



BEAVER NEWS UPDATE - OCT 2004

We have several pieces of information to share with you about upcoming events to help you support the things that your Beaver will be up to in the coming weeks:

BEAVER BADGE PROGRAM

This is brand new for our Beaver Colony. Normally the pursuit of badges, based on doing special things at home or during the meetings, is reserved for Cubs and Scouts. However, because of our theme this year--we wanted to let the Beavers try their hand at something like this too! We have FOUR special badges that Beavers can "earn" throughout the rest of the Beaver program year. They are:

The HOBBY Badge

The HELPING Badge

The NATURE Badge

The SPORTS & REC Badge

There will also be a further FIFTH special badge to represent the **SHARING AWARD**

These badges will be awarded to individual Beavers as they complete 3 tasks either at home or during the meetings that qualify as something pertaining to that specific badge. Please read the accompanying sheet to understand the program better. We hope that this will create a lot of fun for you and your Beaver at home as well as at the Pond each week.

SHARING NIGHT - OCT 18

As Part 1 of our **SHARING AWARD** we are staging Sharing Night for the October 18th meeting. We are asking two things for that nite from EACH Beaver.

- 1) Bring something that is a particular personal favorite of theirs that they would like to share with the Colony (it's basically like Show & Tell with ONE favorite thing). It can be (literally) anything...from a Trading Card Collection, to a special food (be aware of food allergies and please alert leader's to ingredients upon arrival) to a family pet (as long as it can be controlled and shared in the gymnasium). If you are NOT sure that your Beaver's choice of a favorite thing is appropriate---please contact a leader to discuss further.
- 2) Bring ONE story/picture book to put into our SHARING BOX (being constructed tonite). Please make sure that the Beaver's name is in it so that we can return it at the end of the Beaver year. This box will then be available for Beavers to look through at the start of meetings or if they finish a craft early during a meeting night.

INVESTITURE CEREMONY - MONDAY, OCT 25

This is probably showing on your schedule as **OCT 27**. **THAT WAS A MISTAKE (SORRY) !** Our ceremony of giving all of the new Beavers their Blackburn Red & Black neckers will take place along with everyone getting their NEW official Beaver Tail for 2004-2005 that nite. The tail (worn pinned on the back brim of the Beaver Hat) signifies which year a Beaver is in (1st year (5 yrs old) - BROWN / 2nd year (6 yrs old) - BLUE / 3rd year (7 yrs old) - WHITE). Family is invited to this event, which will kick off with the Beavers making a new, unique woggle for their neckers - move to the ceremony - and finish with refreshments for everyone. Feel free to bring your camera or videocam.

CLOSING POINTS

- Please make sure that your Health Form has been returned to us. We must have all of them back by October 25 so we can go on our first outing of the year
- Please continue to make sure your Beaver brings \$1 dues (Beaver Feed) to every meeting
- There is NO MEETING on Monday, October 11 (Happy Thanksgiving !)
- If you do NOT have a Schedule of Events---please get one ASAP from RINGTAIL