



**BPSA-US**

Traditional Scouting for Everyone!

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**Group Name**

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**Year**

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**Scout Name**

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**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.





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!

## **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.

## Special Proficiency Awards

Each group creates their own awards for Chipmunks. You may use the space below to list the awards your Chipmunk has earned.

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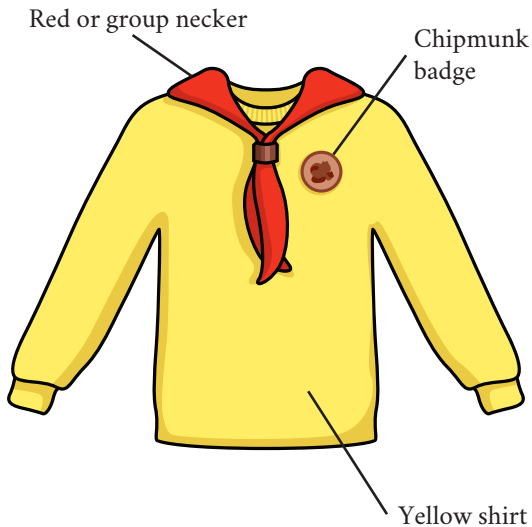
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## The Chipmunk Uniform



**Gear:** spoon on carabiner, and whistle

## 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*

## 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.

“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*





## Chipmunk Photo

Place a photo of you as a Chipmunk here:















