograph ...

~ Digital Citizen 2 - 2. Show that you can send or reply to someone with a short email and an attachment

~ Digital Citizen 2 - 2. Show that you can ... download photos ... from a camera

~ Digital Citizen 4 - 2. Create a film, video... or podcast and share it using a suitable media sharing tool.

Throughout the activities, especially the games, the scouts can work towards their Teamwork Challenge, or Team Leader Challenge if you have them as the leaders for different activities.

Beavers

~ Teamwork Challenge - 3. Show your leader that you are a helpful team member

~ Teamwork Challenge - 6. Show that you are a good friend

Cubs

~ Team Leader Challenge - 1. Lead your six in an activity or captain a team.

VIKING LONGBOATS

Category: Game

Section: Beavers, Cubs

Time: 15 mins

Location: Anywhere

Equipment: None

Based on the game Ladders.

Badge References

Beavers

~ Teamwork Challenge - 1. Take part in at least 4 different team games

Cubs

~ Teamwork Challenge - 1. Take part in at least 6 different team games with other cubs

There are no Scouts Activity, Challenge or Staged badge requirements covered in this activity.

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LONGSHIP (BEETLE DRIVE)

Category: Game

Section: All

Time: 20 mins

Location: Indoors

Equipment: Dice, paper and pen/pencils

A drawing game.

Badge References

There are no Beavers, Cubs or Scouts Activity, Challenge or Staged badge requirements covered in this activity.

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NINE MEN'S MORRIS

Category: Game

Section: Cubs or scouts

Time: 15 mins

Location: Indoor at tables or on a large ground

Equipment: Either a printed board (1 between 2) and counters (9 per player) Or a drawn out board on the ground and two teams of 9 people.

Like noughts and crosses but with more strategy.

THREE MEN'S MORRIS

Category: Game

Section: Beavers, Cubs

Time: 5 mins

Location: Indoor at tables or on a large ground

Equipment: Either a grid on the ground and 3 counters per team OR printed board (1 between 2) and 3 counters each

A runaround version of noughts & crosses.

Badge References for both

Beavers

~ Teamwork Challenge - 1. Take part in at least 4 different team games (if playing in teams)

Cubs

~ Teamwork Challenge - 1. Take part in at least 6 different team games with other cubs (if playing in teams)

There are no Scouts Activity, Challenge or Staged badge requirements covered in this activity.

For full instructions

Booklet: Games

Pages: 3-4 for Nine Men's Morris; 5-7 for Three Men's Morris;

FOXES AND GEESSE

Category: Game

Section: All

Time: 10 mins

Location: Outdoors but can be played indoors

Equipment: Markers for a line (eg. chalk, cones, rope)

VIKINGS, MONKS AND TREASURE

Category: Game

Section: All

Time: 15 mins

Location: Outside in a large area but with boundaries

Equipment: Small and large food bags, popped pop corn

IN THE SEA, ON THE SHORE

Category: Game

Section: Beavers

Time: 5 mins

Location: Outside

Equipment: A line (eg border, rope, chalk)

Badge References for All Wide Games

Beavers

~ Outdoor Challenge - 1. Go on a sleepover or a camp ... and do at least two of these ... play a wide game.

Cubs

~ Outdoor Challenge - 3. While you're away ... take part in a wide game ...

There are no Scouts Activity, Challenge or Staged badge requirements covered in this activity.

For full instructions

Booklet: Games

Page: 8 for Foxes and Geese; 9 for Vikings, Monks and Treasure; 10 for In the Sea, on the Shore;

KUBB

Category: Game

Section: Cubs and Scouts

Time: 10 - 20 mins

Location: Outside on grass

Equipment: Kubb set

A Swedish game.

Badge References

Beavers

~ International - 1. Learn a song, play a game or perform a dance from another country

Cubs

~ World Challenge - 7. Try a game played by Cubs in a different country and learn their promise.

There are no Scouts Activity, Challenge or Staged badge requirements covered in this activity.

For full instructions

Booklet: Games

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HELMETS

Category: Craft

Section: All

Time: 10-15 mins

Location: At tables

Equipment: A4 paper, scissors, sticky tape, decorations, pens/pencils

Make your own paper helmet.

Badge References

Beavers

~ Creative - 2. Try a craft. You could make one of these...

~ Skills Challenge - 3. Do two creative things ...

There are no Cubs or Scouts Activity, Challenge or Staged badge requirements covered in this activity.

For full instructions

Booklet: Craft

Pages: 1-2

LONGBOATS

Category: Craft

Section: All

Time: 30 mins (or stop them sooner approx. 15 min)

Location: At tables

Equipment: Juice carton, paper, kebab sticks, pens, sticky tape

Make a longboat from a juice carton.

Badge References

Beavers

- ~ Creative - 3. Construct something. You could do one of these...
- ~ Experiment - 1. Do three experiments ... (if you talk about how and why it floats or try different weights on the boat)
- ~ Adventure Challenge - 2. Take part in six other outdoor activities ...
- ~ Skills Challenge - 3. Do two creative things ...
- ~ World Challenge - 6. Do at least 3 of these things... junk modelling

Cubs

- ~ Adventure Challenge - 2. Take part in six other outdoor activities ...

There are no Scouts Activity, Challenge or Staged badge requirements covered in this activity.

For full instructions

Booklet: Craft

Pages: 3-4

RUNES

Category: Craft

Section: All

Time: 15-30 mins

Location: At table

Equipment: Permanent marker, stones, wood slices OR biscuits and writing icing OR medium-large potatoes, sharp knife, paper, paint

Decorate using the runic alphabet.

Badge References

Beavers

- ~ Outdoors Challenge - 4. Take part in an activity using natural things... (if you use leaves, bark etc to make runes)
- ~ Skills Challenge - 3. Do two creative things ...
- ~ Creative - 2. Try a craft. You could make one of these...
- ~ Communicator - 4. Spell your name in Morse code or using pictures and symbols.

Cubs

- ~ Artist - Choose 3 of these activities to do ...
- ~ Communicator - 5. Choose 3 of these activities to do... Writing 3 simple messages using codes

Scouts

- ~ Creative Challenge - 1. Over a period of time, take part in at least four creative activities ...

There are no Staged badge requirements covered in this activity.

For full instructions

Booklet: Craft

Pages: 5-6

NORTHERN LIGHTS IN A BOTTLE

Category: Craft

Section: Beavers and Cubs

Time: 20 mins

Location: Outside or somewhere easy to clean up

Equipment: Clear plastic (500ml) bottle, oil, water, food colouring, Alka-seltzer tablets

Northern lights lava lamp.

Badge References

Beavers

- ~ Skills Challenge - 3. Do two creative things ...
- ~ Creative - 2. Try a craft. You could make one of these...
- ~ Experiment - 1. Do three experiments

Cubs

- ~ Scientist - Section 1 ... compare density of water to density of other liquids

There are no Scouts Activity, Challenge or Staged badge requirements covered in this activity.

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NORTHERN LIGHTS CRAYON ART

Category: Craft

Section: Scouts

Time: 15-20 mins

Location: Somewhere easy to clean up

Equipment: Board or canvas frame, crayons, hairdryer

Make a picture using crayons and heat.

Badge References

Beavers

~ Creative - 2. Try a craft. You could make one of these...

~ Skills Challenge - 3. Do two creative things ...

Cubs

~ Artist - Choose 3 of these activities to do ...

Scouts

~ Creative Challenge - 1. Over a period of time, take part in at least four creative activities ...

There are no Staged badge requirements covered in this activity.

For full instructions

Booklet: Craft

Pages: 8-9

RAIDING

Category: Other Activities

Section: Scouts

Time: 30 mins

Location: In a large hall or outdoor area, if possible

Equipment: A map for each scout and a copy of the country logic questions

Logic puzzles.

Badge References

Beavers

- ~ Skills Challenge - 7. With a team, complete at least two problem solving missions ...
- ~ Teamwork Challenge - 2. Work with other beavers ... to complete an activity together (if done in teams)

Cubs

- ~ Skills Challenge - 5. Take part in at least two problem solving activities you haven't done before ...

Scouts

- ~ Skills Challenge - 5. Take part in at least 3 activities that require a number of problem solving skills

There are no Staged activity badge requirements covered in this activity.

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Booklet: Other Activities

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RIDDLES

Category: Other Activities

Section: Beavers, Cubs

Time: 30 mins

Location: Large area

Equipment: Question and answer sheet for each group

Viking riddles.

Badge References

Beavers

- ~ Skills Challenge - 7. With a team, complete at least two problem solving missions ...
- ~ Teamwork Challenge - 2. Work with other beavers ... to complete an activity together (if done in teams)

Cubs

- ~ Skills Challenge - 5. Take part in at least two problem solving activities you haven't done before ...

Scouts

- ~ Skills Challenge - 5. Take part in at least 3 activities that require a number of problem solving skills

There are no Staged activity badge requirements covered in this activity.

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COMPASS

Category: Other Activities

Section: Beavers, Cubs, Scouts,

Time: 5-10 mins

Location: Anywhere

Equipment: Sewing needles, strong magnet, discs of cork and a bucket of water

Make a compass using a sewing needle.

Badge References

Beavers

~ Experiment - 1. Do three experiments.... magnetism fun

Cubs

~ Scientist - Section 2. Make a simple compass...

There are no Scouts Activity, Challenge or Staged badge requirements covered in this activity.

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RUNES - CODES

Category: Other Activities

Section: Cubs, Scouts,

Time: 15-20 mins

Location: Anywhere

Equipment: A sheet and pen or pencil each

Decipher the messages written in runes and write your own.

Badge References

Beavers

- ~ Communicator - 4. Spell your name in Morse code or using pictures and symbols.
- ~ Communicator - 5. Try to work out a simple message given to you in Morse code ... or using pictures and symbols.
- ~ Skills Challenge - 7. With a team, complete at least two problem solving missions ...

Cubs

- ~ Communicator - 5. Choose 3 of these activities to do... Writing 3 simple messages using codes
- ~ Skills Challenge - 5. Take part in at least two problem solving activities you haven't done before ...

Scouts

- ~ Skills Challenge - 5. Take part in at least 3 activities that require a number of problem solving skills

There are no Staged activity badge requirements covered in this activity.

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VOYAGES

Category: Other Activities

Section: Cubs, Scouts,

Time: 15-20 mins

Location: Anywhere

Equipment: A sheet and pen or pencil

Practice using 4 and 8 points of the compass.

Badge References

Staged

~ Navigator 1 - 3. Learn the 4 cardinal points of the compass

~ Navigator 2 - 6. Learn the 8 points of the compass and use them in an activity

There are no Beavers, Cubs or Scouts Activity, Challenge badge requirements covered in this activity.

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OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Category: Other Activities

If you have people with permits other Viking activities I recommend are:

- Axe throwing
- Sailing
- Rafting
- Bell boating

Badge References

Beavers

~ Adventure Challenge - 1. Try two adventurous activities

Cubs

- ~ Water activities - Option 2. Take part in two of these activities: ... rafting.
- ~ Adventure Challenge - 1. Take part in two different adventurous activities...

Scouts

~ Adventure Challenge - 1. Take part in 4 different adventurous activities ...

Staged

- ~ Nautical Skills 1 - 1. Take part in a water activity taster session...
- ~ Nautical Skills 2 - 1. Take part in a water activity taster session for at least one hour...
- ~ Nautical Skills 3 - 1. Take part in at least two one-hour taster sessions...
- ~ Time on water 1

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PIZZA SHIELDS

Category: Food

Section: All

Time: 10-20 mins (allow more time for bigger groups)

Location: Kitchen or just table

Equipment: Oven, baking sheets, oven gloves, knives

Shopping List: rolls (or ingredients / packets of mix to make bases), tomato purée, shredded mozzarella, a selection of toppings (spring onion, anchovies, pepperoni, olives, cherry tomatoes, pepper, sweetcorn)

Decorate a pizza to look like a viking shield.

Badge References

Beavers

~ Cook - 4. Choose three dishes to prepare and cook...

There are no Cubs or Scouts Activity, Challenge or Staged badge requirements covered in this activity.

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FRUIT LONGBOATS

Category: Food

Section: All

Time: 15 mins

Location: Easy clean, table

Equipment: Knives, chopping boards, no oven needed

Shopping list: melon, (a selection from strawberries, kiwi fruit, bananas), cocktail sticks

Decorate a melon slice with fruit to look like a viking longboat.

Badge References

Beavers

- ~ Cook - 4. Choose three dishes to prepare and cook...
- ~ Health and Fitness - 2. Learn about a variety of healthy foods and make a snack for yourself using some of these foods.

There are no Cubs or Scouts Activity, Challenge or Staged badge requirements covered in this activity.

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CUPCAKE BROOCHES

Category: Food

Section: Beavers, Cubs, (Scouts if making own cupcakes)

Time: 10 mins

Location: Somewhere easy to clean

Equipment: None (oven if making own cupcakes)

Shopping list: plain cupcakes (or ingredients / packet mixes if you are making your own), a selection of decorations (jelly tots, strawberry laces, glacé cherries, writing icing, etc.)

Decorate cupcakes to look like Viking brooches.

Badge References

Beavers

- ~ Cook - 4. Choose three dishes to prepare and cook... (if you bake the cupcakes)
- ~ Skills Challenge - 5. Learn and use at least three of these skills: ... decorate some cakes or biscuits ...

Cubs

- ~ Skills Challenge - 4. Learn and use at least four of these skills: ... make cakes, bread, biscuits or something similar ... (if you make your own cupcakes)

Scouts

- ~ Creative Challenge - 1. Over a period of time, take part in at least four creative activities ... cooking ... (if you make your own cupcakes)

There are no Staged badge requirements covered in this activity.

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Shopping list: Gingerbread men biscuits (or ingredients if you are making your own), writing icing, fondant icing

Decorate a gingerbread figure to look like a viking.

Badge References

Beavers

- ~ Cook - 4. Choose three dishes to prepare and cook... (if you bake the gingerbread)
- ~ Skills Challenge - 5. Learn and use at least three of these skills: ... decorate some cakes or biscuits ...

Cubs

- ~ Skills Challenge - 4. Learn and use at least four of these skills: ... make cakes, bread, biscuits or something similar ... (if you make your own gingerbread)

Scouts

- ~ Creative Challenge - 1. Over a period of time, take part in at least four creative activities ... cooking ... (if you make your own gingerbread)

There are no Staged badge requirements covered in this activity.

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