**Chief Scout, Bear Grylls Congratulates (INSERT NAME)** **from (INSERT TOWN)** **on Gaining Top Scouting Award**

An evening of celebration was held on the **(INSERT DATE)** at **(INSERT LOCATION)** to recognise the fantastic achievements of **(INSERT NAME)** and other young people who have worked hard to obtain their Chief Scout’s Award. They were joined by their families, friends, and other supporters from across the local community who cheered as they collected their awards.

The Chief Scout’s Awards are the highest award you can earn in each section, from Acorn for Squirrels (aged 4 to 5) to Diamond for Explorers (aged 14 to 17). They show that you’ve given new things a go, played your part, and stuck it out, even when the going got tough.

Chief Scout, Bear Gryllssaid ***‘I am so proud to celebrate the achievements of our Chief Scout’s Award holders. Gaining this award (*INSERT NAME*) has demonstrated a true Never Give Up spirit, contributing to their communities and developing many skills along the way. These Scouts are an inspiration to us all due to their commitment, enthusiasm, and hard work – I am full of pride for every single one of them.’***

To earn the Chief Scout’s Award, they need to complete a variety of challenges and activity badges, spending time in new places, meeting new people and learning new skills. **(INSERT EXAMPLES OF WHAT YOUNG PEOPLE DID TO GET AWARD)**

***(*INSERT NAME*) aged XX*** said ***‘I feel so …..’***

In a recent poll 94% of Scouts said they had developed useful skills. The awardees have all learnt new skills and developed them into what will one day be useful for their future lives and careers. Scouting offers over 250 badges and 200 different activities from abseiling and coding to drama and water-zorbing with all of them being tailored to help young people develop skills for life in the most effective way possible.

Scouts helps young people step up, speak up and dream big. It helps them to play their part and take the lead. Chief Scout Award holder **(INSERT NAME)** said **(INSERT QUOTE).**

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**The Chief Scout’s Award**

The Chief Scout’s Awards are the highest award you can earn in each section.

* Squirrels (aged 4-6): The Chief Scout Acorn Award – complete four Challenge Awards and two Activity or Staged Activity Badges
* Beavers (aged 6-8): The Chief Scout Bronze Award – complete six Challenge Awards and four Activity or Staged Activity Badges
* Cubs (aged 8-10½): The Chief Scout Silver Award – complete seven Challenge Awards and six Activity or Staged Activity Badges
* Scouts (aged 10½ -14); The Chief Scout’s Gold Award – complete nine Challenge Awards and six Activity or Staged Activity Badges
* Explorers (aged 14-18): The Chief Scout Platinum Award – six nights away, complete two activities from activities from exploring global issues, making a difference in your community, and reflecting on beliefs and values. Hold the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award or start over three months a skill, a physical activity, and community service. Complete a two day and one night expedition in rural or open countryside.
* Explorers (aged 14-18): The Chief Scout Diamond Award – twelve nights away, four activities from exploring global issues, making a difference in your community, and reflecting on beliefs and values. Hold the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award or start over six months a skill, a physical activity, and community service. Complete a three day and two-night expedition in rural or open countryside.

**About Scouts**

* Scouts, the world’s largest youth movement, was founded on 1 August 1907.
* In the UK, Scouts is supported by The Scout Association, enabling 7,000 Scout Groups across the country to provide opportunities to over 475,000 young people aged 4-25.
* There are now more than 638,000 individuals actively involved in Scouts in the UK.
* All genders, races and backgrounds are welcome at Scouts. Every week, it gives almost half a million people aged 4-25 the skills they need for school, college, university, the job interview, the important speech, the tricky challenge, and the big dreams: the skills they need for life.
* Scouts helps members gain these skills by encouraging them to ask the big questions and listen with wide open minds. It helps them to take a deep breath and speak up, think on their feet, ignore the butterflies, and go for it. With Scouts, young people don’t give up – they get back up and try again, often with the support of the friends they’ve made there.
* Over 200 activities are offered by Scouts, from canoeing and caving to coding and community projects, made possible by the efforts of over 163,000 adult volunteers.
* When many young people are struggling to find purpose and belonging, Scouts helps them develop skills, confidence, and a sense of hope.
* Worldwide, Scouts has over 50 million members, both male and female, and operates in nearly every country in the world.