

Learn about the Spanish Scout Troop Behind the Eurofishion Song “Pececitos”



We at the World Fish Migration Foundation love when young people get involved and learn about migratory fish and rivers! That is why we are proud to highlight the incredible work of the Beaver Scouts from the Scout Group San Agustín de Guadalix in Spain. The scouts have been on a journey to learn more about freshwater environments this past year. From using the AMBER “barrier tracker app” to report barriers in their local river, to participating in World Fish Migration Day by creating a top ten Eurofishion song and singing in the finals (among other educational and fun activities), the Beaver Scouts serve as an inspiration to all of us around the world. The troop and their fantastic leaders prove you are never too young to be a river hero! Follow them on [Instagram](#) to keep up with their future projects.

The following is a description of the scout group’s activities, written by scout leaders Nely, Roció, and María:

The Beaver Scouts from the Scout Group San Agustín del Guadalix have been learning about the environment and the nature that can be found in their surroundings. This year we wanted to teach them about the importance of rivers and fishes. To commemorate the start of this solar round (2020-2021), the girls and boys created a giant Spanish trout with house objects, our main objective was to be able to take an aerial picture with the trout and kids using a drone (our drone had broken down, but we still managed to take the picture with our Explorers creating a human tower!).

Our Beavers also participated in the World Fish Migration day by writing a song about the migration of fishes using the melody of the song “Despacito”. They qualified in the top 10 and got to participate in the final gala and sang their song live.

During another one of our outings, we showed our Beavers an episode of the kid’s tv show “Wild Kratts” this episode called *Alaska: Hero’s Journey* showed the migration of the Salmon and all the things they go through in their journey. For the activity of the day, we made them power medallions (like in the tv show) that had images of different fish species that can be found in the Guadalix River. We then explained to them what each fish was and their

importance to the ecosystem. We gave extra importance to the Iberian barbel as it's a vulnerable species.

Using AMBER's phone app "Barrier Tracker", we went on a hike following the Guadalix River taking pictures of any barriers that we would find. During this hike we were also accompanied by a forest ranger who explained to the kids the importance of the riparian forest for the ecosystem. He also taught us about the different tree species that we could see and how to braid reeds.

Through these activities we believe that we have managed to raise awareness among the kids (and through extension, to their families) about the importance of the rivers and the problems that the fish face. However, our activities do not end here. We still have a lot planned for this solar round and our Beaver Scouts are always prepared!