Otter Meetings

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Otters have short attention spans and like to run around, so meetings should be kept engaging and lively. We have compiled a database of Otter Meeting agendas that can be used and modified to fit your group's needs, which can be found toward the bottom of this page.

If you are looking for a suggested list of meetings to get through all the badge requirements, you can find that here: Swimming Otter in 24 Meetings

General Meeting Structure

Otter Meetings will generally be somewhere between 90 minutes and 2 hours. The general structure of a meeting is as follows:

- Opening Ceremony
- Warm Up Game
- Activity 1
- Snack and Story
- Steam Off Game
- Activity 2
- Closing Ceremony

Obviously the exact structure will vary depending on what the activities are. If you scroll down to the meeting agendas section on this page, you can search meeting ideas by badge requirement.

Opening and Closing Ceremonies

When starting an Otter meeting, you have a few options. You could sing “Otters on a Cedar Log”, review the motto, law, or promise, or begin with the Otter Invocation:

Playful Master of the element of Water,
Please teach me to swim joyfully through life.
As you leap and dive and slide,
May I also remember that play is essential to survival.
Help me take pleasure in sharing and receiving,
At ease with the world’s abundance.
Help me to move with quickness and grace,
Adapting to any environment.
Help me to remain curious,
Ever seeking new perspectives and experiences,

Open to love and laughter and all the mysteries
Above and below the surface of my life.

At the closing of your meetings, you could have the Otters share something they learned that day. Your closing circle is a good time to award badges and recognize achievements. Many groups like to end with a song, either Scout Taps, Scout Vespers, or an alternative like Make New Friends. If you would like to do some sort of spoken closing, you could use the Otter closing:

Thank you, friends, for this day
For my family, and for my play.
Thank you for the good things to eat,
For eyes and ears, and hands and feet.
Thank you friends for all you do
And, I will try to help you, too

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Otter Opening Cheat Sheets

Otter Closing Cheat Sheets

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