

Gathering Activities Outline

Time allocation: 15 minutes

Self Introduction	1 minute	Introduction to audience.
Introduce topic	2 minutes	Gathering activities: what is it? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A pre-meeting activity, eg, colouring, craft, song, game for Beavers to participate in before the meeting while waiting for everyone to arrive • Usually about 10 minutes.
Purpose	2 minutes	Why do we carry out gathering activities? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Beavers to play together until opening ceremony; • As a “warm-up” to the meeting; • To catch Beavers’ attention and bring them together; • To find out who is present.
Implementation	2 minutes	How do we carry out gathering activities? A leader conducts a gathering activity where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beavers join in as they arrive; • Beavers continue participating in activity until opening; • Beavers can leave the activity easily, eg, to meet with a leader.
Ideas	5 minutes	What kind of activities? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Game; • Song; • Colouring/drawing; • Craft; <p>A gathering activity can follow the theme of the meeting and “prep” Beavers for the meeting, e.g., JUMPSTART program.</p>
Questions	2 minutes	Questions from the audience.
Conclusion	1 minute	Wrap up.