

BUCK'S COUNTY BEAVER SLEEPOVER



The National Space Centre Initial Event Information



Venue:

- The National Space Centre, Exploration Drive, Leicester, LE4 5NS

Dates:

- Saturday 4th to Sunday 5th October 2025 – Chiltern North / High Wycombe / Marlow / Misbourne Valley / Woodlands
- Saturday 8th to Sunday 9th November 2025 – Aylesbury / Vale of Aylesbury / Chiltern Vale / Buckingham, Winslow and District / Milton Keynes

Booking / Cost:

There are 240 places on each sleepover this includes young people and adults. Please don't leave bookings till the last minute to avoid disappointment.

- £65 per Beaver inc other young people
- £45 per Young Leader/Leader inc other Adults

Places will be given on a first come first served basis once both the deposit and booking form have been received. After the deadline, colonies will receive an invoice for the remaining monies issued. Please note that refunds cannot be processed. Monies will be returned for any bookings that cannot be accommodated because maximum numbers have been reached. Please send completed forms and monies to County Office:

- Bucks Scouts, 3 Walton Terrace, Walton Street, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire HP21 7QY
- Banking details for BACs payment will be provided on the invoice
- Cheques made payable to 'Buckinghamshire Scout Council'
- claire.heasman@bucks-scouts.org.uk

Cancellations will be offered to other Colonies subject to coach numbers etc

Please remember that there are enablement funds available for families of young people who cannot afford for their child to attend the sleepover. Please get in contact with your group lead / district lead / county office for any support or advice with this.

Scouting member:

- Scouting members means – For Adults registered on 'the membership system' as a leader / assistant leader
- Scouting members means – For a Young Person a member of scouting in any section or child of an adult registered on 'the membership system'
- Non scout members means - An occasional helper / a parent who is not on 'the membership system' and or their child who is not part of scouting – these people will require Group or district to hold the additional non-member insurance policy and confirm this.

Beavers	Leaders
Coach	Coach
Badge	Badge
Mission patch	Hot drinks
Certificate	Breakfast – pastries & fruit
Evening activities	Sleepover entry
Beaver space activity badge	A trail around the galleries
Night away towards nights away staged badge	An Astronaut planetarium show
Breakfast – pastries & fruit	Live experiment show
Sleepover entry	Space themed activities
A trail around the galleries	A Tour Of The Night Sky in our Sir Patrick Moore Planetarium
An Astronaut planetarium show	Sleeping in the gallery around the exhibitions
Live experiment show	Plus more ...
Space themed activities	
A Tour Of The Night Sky in our Sir Patrick Moore Planetarium	
Sleeping in the gallery around the exhibitions	
Plus more ...	

Ratios and permits:

- 1 leader to every 6 beavers is required to ensure ratios are met
- Leaders do not need a nights away permit so their group can attend the sleepover, this is covered by county
- Colonies do not need a plus one leader as this is covered by county.
- If colonies don't have enough leaders, then please let us know as we can support you with this.

Badge:

- All those attending will get an event badge.
- This can be worn as an occasional badge on uniform till spring 2026 or used as a camp blanket badge.

Programme Links:

- The beaver space activity badge will be earned by all those that attend - [Beavers Space Activity Badge | Scouts](#)
- For those beavers who have already earned their beaver space activity badge they will be able to earn the activity plus badge with a pre-arranged target set with their leader - [Activity Plus Badge | Scouts](#)
- One night earned towards the nights away staged badge - [Nights Away Staged Activity Badge | Scouts](#)

Sleeping arrangements:

- Everyone attending will be sleeping inside the main building at The National Space Centre.
- Sleeping space is limited therefore beavers will be sleeping in rows close together.
- Please be aware that beavers, young leaders and leaders/adults will be sleeping separately
- There will be a cone system being used during the night. A colony will receive two cones with their colony name attached. One is to be placed by the beavers and the other is to be placed by the leaders, meaning that everybody can always be found during the night.

Food and drink arrangements:

- Saturday lunch – Please ask parents to give their child a good-sized (ideally hot) lunch so they are full of energy ready for the sleepover.
- Saturday dinner – A packed dinner will need to be provided. Please can we ask that there are no nuts in packed dinners.
- Sunday breakfast – A continental breakfast will be provided by the National Space Centre for Sunday morning. If you have advised us of any dietary requirements, then please note that your breakfast may be different from the above menu to ensure that your dietary needs have been met. Please also be aware that whilst all dietary requirements will be provided it will be the responsibility of the leaders to double check that dietary requirements have been met.
- Snacks – If you would like to take any snacks then please provide your own.
- Refreshments - During the sleepover there will be a selection of hot drinks for all leaders. There will also be jugs of water and squash available for all beavers and leaders.

Outline of visit:

- Departing district by coach early afternoon
- Arriving at The National Space Centre around 17:45pm
- Saturday evening activities
- Sunday morning – breakfast and activities
- Sunday – depart The National Space Centre to head home around 9am

We are aware that the second sleepover date coincides with Remembrance Sunday - regrettably, this is unavoidable due to booking date availability. However, James, Tessa and the County team will ensure that a service of remembrance is held to allow participants to be involved in Remembrance Sunday national commemorations.

NAN forms:

- County will produce the NAN form for the event and inform district leads which colonies are attending.
- You will not need to complete your own NAN form.

InTouch:

- Colonies need to ensure that they have the InTouch system in place, this needs to be arranged by each colony.

Risk Assessments:

- County and The National Space Centre will ensure that all the necessary risk assessments are in place and shared with leaders attending the sleepover.

Transport:

- All colonies will travel by coach. Coaches will have toilets on board.
- Coaches will be arranged for you, and you will be provided with timings, collection and drop off points closer to the event.

Information to follow closer to the event:

- Risk assessments
- Coach lists
- Coach packs
- Wristbands
- Colony information request – dietary & medical information
- Detailed sleepover information inc itinerary / kit lists / sleeping arrangements (map)

Timeline for sleepover 4th to 5th October 2025:

Deposits paid by	Thursday 26 th June 2025
Balance paid by	Monday 8 th September 2025
Colony requirements form to be sent out to leaders	Start of July
Colony requirements form to be submitted	Monday 8 th September 2025
Event information to be sent out to leaders	w/b 15 th September 2025
Coach leader packs to be issued	w/b 15 th September 2025
No amendments to bookings after	Monday 8 th September 2025

Timeline for sleepover 8th to 9th November 2025:

Deposits paid by	Thursday 26 th June 2025
Balance paid by	Monday 8 th September 2025
Colony requirements form to be sent out to leaders	Start of July
Colony requirements form to be submitted	Monday 6 th October 2025
Event information to be sent out to leaders	w/b 20 th October 2025
Coach leader packs to be issued	w/b 20 th October 2025
No amendments to bookings after	Monday 22 nd September 2025

