

Lesson Plan Template

Lesson Title: Lodge for Sale! Beavers at Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore

Overview: In this post-visit activity, students will create a for-sale flyer of a beaver lodge.

Grade Level: 1st

Duration: 1 class period

Learning Objectives: After completing this post-visit activity, students will be able to:

- describe why Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore provides a good home for beavers
- explain the purpose of a beaver lodge and identify it as a type of shelter
- list materials beavers use to construct their lodges
- understand where lodges are located
- draw a picture of the inside and the outside of a beaver lodge

National Standards/Content Expectations: Michigan State standards L.OL.E.1, L.OL.01.13

Background Information: Basic information, the overview, key concepts/skills

This is a post-visit activity to be conducted after students attend the ranger-led beaver hike at Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore.

Materials/Resources: For Sale Flyer template (provided), Word Bank (provided), colored pencils or crayons

Procedure:

After visiting Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore and attending the ranger-led beaver hike, you can complete this post-visit activity in order to reinforce and/or assess what the students have learned.

Explain that students will be creating a for-sale flyer for a beaver lodge. They will be drawing/coloring a picture of the inside and outside of the lodge, explaining the purpose of the lodge, describing the materials used to construct the lodge, and stating where the lodge is located. A word bank is provided.

Students can use this template to create their flyer or the teacher may elect to have students design their own templates.

Assessment/Evaluation: This activity can be used as an assessment tool.

Attachments:



Lodge for Sale!

A lodge is...

Why is Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore a good place for beavers to live?

Use the word bank to help you answer the following questions.

Where is the lodge?

What did I use to build my lodge?

How do I get into my lodge?

The best thing about my lodge is that it...

Home, Sweet Home! A drawing of the inside and outside of my lodge and the surrounding area.

Word Bank

sticks

mud

pond

dam

rocks

trees

tunnel

above ground

underwater

warm

dry

safe

shelter

food

water

protection