



END of 2004 NOTES FOR THE 1st BLACKBURN COLONY

Ooops...it's that time of year again. Thought that we'd avoid the "Holiday Rush" and send home a notice NOW...instead of in DECEMBER!

NEXT MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29 is another OUTING for our gang. We will be visiting the ORLEANS RECREATIONAL COMPLEX at the corner of Youville Drive & Jeanne d'Arc Blvd. Remember that we will meet there (just inside the Youville Drive entrance doors---NOT the ARENA entrance doors!) for around 6:20 - 6:25 PM.

On MONDAY, DECEMBER 06 please have your Beavers bring in their BEAVERS BADGE WORK SHEET (it can come inside it's Beaver-made cover holder---or NOT; if this has become "mis-placed). We will be signing off on a qualification (the FIRST ONE this year). That means that there will be THREE more sign off events/nites coming in 2005. SO---keep the sheet safe and handy. (If anyone needs a sheet---please see RINGTAIL ASAP---he has extra copies).

We are NOT collecting Beaver Dues from now until the end of December because we want you to divert that money into a "SPECIAL" project. On MONDAY, DECEMBER 13 we will be paying a visit to the residents of BLACKBURN LODGE located at 2412 Cleroux Cr. We will sing some Christmas Carols, do some skits, tell a story (or maybe 2 or 3) and share some Xmas joy. But, THIS year---instead of making a craft gift---we want the Beavers to take their \$2 -\$3 Dues Money and go with a parent/guardian to a local DOLLAR STORE. We would like them to purchase a SINGLE gift, of THEIR OWN SELECTION, that fits within their "budget limit" to give to a Senior Resident or Staff Member @ Blackburn Lodge.

Then, on MONDAY DECEMBER 06 we would like all of the Beavers to bring their SPECIAL GIFT selections to the Meeting and we will spend our evening, wrapping and labelling presents, practicing some songs and learning a couple of skits. We will place all of the finished, wrapped gifts into one of our SHARING BOXES to bring to the LODGE for DECEMBER 13. That nite we will meet inside at the EMILY CARR GYM/POND FIRST for our normal meeting time (6:20 - 6:30 PM) and then ALL drive up to the LODGE in a "convoy." We will obviously need parents to share drives with more than one Beaver and then either stay at the LODGE or drop-off/pick up (if necessary) at the LODGE. We are usually completed at around 7:45 PM and we will NOT travel back to EMILY CARR once the visit is over. We hope you can help us to spread some Holiday Cheer! It really is a pretty special Xmas feeling for everyone involved.

The Leader Team will be putting together planning for the remaining 5 months over the Holiday break. We traditionally do the first 3 months fairly solid and then "rough-in" the last two to allow flexibility as the Spring Time comes on and the Program reaches full maturity. Parental feedback is always welcomed by the Leader Team. We encourage parents to stay for meetings (when able) and we will have a couple of evenings in 2005 where parental accompaniment will be mandatory (beyond outings). We look forward to seeing and talking with you all as we go along the "busy" way.

***Some things to remember for Beavers in 2005:** Starting Monday, January 03, 2005
Always bring a pair of indoor shoes (for safety during running games) during boot season / Please send \$1 Beaver Feed (Dues) with your Beaver EACH week (These monies help towards the costs of outings, craft and party supplies)

Happiest of Holiday wishes to you and yours!

Ringtail (Rick), Sunshine (Beth), Rusty (Désirée), Rainbow (Theresa), Tic Tac (Fiona),
Meaghan and Heather (our great young assistants)