

THEME: Farm

Outline

This programme encourages Beaver Scouts to think about life on the farm. For Beavers who do not live in the country a visit to a farm is very exciting, filled with lots of animals, farm machinery and perhaps the chance to bottle feed some lambs! Farm life for Beavers who live in the country can be far from idyllic – it can be hard work and sometimes very dangerous – your own additions to this programme could be included to emphasise some of the dangers to children on a farm. The Health and Safety Executive for NI dedicate an area of their website to Child Safety on Farms Campaign, visit www.hseni.gov.uk for support material.

This programme provides opportunities to complete activities from the Experiment and Healthy Eating Activity Badges.

Programme zone: Community		
Time (mins)	Activity	Equipment
5	Register, Opening Ceremony, Introduction	
5	GAME: Little Lamb's Tails <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Beavers place a 'tail' into the back of their trouser waistband.</i> ○ <i>They chase each other trying to grab as many tails as they can without losing their own tail!</i> 	Rope/plaited tights tails
5	GAME: Welly Boot Battle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Divide the Colony into teams at one end of the hall and give each team a welly boot.</i> ○ <i>In turn the Beavers throw the welly boot forwards (watch out for flying out of control wellies!!).</i> ○ <i>Record the distances of throws on the floor by marking with chalk or named post-it notes!!</i> 	Old Wellington boots Chalk/sticky post-its Pencil
10	ACTIVITY: Fantastic Farm Food <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Try to find healthy ingredients produced locally – Ormo or Irwin's bread, Cookstown ham, Coleraine cheese, local fruit & vegetables. ○ Give each Beaver Scout 2 slices of wholemeal bread; this should make 2 small different sandwiches. ○ Each Beaver should 'butter' with a small amount of spread and fill with choices of bright & colourful healthy fillings. ○ Encourage the Beavers to try fillings they have not eaten before – boiled egg, cress, red pepper/cream cheese, rocket, red apple!! 	Wholemeal bread, spread, selection of sandwich fillings, knives, plates
10	STORY: read a farm yard themed story <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tom's Tail by Linda Jennings and Tim Warnes published by Magi Publications ISBN 1-85430-279-5 ○ The Great Goat Chase by Tony Bonning and Sally Hobson published by Little Tiger Press ISBN 1-85430-600-6 ○ Woolly Jumpers by Nette Hilton published by Lothian Children's Books ISBN 0-73440-757-2 	Story
5	ACTIVITY: Build a Tractor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Divide the Colony into teams and give each team a dice. ○ The Beavers throw the dice in turn and try to build a tractor by collecting the pieces on the throw of the dice. ○ 1 – engine, 2 & 3 - wheels, 4 – cab, 5 – steering wheel, 6 – farmer!! 	Picture of a tractor cut into 6 numbered parts per team Dice

5	ACTIVITY: Pin the Tail on the Donkey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Play this old fashioned party favourite and see which Beaver can get the closest with the donkey's tail! 	Picture of a tail-less donkey Paper tail/blutack
10	ACTIVITY: Farmyard Sing-a-long! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sing some farmyard themed songs with lots of actions!! ○ Old Macdonald had a farm ○ Dingle Dangle Scarecrow ○ I went to visit a farm one day ○ John Brown's Tractor 	words
5	Closing, Home	

Other ideas: Visit a real farm, such as Streamvale Farm, Ballyhanwood Road, Dundonald www.sttramvale.com or the Ark Open Farm, Bangor Road, Newtownards www.thearkopenfarm.co.uk