



GLOBAL ISSUES ACTIVITY BADGE

Helping Beaver Scouts
discover the World



Beaver Global Issues Activity pack:

This activity pack has been developed to support you to deliver the Global Issues activity badge with the Beaver Colony. All four sections will need to be completed to achieve the award.

Every individual who undertakes a badge should face a similar degree of challenge. As a result some requirements may need to be adapted. It is acceptable to change some of the requirements of the badges to allow individuals to access the badge (for example, where there are additional needs, cultural issues or religious considerations to take into account). The requirements outlined for badges allow for some flexibility in order to obtain the badge.

For any assistance on how to adapt requirements, contact the Scout Information Centre: Info.centre@scouts.org.uk

For more programme ideas to support you with this and other awards, take a look at Programmes Online, www.scouts.org.uk/pol

At the back of this pack is a certificate which can be given to those who have achieved the badge. Further copies can be obtained from the print centre www.scouts.org.uk/brand



1. Keep a diary for a week, showing how you have recycled or saved energy at home

Climate change is a global issue which affects us all. Saving energy and recycling are two ways we can help to slow down the effects of climate change. Help your beaver. Help Beavers to understand the issue and help them understand their role in saving energy in the home.

Give each of the young people a copy of the diary entry (at the back of the pack) and discuss with them about energy and recycling in the home. After a week, ask them to bring their diaries to the colony meeting.

Beavers could draw images of the types of recycling or energy saving they have done, you could organise a trip to a local recycling centre to show them what happens to the rubbish they throw away.



2. Try different kinds of Fairtrade products. Talk about the benefits of Fairtrade in the world.

From Bananas to cotton and tea to gold, Fairtrade products vary however, an important principle is that Fairtrade is about improving the prices and conditions that farmers are given in production. You can find many Fairtrade products in your local supermarket. The Fairtrade foundation have lots of ideas and resources and you could even do this during Fairtrade fortnight which happens in February every year!

Fairtrade Recipe idea: Chocolate Bananas

A classic backwoods treat that you could also do at your meeting place; chocolate bananas are the ultimate sweet food that can be cooked on a fire or in an oven.

All you need to make one of these fantastic desserts is:

- 1 x Fairtrade banana
- 4 x cubs of Fairtrade chocolate (or as much as you want!)

- 1) Place your banana down and see which side sits flat.
- 2) Cut a slit in the side that is facing up. (*Adults may wish to support the beaver with sharp knives*)
- 3) Stuff it with a few chocolate buttons (or as many as you want!).
- 4) Wrap the banana in tin foil and leave in the embers of your fire. You could also place on a grill above the fire, or place in an oven in your meeting place.

Leave for two to five minutes. When the chocolate is melted, it is ready to eat. Provide as many bananas and packs of chocolate buttons as you need, depending on how many Beavers are in the Colony. Whilst waiting for the bananas you could discuss with the Beavers what the word fair means to them, has anything unfair happened to them? How did it make them feel?

3. Create a 'zoo' of endangered animals. Find out why they are endangered. You might include pandas, South China tigers, black rhinos, Sumatran orang-utans, Amur leopards, vaquitas or Hawksbill Turtles.

Things you need: Paper, Pens, Paper plates, String/Elastic, Craft materials, pictures of animals, scissors

Take a look around and find out about some endangered animals across the UK and wider world. You could ask the Beavers about animals they think are endangered and why they are endangered. Beavers could make a mask of their favourite endangered animal and ask them to identify where in the world the animal lives.

How to make an animal mask:

- 1) Using paper plates, cut eye and mouth holes for the mask
- 2) Ask the Beavers, using a creative method that could be painting, colouring, collage to make a mask of their favourite animals
- 3) Attach the elastic to the mask
- 4) Beavers should then group up as their animals – you could play a variation of North, South, East, West of where in the world (the continents) the animals are from or types of animals – mammals, amphibians etc



There are many ways in which this activity can be delivered, and this is one idea, you could use other creative methods such as drama, speech or other creative methods. You can check out the World Wildlife Fund, RSPB or National Geographic for more ideas around endangered animals. You could also get in touch with your local Wildlife Trust and find out about endangered animals in your local community.

4. Use a soft drinks bottle to create a water filter using sand and pebbles. Talk about the problems some people have finding clean and safe drinking water.

Access to clean drinking water is a challenge in many parts of the world. You can have a go at making a simple water filter by following the instructions below:

You will need:

2 litre plastic bottle, Napkins, Gravel and Sand, Water, Oil, Mud, Cotton Wool

- 1) Cut the plastic bottle in half
- 2) Put the top half of the plastic bottle (the end with the bottle top) upside-down (like a funnel) inside the bottom half. The top half will be where you build your filter; the bottom half will hold the water.
- 3) Layer the filter materials inside the top half of the bottle. Think about what each material might remove from your dirty water and in what order you should layer the materials. - For an added challenge, use only two of the materials to build your filter.
- 4) Pour the dirty water through the filter. What does the filtered water look like?
- 5) - Wipe the bottle clean and try again. Try putting materials in different layers or using different materials.

Want more ideas for global issues and water? Check out the Million Hands water programme resources for more ideas and activities to do with the Colony

Please ensure that no members of the Colony attempt to drink the water. While this basic style of filter can be a great survival technique in certain areas, we'd never recommend you drink the water - there is still the risk you may become ill

Complete the diary and return to your Beaver Leader

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

Notes:

WELL DONE

This is to certify that

was awarded the

Global Issues activity badge

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