# Beaver Scout Meeting Schedule

## Theme: Friends

*A useful program when you have a lot of new members or lots of children from different schools. These different activities help the Beaver Scouts make friends in the Colony and get to know a little about each other. These are also useful when you have several colonies meeting together for an event or function.*

| Time | Activity | Additional Information | Run by |
|------|----------|------------------------|--------|
| 0:00 | Welcome Ceremony | | All |
| 0:05 | Game – getting to know each other | This is an activity that leaders can join in with, to get to know the members of the Colony | |
| 0:15 | Friendship stick | Allows the Beaver Scouts to chat to each other as they work. Print out the colour order. | |
| 0:35 | Exchange of friendship sticks | Make sure that each Beaver Scout has someone else's friendship stick. | |
| 0:50 | Game – My Friends | Make sure that you tell the Beaver Scouts not to throw the ball too hard. Some will undoubtedly try to and should be discouraged. | |
| 0:55 | Closing Ceremony | | |

Meeting Notes: _____

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| Methods | Meet new people, Make things; Follow themes; play games |
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| Preparation Time | Approximately 60 minutes to prepare the friendship sticks |
| Location | Indoors |

*You will need:*

- paper
- pens/pencils
- popsicle sticks
- Felt tipped pens
- String or wool
- drill
- ball

## Game – Getting to know each other

1. Either use the sample sheet (opposite) or create a sheet specific to your Colony (one per Beaver Scout and Leader)

2. Give each person a sheet and pencil.

3. Everyone must walk around the group, asking the other Beaver Scouts and Leaders if they "have a younger brother" etc and fill in the sheet. They must try to have a different person's signature in each box.

## Friendship Stick

1. Before the meeting drill a small hole at one end of each Popsicle stick. Divide each stick into 10 even sections using a black felt tipped pen.

2. At the meeting ask the Beaver Scouts to colour the stick in from top to bottom in the order listed (the top is the end with the hole in it).

3. Thread the string/wool through the hole and tie so it can be hung around the neck.

## Exchange of friendship sticks

1. Swap the stick with another member of the Colony; Beaver Scouts should try to pick someone that they don't know very well to swap with and then spend a few minutes chatting to get to know them.

2. Ask the Beaver Scouts to sit quietly and think about the person to whom they have given their friendship stick and what they have just learned about their new friend.

## Game – My Friends

1. Stand the Beaver Scouts in a circle, and give one Beaver Scout a ball.

2. The Beaver Scout with the ball throws it to one of the others, but before they throw it they say the name of the person they are throwing it to.

3. This game is good to get to know everyone, particularly the new Beaver Scouts.

## Prayer:

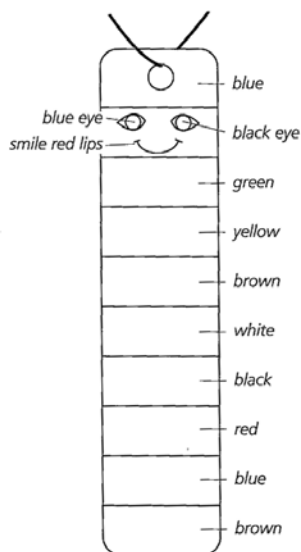*Dear God,*

*Help us to play and make friends,*
*To say hello and learn people's names*
*And make a friend happier if they are sad and crying.*

*Amen*

| Has blue eyes | Wears glasses | Has no siblings | Has brown eyes |
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| Is taller than you | Goes to the same school | Has an older sister | Goes to a different school |
| Has a younger brother | Has a cat | Has a small handprint | Has long hair |
| Has a dog | Is shorter than you | Has no pet | Is wearing a watch |
| | Has a T in their first name | Has a wobbly tooth | |

*Sample for Getting to Know Each Other*

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**Colour order on the stick and what each means**

Labels on stick (top to bottom): blue, blue eye, black eye, smile red lips, green, yellow, brown, white, black, red, blue, brown

1. Blue band represents the blue sky under which we all live
2. Face: two eyes and a smile
   a. Blue eye represents life
   b. Black eye represents death: we all have to die
   c. Smiling face is the trademark of a friend
   d. Red lips, with an upward curve, means joy. May the smile never be false.
3. Green band is for purity in thought, word and deed and a natural life
4. Yellow band. This represents the various races making up the people of the world
5. Brown band. This represents the various races making up the people of the world
6. White band. This represents the various races making up the people of the world
7. Black band. This represents the various races making up the people of the world
8. Red band means hope. Whatever happens, there is always hope
9. Blue band represents water, the source of life
10. Bottom brown band is symbolic of the earth on which we tread, standing steady and strong each day

*Friendship stick*