



# Beaver Meeting Schedule – Week \_\_\_\_

## Theme: Investiture

Time	Activity	Program Details	Leader Responsible
5 mins	Gathering Activity	Greet Beavers and parents. Collect dues. Gathering Game: Beaver Ball	
5 mins	Opening Ceremony	Feed the Beaver. Welcome parents, group committee representatives, and sponsors/ partner representatives.	
10 mins	Investiture	Conduct investiture of new leaders (by invested leaders) – <i>Beaver Leader Handbook</i>	
10 mins	Story	Tell or read Chapter 5 of <i>Friends of the Forest</i> , which talks about sharing.	
15 mins	Investiture of Kits	Investiture of Kits	
10 mins	Game	Have everyone join in and play one game of “Farmyard” to promote Colony unity.	
10 mins	Refreshments	Give parents and Beavers refreshments; let everyone mingle.	
5 mins	Song	Ask everyone to join in the singing for “ <i>I’m a Little Beaver</i> ” and “ <i>Head and Shoulders</i> ”	
5 mins	Closing Ceremony	Thanks to all participants for attending. Future program plans: switch to a one-hour program, if desired.	
5 mins	Goodnight	Say: “Goodnight and busy building tomorrow.”	

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# Beaver Meeting – Detail Planning

## Games

### Beaver Ball

This circular form of dodge ball involves continuous play; no player is knocked out of the game. Beavers form a circle with one lodge or tail group in the centre. Those in the circle throw a soft volleyball to try to hit the Beavers inside, but only below the waist. When hit, a Beaver in the centre exchanges places in the circle of throwers with the Beaver who threw the ball.

### Farmyard

Give each Beaver an animal name to keep secret from other players. Allot the same animal name to two Beavers so everyone has a secret partner. Players form a large circle. On a signal, each Beaver makes his or her animal's noise and tries to find his partner. When pairs find each other, they sit down together.

## Investiture

### Leaders

New leaders are invested into Scouting after completion of the orientation component of the Adult Screening process. You can wear the group scarf when you begin working with a section; it is the epaulets that signify investiture. At that time you will receive your Beaver epaulets for your uniform. Any invested leader can invest a new leader.

When it is time to invest Beavers and if your leadership team does not have any invested leaders, consider asking a Service Scouter or another Scouter in your group to do the investiture.

At their investiture, leaders use the Scouter's Promise:

"On my honour, I promise that I will do my best to do my duty to God and the Queen, to help other people at all times, and to carry out the spirit of the Scout Law."

## Kits

When a new member joins Beavers, the child becomes a “Kit” – the term used to describe a young Beaver. The Kit is placed in a lodge, and may wear the Beaver hat and vest, but not the neckerchief.

To become an Eager Beaver, a Kit must know the Beaver Promise, Law and Salute, and the opening, closing and investiture ceremonies.

Invite parents or guardians to participate in the Investiture Ceremony by standing behind their child when the Beavers receive their scarf. Ask them to bring along the Beaver scarf and woggle. If, for some reason, no member of the family is able to attend, have a leader act as a substitute. Avoid having a Beaver stand alone.

### *Procedure*

You can invest one or more Kits at a time because they repeat the Promise and Law after the Leader in unison. If only one Beaver is being invested, the leader handling the investiture joins the child to say the Law and Promise.

The investiture is held at the beginning of the meeting immediately after the opening ceremony. The leader signals all Beavers to take a cross-legged seated position making a “sh-sh-sh” sound. Before starting the ceremony, one of the leaders takes a few minutes to explain to Beavers and parents the importance of the investiture ceremony. Then a leader asks parents to come forward and assume their positions. Parents bring scarves and woggles with them.

The leader asks the children to make the Beaver salute while saying the Beaver Law and Promise. In some colonies, the Beavers turn to face their parents when they say the Law, then turn back to face the leaders as they say their Promise. Leaders then put the Beaver neckerchiefs on the children.

Using the Scouting’s left handshake, the newly-invested Beavers shake hands with their leaders and receive their parents’ congratulations before parents return to their seats, and Beavers return to the Colony. They can either join the others to sit in dam formation while the Colony gives them a cheer, or they can go around the circle and shake hands with all the other Beavers.

## Songs

### **I’m a Little Beaver (I’m a Little Teapot)**

I’m a little Beaver, short and stout,  
Here is my tail and here is my snout,  
When you pull my tail, you’ll hear me shout,  
Hey I’m a Beaver short and stout.

### **Head and Shoulders, Knees and Toes**

Head and shoulders, knees and toes,  
Knees and toes, knees and toes.  
Head and shoulders, knees and toes,  
Eyes, ears, mouth and nose.

*(As they sing, Beavers touch the part of the body mentioned. With each round, drop one word, but continue the action until, finally, everyone is doing the actions without the words. Repeat three times, getting faster each time.)*