



# 30 years of Beavers!

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**WOW!** Thirty years of Beavers in Canada. Did you know that last year we had over 29,000 Beavers and 6,000 colony leaders across the country? Our most popular program is a great place to share and start a lifetime adventure of Scouting.

But let's get down to the important part – the party! It's time to celebrate and have a blast with our Beavers.

With food and fun this might make a great activity to invite friends to join in the fun!

## A Cake Of Birthdays

*Materials:* a large bristol board with a birthday cake drawn on it; scissors; construction paper in thick strips; markers.

*What to do:* Give each Beaver a strip of construction paper, which will be her candle. Help each Beaver put her name, age and birthday on the candle, and then let Beavers decorate their candles as they would like. Leaders should also make a candle for themselves, and don't forget one

for B.-P.! Make slits in the "cake" so that all members can put their candles in the cake. Keep this poster up in your hall to remind everyone of the group's special days.

## Promise Tree

This is an idea that you can start now and work on through the year.

*Materials:* Sturdy paper, construction paper (cut into apple shapes).

*What to do:* Draw a large bare tree on sturdy paper and mount it to the wall. At each meeting, invite Beavers to tell the colony something they did during the week that related to their Promise, Law, or Motto. Each person who contributed then selects a cut-out fruit and prints his/her name on one side and a summary of the deed on the other side. The child then attaches his or her fruit to the Promise Tree. By the end of the year, the colony will have a visual record of all the things they have done to keep their Promise, Law and Motto.

## TRIED AND TRUE: Here are some great ideas from Beavers 25th Birthday

### Pop Up Birthday Cards

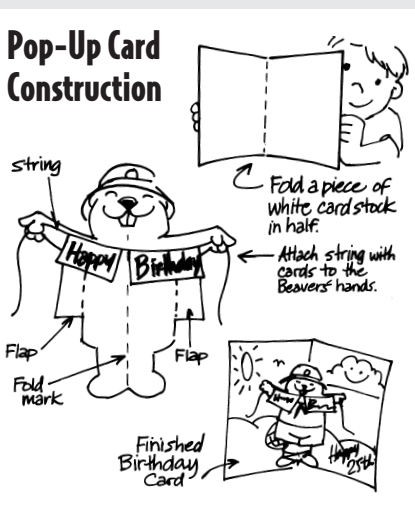
*Materials:* Construct pop-up birthday cards using heavy card stock, markers, string, glitter, googly eyes and construction paper.

*What to do:* Fold a piece of white card stock in half. On construction paper, get Beavers to draw out a Beaver figure holding his arms up triumphantly. Make sure two flaps extend from the bottom of the arms along the figure's body (see diagram). Cut out the figure with the flap. When finished, make a single cut down the inside of each arm along the flap. Fold the figure vertically down the middle.

Cut out two small pieces of paper and write the words "Happy" on one, and "Birthday" on the other. Glue these onto a piece of string and attach them to the hands of your figure.

Open the card up, center your Beaver figure in the card along the fold mark, and glue each flap in position. Let your Beavers colour in the rest of the card with a scene.

### Pop-Up Card Construction



### Find the Birthday Present

Place six bowls in the middle of a wide circle of Beavers. Under one of the bowls put a Beaver crest or other gift. Number each of your Beavers making sure that some of them have the same number. Hide the bowls while you 'shuffle' them around to hide the gift's position.

Call out a number. The Beaver who is called out jumps up and runs around the outside of the circle. When the child reaches the place where he sat, he runs into the center of the circle and gets to turn over one bowl to find the gift. If the Beaver finds the gift, he can keep it. If he doesn't find the gift, he gets to turn over another bowl, unless another person also had that number and found the gift. Before ending the game, make sure all children find a gift.

### Round and Round

Players form two equal circles placed fairly close together. One player in each circle begins passing a ball around the circle while all the others sing or chant: "Happy Birthday Beavers/Happy Birthday Beavers/Happy Birthday to you"! The Beaver holding the ball at the end of the verse joins the other circle and the game continues.

### Pin the Tail on the Beaver

Create a large drawing of a beaver. Tape it up to a wall or board. Make up some tails and tape to stick on a wall. Blindfold a Beaver and have them place the tail where they think it should go (the colony can give suggestions as well!).

### Cake!

Don't forget to get a birthday cake to celebrate Beavers' 30th birthday.

Have a great time celebrating!   
– Julian Celms is looking forward to cake as Director of Beavers, Cubs and Outdoors.