



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 "**Whaaaaaaa**" 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

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 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. 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.