Where Do Your Relatives Live?

BIG BROWN BEAVER'S LODGE Citizenship

The Adventure:

Can you find where your relatives live if you look on a map? Perhaps they live close by, or they might live very far away—even somewhere across the ocean!

With the other Beaver Scouts in your Lodge, use a map to mark where your relatives live. You can use a map of your community, your province, Canada or even the world.

Now pretend that the floor is a bigger version of the map, divided into quarters (four equal squares). Your Colony's Pond is right in the middle. Pick your relatives who live farthest away, and go stand in the corner where they live.

Pass a dodgeball from Beaver to Beaver, calling out the name of the friend you are passing the ball to. When you catch the ball, tell everyone the name of the relative and the place where they live (the place where you imagine you are standing), and then pass the ball to another friend.

Pass the ball until everyone has touched it.

Plan:

- What do you need for this Adventure?
- Do you know where some of your relatives live? How can you find out?
- What could you use to help you imagine that the floor is a bigger version of the map?

Do:

- Mark the homes of your relatives on the map.
- Imagine the floor as the map, and find your place on it.
 Pass the ball to discover where everyone's relatives come from.

For Scouters:

Use the walls and any lines on the floor of your meeting hall to help the Beavers imagine the floor as the map. You can use pylons as landmarks (like major cities or nearby towns, depending on the scale of your map). Help the Beavers to find their place on the map if they need a hand.

Safety note:

How can you be sure that your friend is ready to catch the ball before you pass it?



- What do you know now that you did not know before?
- Who has relatives from very far away?
- Whose family lives close by?
- What did you learn about where Beaver Scout relatives live?
- What made it easy to pass the ball to some friends, and harder to pass to others?

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