

# Ceremonies



## Opening Ceremony (Tail Slap)

To an outsider the Opening Ceremony may not mean much, but to Beavers it provides an opportunity to let off steam in a controlled manner. Beavers take it most seriously and enter into it with their whole heart and lungs. It gives them an opportunity to express their joy at being alive, and their thankfulness for being Beavers.

## Closing Ceremony (Lodging)

This ceremony is to be conducted at the conclusion of every meeting. All Kits and Eager Beavers participate in the Closing Ceremony.

## Investiture Ceremony

When a youth joins the Beavers he/she is a "Kit". This is a term used to describe a young Beaver. Kits may wear the Beaver hat and vest but **NOT** the neckerchief or other additional badges. To become invested a Kit must know the Beaver Promise, Law, Salute, and Beaver Motto.

Parents are invited to participate in the Investiture Ceremony, as this is a special time for the Beavers.

## Tail Ceremonies

There are four tail levels in the Beaver program. They are the physical recognition of a child's growth and development. A Beaver progresses through them according to their age and/or their school grade

Beavers change their tails once a year to signify their growth. Beavers wear only one tail at a time and may put their old tails on their campfire blanket or vest.

Age before Jan. 1st	Tail Levels (September - May)
5 Years - Kindergarten	<p>Discovery &amp; Growing (Brown)</p> <p><b>BROWN</b> represents the colour of the beaver's fur, also the earth, on which we live and in which things grow. It can remind the Beavers of their responsibility to help take care of the world. It can also be seen as the time of discovery, when the Beaver is entering a new phase in life and exploring a broader world beyond the confines of family and close friends.</p>
6 Years - Grade 1	<p>Building and exploring (Blue)</p> <p><b>BLUE</b> represents the sky and water and symbolizes the immense opportunities to explore now opened to the Beaver, whose abilities are expanding and changing.</p>
7 Years - Grade 2	<p>Busy Beaver (White)</p> <p><b>WHITE</b> links Eager Beavers to Tender Pads (Cubs). It is the colour of the moon and stars, which give us light to help us find our way through the darkness of the night and symbolizes distant goals, seemingly far away, but attainable.</p>

## Swimming-Up Ceremony

This ceremony marks a special occasion in a young child's life because this is the moment they join the Cub pack and take the first big step toward becoming a Wolf Cub. Parents are invited to attend this ceremony in the spring.