



Beaver Meeting Schedule – Week ____

Theme: Popcorn Kickoff (in Nature)

Objective: To kickoff the popcorn campaign with a fun-filled outdoor meeting.

Time	Activity	Program Details	Leader Responsible
5 mins	Gathering Activity	Sticky Popcorn	
5 mins	Opening Ceremony	Details can be found in the <i>Beaver Leader’s Handbook</i>	
10 mins	Craft	Popcorn Creations	
10 mins	Theme Activity	Popcorn Kickoff	
10 mins	Game	Popcorn Relay Race	
5 mins	Song/Story	<i>Popcorn Song</i>	
10 mins	Lodge Meeting		
5 mins	Spiritual Fellowship	Recite Promise / Law Prayer / Talk	
5 mins	Closing Ceremony	Details can be found in the <i>Beaver Leader’s Handbook</i>	
15 mins	Leader Discussion Time	Review meeting and discuss next week’s plans	

Meeting Notes: _____

Beaver Meeting – Detail Planning

Introduction

Anything's Possible with Scout Popcorn, our official national fundraiser! This fine product offers high quality, delicious variety, and best of all – excellent value to the purchaser. Popcorn is great for gifts, or for sharing with friends and family. Youth sell popcorn because they know the return benefits are great program activities; best of all, their group works as a team to achieve their own program goals. With Scout Popcorn, everybody wins!

A good leader knows that the purpose of youth participating in Scouts Canada is not to spend all their time fundraising. At Trail's End Popcorn, we understand this and have developed our program to be easy and profitable, so that your group can spend less time fundraising and more time having fun!

Encourage your section to sell popcorn in environmentally friendly ways – for example, set up a popcorn stand at a mall so that people come to you, walk around your neighborhood instead of driving, sell popcorn over e-mail to save paper, etc.

Gathering Activity

Sticky Popcorn

Equipment:

A playing area

Instructions:

Beavers should spread out around the room. Tell a short story about how they all are tiny little kernels of popcorn, and how the floor in the hall is getting warmer and warmer, until it is finally hot enough for them to POP!

Now that they are popcorn they can start jumping all around the room. Next, tell them that they are covered in gooey, caramel syrup that makes them sticky popcorn. Beavers can now jump around the room looking for other popcorn to stick to.

Once popcorn is stuck, they must jump around together in search of more lonely popcorn, and other «stuck» groups to join. The game is over when your colony is one big sticky popcorn ball!

Craft

Popcorn Creations:

Equipment:

- Popcorn Kernels
- Air popper
- Food colouring
- Bowls
- Water
- Paper towels.
- Construction paper
- White glue

Instructions:

Prior to the meeting, pop generous amounts of popcorn and let cool. Prepare small bowls of food colouring, in various shades. Drop in popcorn and stir once. Remove and lay to dry on paper towels overnight.

At the meeting, have the Beavers create nature pictures using the coloured popcorn. Give each Beaver a piece of construction paper. Set out glue and bowls of coloured popcorn.

Let the pictures dry before taking home!

Theme Activity

Popcorn Kickoff

Instructions:

Discuss the four best ways to sell popcorn. Use the tips on the Scout Popcorn site for guidance:

<http://www.scouts.ca/popcorn/english/leaders/four-bestwaystosell.asp>

Discuss the Trail's End Prize Program. Explain to the Beavers that selling popcorn helps to support Scouting, and that they have the chance to win some great prizes!

Use the *Scout Popcorn Sale Tool Kit Guide Book* for more hints and tips about selling Scout Popcorn:

<http://www.scouts.ca/media/documents/popcornkit.pdf>

Game

Popcorn Relay Race

Equipment:

- Air Popped Popcorn
- Small bowls or cups for each team
- 2 large bowls or ice cream buckets for each team
- Defined playing area.

Instructions:

Form the Beavers into relay teams (can use lodge groups). The object of the game is to empty the large bowl of popcorn.

Give each Beaver a small, empty bowl or cup. Place a large bowl of popcorn at the opposite end of the playing area, one for each team. The other large (empty) bowl should be placed with the team. Each Beaver runs to the bowl of popcorn, fills their cup, and runs back to their team, emptying their cup of popcorn into the second bowl.

First team to empty their bowl wins!

Alternate:

Let the Beavers keep their popcorn in their cups, and eat it afterwards!

Song

The Popcorn Song

Tune: Dreidel, Dreidel, Dreidel

Lyrics:

I made a little popcorn,
I make it everyday
Oh, popcorn, popcorn, popcorn
Oh, popcorn is OK.
Beavers sell it every year
It comes in boxes or in cans
Beavers sell it did you hear
So grab it all in your hands.
Oh popcorn, popcorn, popcorn
I made you buttered
I made you plain
And just about every way.

Source: <http://www.otahnagon.org/councilforms/popcorncd/pdf/PopcornFun.pdf>

Optional Activity

Popcorn Lollipops

Make this sweet treat for your unit, to celebrate the official start to the Popcorn Campaign!

Equipment:

- 4 quarts warm popcorn
- 2 cup sugar
- 2/3 cup water
- 1 ½ tsp salt
- 2/3 cup honey
- ½ cup butter (1 stick)
- ½ tsp vanilla extract

Instructions:

Combine the sugar, water, salt, honey and butter in a saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium heat and stir until the sugar dissolves. Continue to boil the mixture until it reaches 250-266 degrees Fahrenheit. Add the vanilla and stir. Pour the hot candy mixture into a bowl over the fresh popcorn. Mix well with a spoon. Wet or grease hands and shape the mixture into balls, and insert a wooden craft stick for a handle.

Optional:

Instead of forming the popcorn into balls, push the candied popcorn into a greased cookie cutter to make a shape. Let cool slightly, remove, and insert a wooden craft stick for a handle.