Example ceremonies

Ceremony name	Action	Ceremony explanation
Build a dam	Everyone holds hands and makes a large circle.	A leader may call this out during a 'gather logs' ceremony. Beavers hold hands and form the biggest circle they can around their leader. This represents beavers travelling out as far as they can to gather logs and sticks to build the lodge.
Log Chew	Everyone sits down in a big circle and pretends to chew on a log.	A Log Chew is a chance for Beavers to talk about all sorts of things. They're often used to talk about important topics such as which activities people have enjoyed most, or what they'd like to do in the future. They could also be about friends, school, or anything else. The important thing is that everyone is able to have a say.
Tail slap	Everyone claps their hands behind their back.	A tail slap can be a way to applaud an achievement such as earning a badge. It can also announce the start of end of a meeting.
Lodges	Everyone should group together in their Lodges (if you don't have Lodges, people could just get into small groups instead).	Lodges are small groups. They help people make friends, and give people the chance to work together as a team
River banks	Everyone should get into two parallel lines that face each other.	This is another way for Beavers to gather – they usually get in a circle (build a dam) or these lines (river banks).
Scout sign	Everyone should hold their right hand at shoulder height and use their thumb to bend down their little finger.	This is used whenever someone makes or renews their Scout Promise. The three fingers represent the three main parts of the Promise, and the circle between the thumb and little finger represents the worldwide family of Scouts.
Motto	Everyone should call out 'Be prepared'.	Baden-Powell chose this Scout motto.
Handshake	Everyone should shake hands with someone using their left hand.	Scouts all over the world greet each other with a left-handed handshake. It's a sign of trust and friendship.

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