



# BEAVERS' BIRTHDAY

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Scouter's Guide

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**We are thrilled to announce a momentous occasion that's been 50 years in the making! Scouts Canada Beavers is turning 50, and it's time to celebrate five decades of youthful adventure, growth and community.**

Join us as we come together to celebrate the incredible legacy of Beavers in Scouts Canada. We're excited to mark our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and we want YOU to be a part of this special milestone.

Get ready for a day filled with nostalgic memories, exciting activities and the camaraderie that makes Scouts Canada Beavers so special.

**Save the date: JUNE 1**

**#Beavers50**



**Celebrating the Scouts Canada Beaver Scouts' 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary is a special occasion that calls for a range of fun and meaningful activities to engage young Scouts and their families. Here's some big ways to help you plan a memorable celebration:**

### **1. Opening Ceremony:**

- **Welcome Address:** Begin the celebration with a warm welcome from your group's leaders or organizers.
- **Beaver Scout Promise Renewal:** Have all Beaver Scouts reaffirm their commitment by reciting the Beaver Scout Promise.
- **Beaver Scout Song:** Sing the Beaver Scout song together to set a festive tone.

### **2. Time Capsule Activity:**

Create a time capsule where Beaver Scouts can contribute items or messages representing their time in Beavers. Seal it to be opened at a future anniversary.

### **3. Beaver Scouts Through the Decades:**

Set up activity stations representing different decades in the history of Beaver Scouts. Have each station highlight the activities, games, and badges of that era. Your group may have the old photos for you to share.

### **4. History and Storytelling:**

- Invite older Scouts or alumni to share stories and photos from their time as Beaver Scouts.
- Create a timeline display featuring key milestones in the history of Beaver Scouts.



### **5. Award Ceremony:**

- Recognize Beaver Scouts who have earned special badges or awards during the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.
- Present certificates of participation to all attendees.

### **6. Cultural Exchange:**

- Learn about Scouting in other countries with Beaver Scouts from around the world.
- Share snacks or a potluck meal featuring international dishes.

### **7. Campfire and Closing Ceremony:**

- Gather around a campfire (real or simulated) for songs, skits, and stories.
- Close the celebration with a thank you to all participants and a reminder of the Beaver Scout Promise.

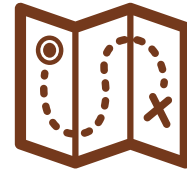
**Remember to document the event with photos and videos to create lasting memories. This activity guide should help you plan a well-rounded and enjoyable celebration of 50 years of Beaver Scouts in Canada.**

# GO FOR 50!

## CHALLENGE:

How will your section hit the big 50?  
Think up of some great adventures  
that will add up to 50 that can perhaps  
be done in a day or stretched out  
through the year.

Reach **50km**  
hiked throughout the year.



Plant **50** trees.

**50** Tons of non-perishables  
collected for a food bank.



**50**  
Community hours given.



Create **50**  
bird feeders or  
bat boxes.

**50** Personal Achievement Badges or  
**50** OAS stages are earned.

**50** Hi-fives



Create  
**50**  
snow people.

Sing **50** songs  
throughout the year,  
learn some new  
ones as well.

Rake  
**50** bags  
of leaves.



**OR WHATEVER ELSE THEY CAN DREAM OF!**

# 50 ACTIVITIES

## THAT YOU CAN DO

IDEA / ACTIVITY	LINK / DESCRIPTION
1. Lava Lamps	<a href="#">Groovy Lava Lamps</a>
2. Time Capsule	Youth bring a sample (or picture) of something that is important to them. All items are put into a time capsule to be opened at some predetermined time. It may be great to do at the beginning of the year and open at the end of the year to see how much they have "grown".
3. Pin the Tail on a Beaver	A simple version of capture the flag(s). Beavers are each given a tail (2 foot strip of fabric) to tuck into the back of their pant waist. On "Go" Beavers try to steal each other's tails. Since Beavers is non-competitive, establish an end suitable for your section. This can be expanded to be shared with another section with its own set of rules/guidelines.
4. Fire Starters	<a href="#">It's Lit</a>
5. Cookies Please	<a href="#">Cookies, Please!</a>
6. Detective Training	Dress like a spy, make a secret agent ID badge, invisible ink messages, crack the code, crawl through a hallway of zigzagging lasers (red wool and glow sticks).
7. Beaver Snack	<a href="#">Snack Art</a>
8. Visit a local Pizza Shop	Arrange with a local pizzeria to host a colony to make their own personal pizza's and then enjoy eating them! During the session, the pizza owner can discuss interesting things about pizzas or the business of pizzas.
9. Relaxation Jars	<a href="#">Relaxation Jars</a>
10. Soap Curling	Using soap bars to use as curling rocks on a table.
11. Beaver Buggies	Create a <a href="#">fun Beaver rally</a> with Beaver Buggies.



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## IDEA / ACTIVITY

## LINK / DESCRIPTION

### 12. Bee Hotels

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### 13. Beaver Puzzle

Lay 10 popsicle sticks beside each other to create a surface. Get your favorite picture or diagram and glue it on top of all the sticks. Once dry, have an adult carefully cut apart each stick so that a portion of the image is on each stick. Mix them up and see if you can put the puzzle back together again. If you wanted to think bigger, use paint stirring sticks instead! (If there are many puzzles, we suggest colour coding the back to know which sticks belong together.)

### 14. Build a Dam

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### 15. Leather Craft

#### Bracelet

### 16. Winter Fun Day (or Half a Day)

Organize outdoor activities with a senior section to help "play".

### 17. Soap Carving

Use a half bar of soap per Beaver. Tool: get a popsicle stick or a orange peeler tool per Beaver. Learn some knife safety skills. Then use your tool as if it were a knife and carve out an animal in the soap. [Soap Carving for Kids/Beginners](#)  
[Soap Carving for Kids/Beginners2](#)

### 18. Dehydrate Food

Find someone with a food dehydrator. Pick out some different food, dehydrate them, then try them.

### 19. Ice Jewels

#### Winter Ice Jewels

### 20. First Aid Kits

Refer to the OAS requirements: band aids, alcohol wipes, gauze pad, gloves.

### 21. Birthday Cake or Treats

Plan a 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party.

#### Elephant Toothpaste

Volcano

### 22. Messy Experiments

Put a pile of baking soda on the baking sheet. Put a small amount of vinegar in the cup and add a drop or two of food coloring. Have your child use the spoon or eye dropper to drop (or just pour) a little vinegar solution onto a pile of baking soda and watch your volcano erupt!

### 23. Scavenger Hunt

Create a scavenger hunt with clues and items that can be found in your surroundings. Include things that they can also take pictures of.

### 24. Paracord Craft

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### 25. Snuggle with Puppies and Kitties

#### Shelter Visit

### 26. Beaver Word Search

Create a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary word search.



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<b>27.</b> Flat Beaver	Beavers draw a 2D version of themselves (a la Flat Stanley). The flat Beavers are then mailed to other Colonies around Canada to explore the new location. Colonies can add something to send along to the next Colony i.e. a Group Badge, postcard from their city, pins, Colony picture, etc.
<b>28.</b> Building or Breaking Things Apart	<a href="#">Break a Toy Apart</a>
<b>29.</b> Penpals Across the World	<a href="#">Postcards Around the World</a>
<b>30.</b> Window Sill Herbs	<a href="#">How to Grow Herbs Indoors</a>
<b>31.</b> Try an old Beaver Scout Game	<a href="#">Game</a>
<b>32.</b> Reusable Glowsticks	<a href="#">Glowsticks</a>
<b>33.</b> Glow-in-the-Dark Slime	<a href="#">Glow-in-the-Dark Slime</a> Option: Normal slime without the glow-in-the-dark additive
<b>34.</b> Snow Shoveling Fire Hydrants	Community project: Have your Beavers adopt a few (or many depending on area) fire hydrants for the winter, and shovel access from the road to them for easier access. <b>Note:</b> If a hydrant is located on private property, ensure you have permission to shovel. <b>Note 2:</b> Local dogs will thank you!
<b>35.</b> Food Drive	Contact your local food bank and inquiry what they are in need of. Advertise what items are needed and then do a drive for those needed items.
<b>36.</b> Community Clean Up	Organize the park clean up to be followed up with a meal and fun activities. Participate in a local clean-up program (or create your own) around your meeting place, community, or beach.
<b>37.</b> Community Gardens	<a href="#">Community Gardening</a>
<b>38.</b> Leaf Raking	Look and see where you can volunteer to rake leaves. Examples would be seniors in your neighborhood, your hall, local legion, etc. <b>Bonus:</b> Make this a linking event, and see if the Beavers can collect more bags than Cubs!



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<b>39.</b> Animal Rescue Quilts	Make quilts that can be <b>donated to your local animal shelter</b> . On a smaller scale, you could <b>make fleece or towel pillows</b> using the same technique as shown here.
<b>40.</b> Snow Shoveling—Mailboxes	Community project: Have your Beavers adopt a few (or many depending on area) community mailboxes for the winter, and shovel access from the road to them for easier access. <b>Note:</b> Local dogs will thank you!
<b>41.</b> Hospital/Retirement Home Singing	<b>Scouts Gives Back: Local Retirement Homes</b> Opportunity for linking with other sections!
<b>42.</b> Hospital/Retirement Home—Table Favours	<b>Scouts Gives Back: Local Retirement Homes</b>
<b>43.</b> Little Free Library	Do planning to come up with a plan to build a little free library to put in front of you meeting hall or a local center spot. Put a sign up to take a book or leave a book, borrow a book. Then do a book drive to supply the library. Here is <b>one link</b> that will give you ideas and information on little library.
<b>44.</b> Little Free Pantry	Build a little free pantry. Make a sign: "Take what you need, leave what you can".
<b>45.</b> Food Forest	Plant blueberry and raspberry bushes/canes in a local forest.  Perhaps your local conservation authority can assist with this. If doing this on your own, perhaps have parents join you. Make sure Scouters address safety etc.  There is also the Shoreline Cleanup (Oceanwise) who can assist. If there are really interesting finds, take picture and then post the photos on a board so youth can make a story of how that got there. Can and bottle finds can be recycled and "cashed in".  <b>Pollution/plastics—Shoreline Cleanup</b> <b>Worlds Largest Shoreline Cleanup</b>
<b>46.</b> Shoreline Cleanup	
<b>47.</b> Party Boxes for the Foodbank	Lodges create a birthday party in a bag for food banks or homeless shelters with the kits containing: a birthday cake mix, a tub of icing, candles, plates, napkins, a happy birthday banner, etc.
<b>48.</b> Plant Trees	<b>Seed to Saplings Challenge, From Seed to Sky</b>
<b>49.</b> Plant Flowers	<b>Seed Bombing</b>
<b>50.</b> Guided Tours	<b>Be a Local Tour Guide</b>

### Linking Opportunities:

Firstly, do not be shy to reach out to the older sections to help host the activities above.

1. Have Cubs create a scavenger hunt.
2. Troop create a special geocache for the Beavers to find.
3. Have any members of the older sections who were Beavers talk about what their favourite memories of Beavers are—if they have campfire blankets they can show off badges from camps and events.

**More Activities:** [Activity Finder](#)

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