



Help develop well-rounded youth, better prepared for success in the world.

Beaver Colony Opening & Closing Ceremonies

Opening and Closing should be run with the help of a youth member to encourage others to participate

Beaver Colony Meeting Opening Ceremony: "Tail Slap"

1. Youth leader with White Tail calls out loud "*Riverbanks!!*"
 - All Beaver Scouts and Scouters form into two lines to mark the banks of a river.
 - Scouters should help form the beginning and end of each line of the bank and be dispersed amongst the youth as needed.
2. Together: call "*Build a Dam!*"
 - All join hands to close the ends of the river and form a circle to represent the Beaver Scout Pond.
 - Big Brown Beaver should be in the middle of the pond
3. Together: "*Chomping Position*"
 - All crouch down in Chomping Position (crouched down, standing on their feet with both hands making the Beaver Scout sign – bending the index and middle fingers forward to form a "beaver teeth" shape, and keeping the other fingers curled inwards)
4. Together call out the Beaver MOTTO: "*Who are we? And What do we do?*"
 - Colony Responds: "*Beavers, Beavers, Beavers, Sharing, Sharing, Sharing*"
 - All Beavers call out "*Whaaooooo*" while slowly standing up, then jumping and slapping hands once behind their back to represent the slapping of the beaver tail.
5. Together: Lead the Beavers in the Beaver Scout Promise and Law in repeat-after-me style with the Beavers doing the Beaver Scout salute (bending the index and middle finger forward on the raised right hand to form a "beaver teeth" shape, and keeping the other fingers curled inwards.)
(Tip: remember the promise has the word promise in it)
PROMISE: *I promise to love God and help take care of the world*
(Alternative Version of the Promise may be used: I promise to be kind and to help take care of the world)
LAW: A Beaver has fun, works hard, and helps family and friends
6. Optional: Singing of **O CANADA**

Beaver Colony Meeting Closing Ceremony

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2. Together: call "*Build a Dam*"
 - All join hands to close the ends of the river and form a circle to represent the Beaver Scout Pond.
 - Big Brown Beaver should be in the middle of the pond
3. Have the Beavers take a seat.
4. All together: "*It's time to say Goodnight.*"
 - All crouch down in Chomping Position (crouched down, standing on their feet with both hands making the Beaver Scout sign)
5. Together (making a pretend sleeping gesture with head leaning on hands)
 - "*Shhh*"
 - "*Sleeping, Sleeping Sleeping*"
 - "*Goodnight (Scouters, Helpers, and Beavers) and busy building tomorrow.*"
 - All give a "tail slap" by bringing their hand flat against the floor in front of them.
6. Youth to remain seated until Parent/ Guardian taps on head to release them.