



Beavers Camp Craft

1. Help to put up a tent

Simple lightweight dome tents are great for this. Beavers should work in twos on each pole. And follow the instructions of the tent threading each pole into its sleeve. Each pair will need to be closely instructed so to not damage the tent.

2. Collect wood and help to build a fire

Get the beavers to look for wood in the forest using the below categories:

- Tinder - Dry grass, wire like twigs, cotton wool, ect.
- Kindling - thinnest twigs you can find. twigs thinner than your little finger.
- Finger sticks - sticks around the thickness of your index finger. (Should be longer than your arm)
- Large sticks - between the size of your finger and the size of your wrist.
- Logs - larger than your arm.

Remind them to pick up lots of sticks as fires are as hungry as beavers.

Set these out in piles of the above categories near where you will start the fire so you can get to them quickly. Using the collected wood, build a pyramid fire in the campfire circle.

3. Cook on a fire or barbeque

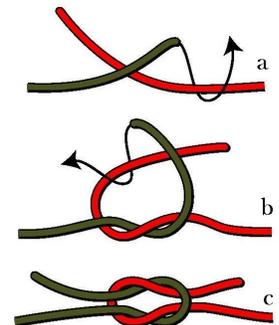
A great way to complete this requirement is to have smores, toasting marshmallows over a campfire or BBQ is really exciting and very tasty when sandwiched in chocolate digestives.

It's great for bringing your beavers together share stories of the day and reflect on what they have enjoyed.

4. Learn how to tie a reef knot.

Follow the pictures to teach (Helpful tips, mark the ends of the rope with different colour tape so they can tell where each end has gone or use 2 different colour ropes.)

Remember to explain what the knot is used for.



5. Take part in a small pioneering project

Using broom handles and sisal you can create a chariot, stretcher or catapult, if you'd like the plans of these let us know on your booking form and we can give you a sheet.

This can even be done with dowel or lollypop sticks and elastic bands.

6. Start your own camp blanket.

Why not start the beavers blanket with a Waylands campsite badge - there are five to choose from. Beaver blankets can be purchased from the scout store and cheap blankets can be found at most high street home stores.

7. Visit a Cub, Scout or Group camp

Cub and Scout district camps often occur over the may bank holidays at the site but your groups camps are happening across the year, why not speak to your GSL to find out when you can take your beavers to visit them. Or alternatively run a beaver camp of their own using the hut as a base - Beavers don't need other sections to camp.