



Beaver Scout Meeting Schedule

Theme: Earth Day (April 22)

Objective: Through games and activities, Beaver Scouts will understand why it is important to take care of the environment.

Time	Activity	Program Details	Leader Responsible
5 mins	Gathering Activity	Nature's Rainbow	
5 mins	Opening Ceremony		
10 mins	Game	Recycling Super Heroes	
30 mins	Theme Activity	The Great Outdoors	
5 mins	Crafts	Mystery Symbol Colouring Activity	
10 mins	Lodge Meeting		
5 mins	Spiritual Fellowship		
5 mins	Closing Ceremony		
15 mins	Leader Discussion Time		

Meeting Notes: _____

Beaver Scout Meeting – Detail Planning

Introduction

Earth Day is an environmental awareness event and celebration that began in the United States in 1970. The first international Earth Day took place on April 22, 1990. Canada joined 140 nations around the world in celebrating environmental awareness.

Earth Day has grown to include a multitude of events across Canada, ranging from tree plantings to waterway cleanups to concerts.

An Earth Day meeting is a great opportunity to get outdoors and enjoy nature, and also to become aware of environmental concerns. It is also an opportunity to empower the children in your section – there are things that they can do to help!

Gathering Activity

Nature's Rainbow

Objective:

Beaver Scouts will come to understand the variety of organisms and colours that exist in nature, through this fun scavenger-hunt type activity.

Equipment:

- Paint chips, various colours, from a hardware or paint store. These should include different shades of blue, green, and brown, as well as other colours like purple, pinks, oranges, etc.
- A defined playing area, outdoors.

Instructions:

Explain to the Beaver Scouts that you will be using the paint chips to play a scavenger hunt type game. Working individually or in pairs, give the children each a paint chip card. They will go out into the playing area to try to find something in nature that matches that colour (if using cards with several shades, ask child to find something that matches one of those shades).

Before playing, explain to the Beaver Scouts that they should not pick flowers, move rocks, or otherwise disturb the area if possible. All areas are habitats for some type of organism, and we do not want to cause damage to that habitat.

How many shades can they find? Who can find the most? Where they surprised to find some of those colours in nature?

Extension Activity:

Ask Beaver Scouts to match their cards to items that do *not* belong in nature (ie. garbage). Using gloves and garbage bags, clean up the playing area.

Game

Recycling Super Heroes – a version of tag

Objective:

Beaver Scouts are able to recognize the difference between a recycling bin and a garbage can.

Background Information:

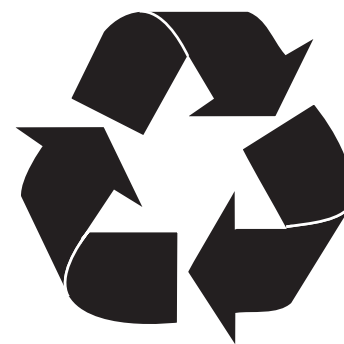
Recognizing recycling bins as different from garbage cans is an important step in teaching youth to recycle properly. Each community has a different program so it is important to determine what system is in your municipality.

Equipment:

- Large defined playing space
- Two garbage bins

Two recycling bins (these should be distinct from the garbage bins and recognizable as recycling bins. The mobius strip symbol should be clearly marked on the side)

At least two to four clean and dry aluminum cans per Beaver or some other item that is recyclable in your community (paper, cardboard, plastic).



Instructions:

The objective of the game is get as many recyclable items into the recycling bin as possible without getting tagged by the “Garbage Monster.” If tagged, Beaver Scouts must put their item into the garbage bin instead. Once they have placed their item in either bin, they go back to the bag of items placed outside the play area to get another item and try again.

Set up two stations at some distance from each other within the defined playing area. Each station should have one recycling bin and one garbage bin side by side. Put a bag of aluminum cans or other recyclable items outside the playing area.

Point out the boundaries of the playing space and the stations. Pick a Beaver Scout or leader to be the Garbage Monster (or “it”). Give the other Beaver Scouts one recyclable item each. Start the game.

Play until all the items are either in the recycling bin or garbage can. When all the items are gone, encourage the Beaver Scouts to cheer on those who are still trying to put their recyclable items in the recycling bin. Alternatively, once all the items are in one or the other bin, empty the garbage can of items and continue the game.

At the end of the game, celebrate that there are more items in the recycling bin than in the garbage bin. Ask Beaver Scouts if they have noticed recycling bins at other places like home, school, the mall, or on the street.

Explain to the Beaver Scouts how important it is to recycle.

Crafts

Mystery Symbol Colouring Activity

Objective:

To help Beaver Scouts recognize the recycling symbol.

Background Information:

The recycling symbol (a mobius strip) has become synonymous with recycling world wide. Often when the symbol is found on plastic container or product, there is a number inside the symbol. This number signifies the type of plastic that it is made from. It is important to know why type of plastics can be recycled in your area.

Equipment:

- The “Mystery Symbol” activity sheet (following page)
- Markers, pencil crayons or crayons

Instructions:

Make photocopies of the sheets and hand out to Beaver Scouts. It is good idea to have a sample started to show the Beaver Scouts how it is done.

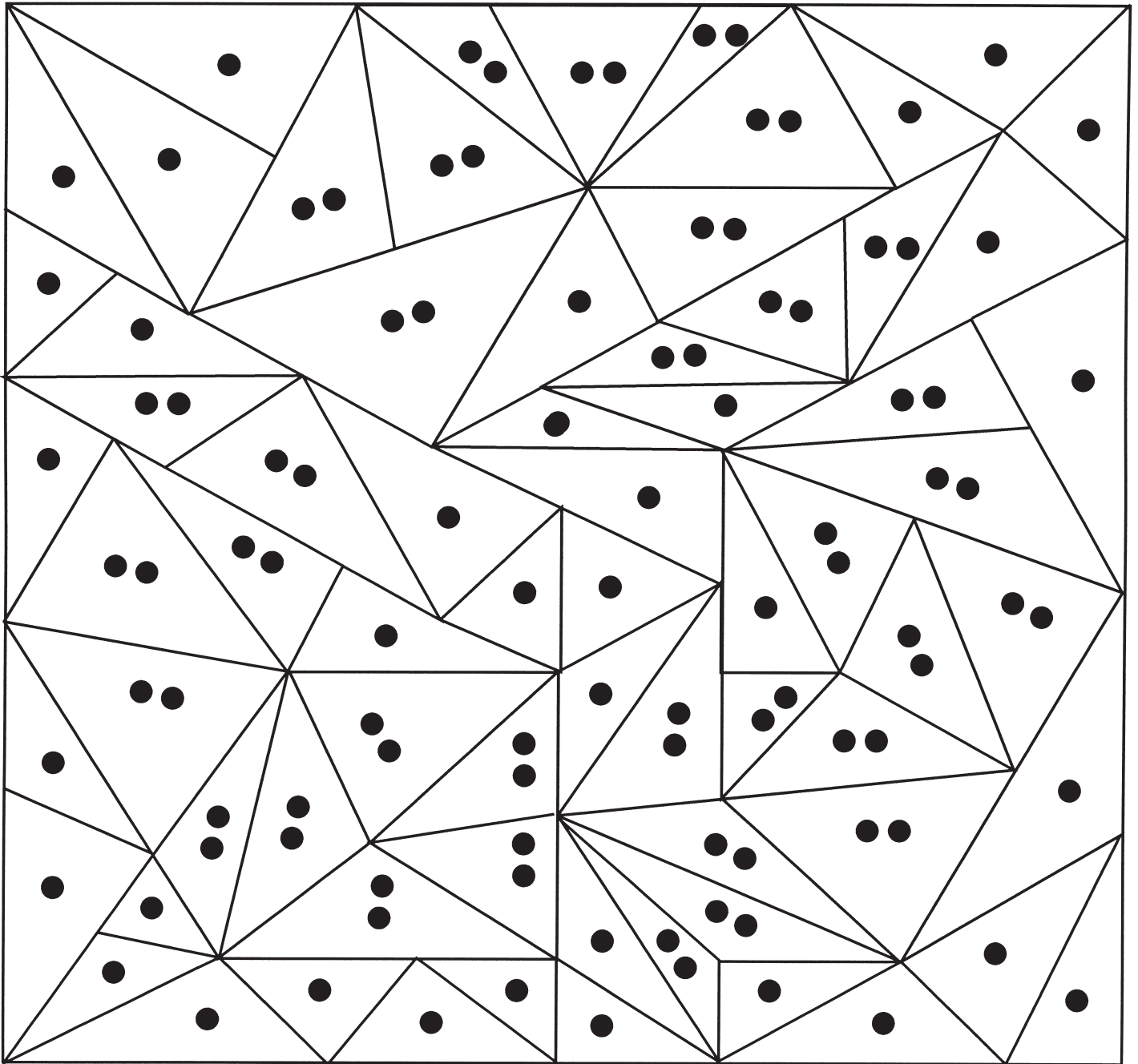
When the children are finished coloring the picture, talk about the recycling symbol and how the Beaver Scouts can look for it at school, at home, and around the world!

Mystery Symbol 'Fill in the Dots' Picture

Instructions:

Pick two colours to fill in the spaces. Where there is one dot use one colour. Where there are two dots use the other colour.

What do you see when you are done?



Source: Recycling Facts, Games and Crafts. Thanks to the Department of Conservation, State of California.