

## Beaver Meeting Schedule: Week Three

### Theme: Thanksgiving

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Program Details</i>	<i>Leader Responsible</i>
10 mins.	Gathering Activity	Candy Corn Turkeys (See Detail Planning Sheet)	
5 mins.	Opening Ceremony	Details can be found in the Beaver Leader's Handbook	
10 mins.	Game	Harvest Hunt (See Detail Planning Sheet)	
20 mins.	Theme Activity	Herb and Spice Design (See Detail Planning Sheet)	
10 mins.	Song / Story	Jimmy and Joe have a Real Thanksgiving	
10 mins.	Lodge Meeting	Talk about what Thanksgiving means for each Beaver	
5 mins.	Spiritual Fellowship	- Recite Law / Promise - Prayer / Talk	
5 mins.	Closing Ceremony	Details can be found in the Beaver Leader's Handbook	
15 mins.	Leader Discussion Time	Review Meeting and discuss next week's plans	

Meeting

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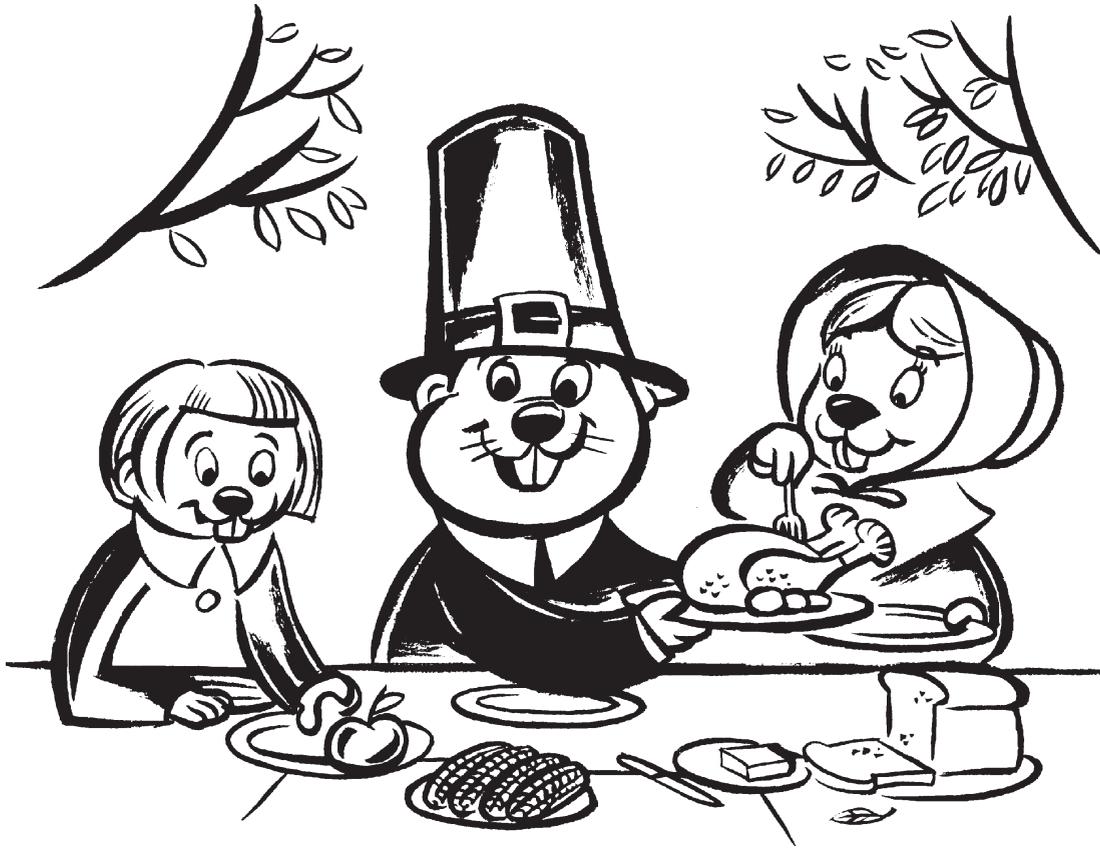
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## Beaver Meeting - Detail Planning

### Theme: Thanksgiving



### **Ideas For Thanksgiving**

October is the month of harvest festivals, Thanksgiving and Halloween. These activities make it a perfect month for crafts, games and fun. Take time to talk about the harvest and all the things we have to thank God for.

To help your Beavers understand why a good harvest is something to be thankful for, ask them to imagine what pioneer life was like without electricity, supermarkets, refrigerators and television.

We also give thanks for the beauty of the natural world. Take some walks in local woods to reap a harvest of colourful leaves, pine cones and other collectible objects for craft activities both now and later.

## Crafts

### Herb and Spice Design

For this simple activity, you need coloured construction paper, non-toxic glue, brushes, and some herbs and spices in separate shakers and dishes. Have the Beavers make glue designs on the paper using brushes. Then tell them to sprinkle the various herbs and spices over the wet glue designs. Let the Beavers sniff and examine the designs. Ask them if they can notice the difference between the herbs and spices.

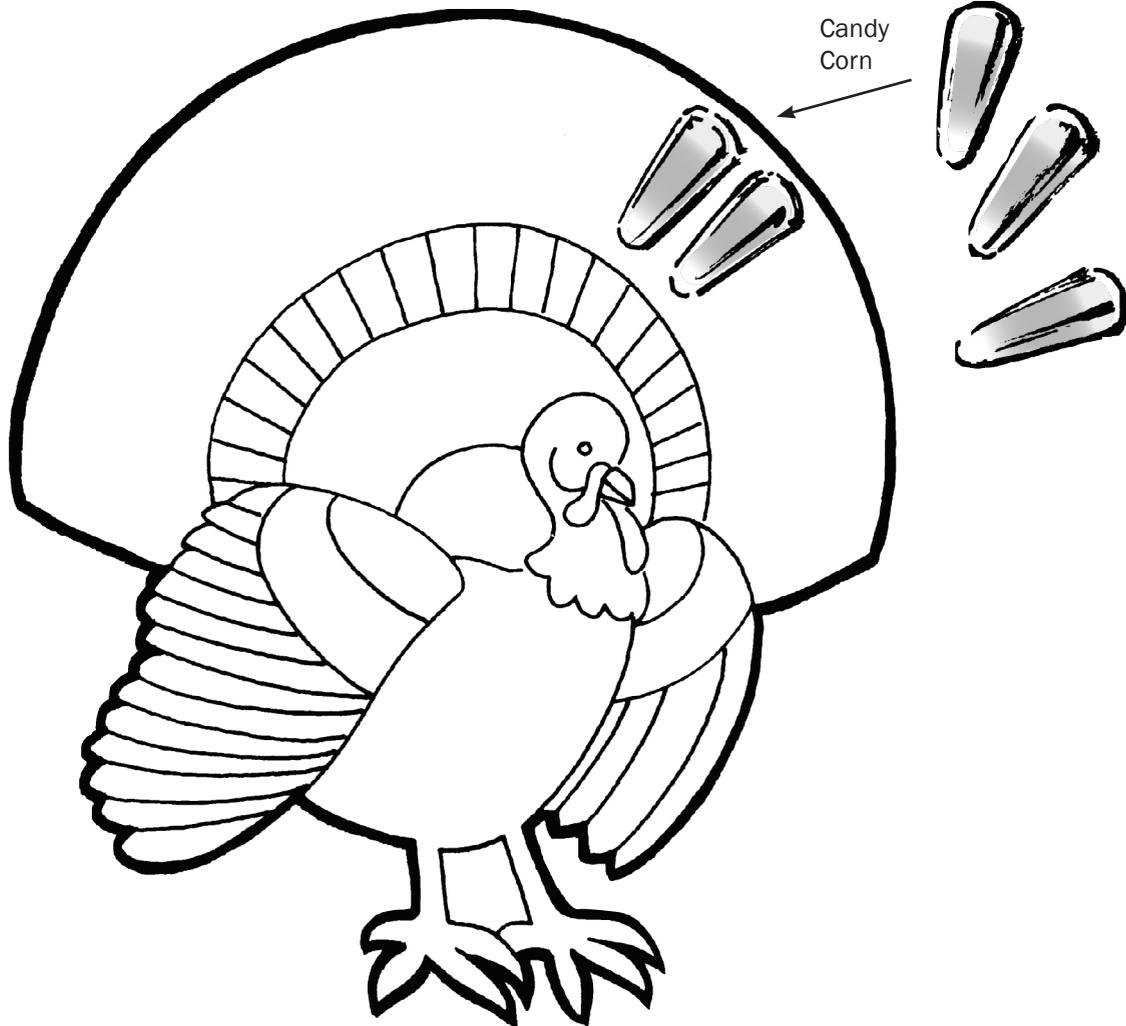
### Dots

Beavers should drop a dozen grains of rice on a piece of white paper. Get them to make a dot on the spot where each grain falls, then create a picture by joining all the dots.

### Candy Corn Turkey

Reproduce this turkey pattern, then trace it onto a piece of heavy white paper for each child. Have your Beavers colour the turkey and then glue on feathers made from candy corn.

### Candy Corn Turkey Pattern



## Games

### Harvest Hunt

A simple Harvest Hunt fits nicely with a Thanksgiving theme. Play it indoors or outside. Hide common harvest fruit and vegetables such as potatoes, carrots, apples, onions and ears of corn around the area, and send out the Beavers to gather the harvest.

Each lodge can then create a Cornucopia (Horn of Plenty) to use as decoration for the rest of the meeting.

At the end of the meeting, combine all the Cornucopias together and share the bounty with the Beavers to take home. If you use this game as part of an outing, you might like to highlight the day with a corn roast feast and a dessert of crunchy harvest apples. Yum!

## Suggested Stories

- *Thanksgiving Day in Canada*, by Krys Val Lewicki
- *Happy Thanksgiving*, by Carol Barkin & Elizabeth James
- *The Thanksgiving Book*, by Lucille Recht Penner
- *Julian In The Autumn Woods*, by Milena Lukesova
- *Our Thanksgiving Book*, by Jane Belk Moncure
- *Sometimes It's Turkey — Sometimes It's Feathers*, by Lorna Balian
- *Jimmy And Joe Have A Real Thanksgiving*, by Sally Glendinning
- *Best Thanksgiving Book*, by Pat Whitehead
- *Why We Have Thanksgiving*, by Margaret Hillet

