

## THE BEAVER SCOUT PROMISE

I promise that I will do my best, to be kind and helpful and to love God.

## ALTERNATIVE BEAVER SCOUT PROMISE

I promise to do my best To be kind and helpful and to love our world.

## THE BEAVER SCOUT MOTTO

Be Prepared.

## THE BEAVER SCOUT HANDSHAKE

Beaver Scouts always great each other by shaking left hands rather than using the right handshake. This is a sign of trust and friendship.

As we know Scouts across the world all greet each other with a left-handed handshake and that it is a sign of trust and friendship but why did and how did Baden Powell come to decide to use it when he formed the Scout Movement

There is a story that when Baden Powell entered Kumasi, the capital city of the Ashanti he was met by one of the Great Chiefs of the Ashanti, he saluted them and then offered his right hand out as a sign of friendship, but the Chief transferred his shield which he held in his left hand to his right which contained his spear and offered his left hand as a sign of friendship. When asked why Baden Powell was told that by offering his left hand which traditionally was used to hold a shield for protection he was showing his trust to his enemy or friend for without the shield for protection he was open to attack.

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