



Joey Mob Program Planner

Attendance:

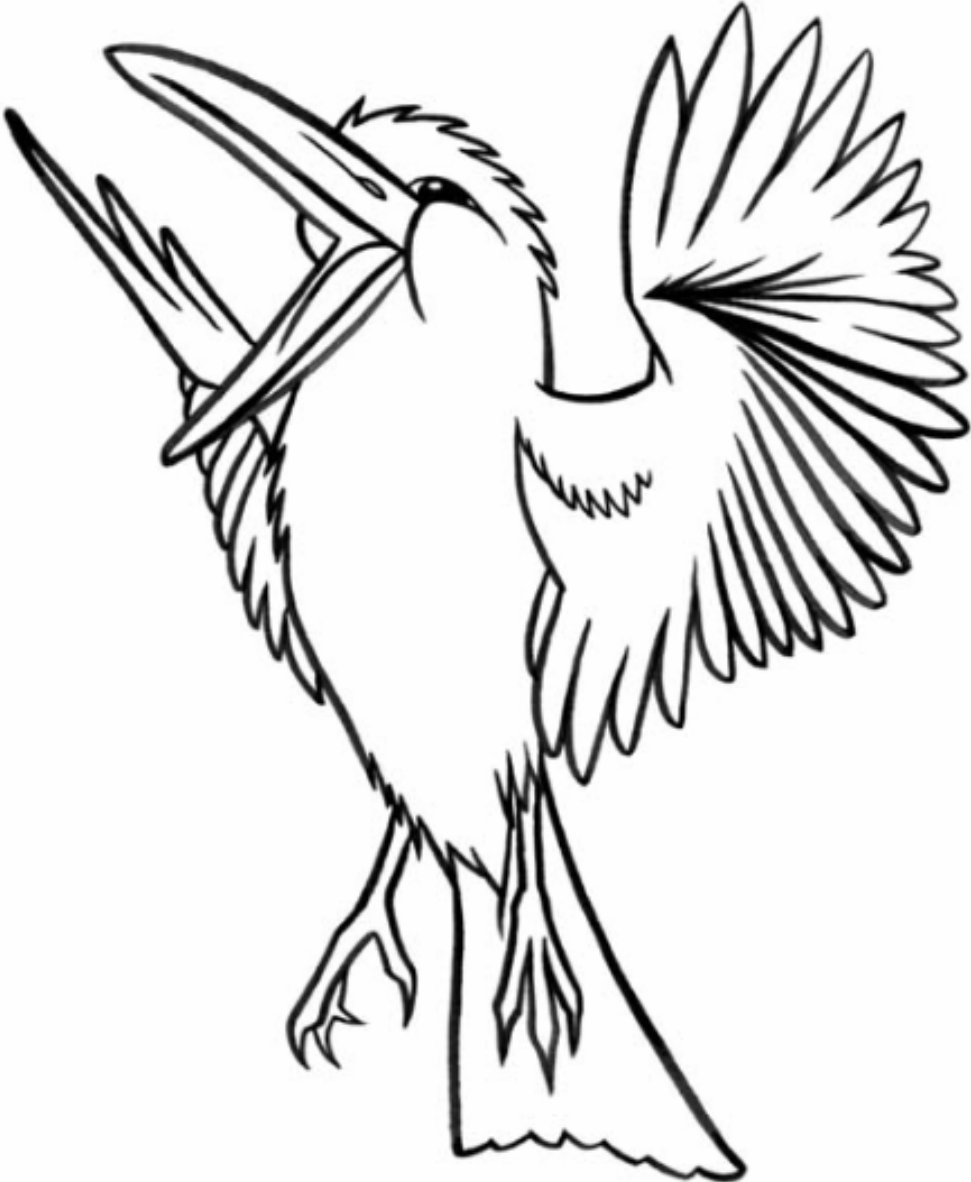
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Attendees / Total

Theme	Kookaburra	Meeting		Date	
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Time	Activity	Leader	Equipment Required etc.
5.00	Opening Parade –Promise		Flag
5.05	Game- Fill the Nest		Ball of news paper
5.10	Game - Plate of feathers		Paper plates, feathers
5.15	Story -How the Kookaburra got it laugh		Story sheet
5.20	Craft -Kookaburra Masks		Mask template, hat elastic or shearing elastic
5.25	Game- Kookaburra help		Nil
5.30	Game -Protect the chick		Nil
5.35	Song- Kookaburra song		Words to song
5.40	Kookaburra's Lunch Relay		Lolly snakes, chop sticks or straws
5.50	Kookaburra Laughing Competition		Nil
6.00	Closing Parade – Joey Scout Law		Flag

General Comments
<p>Coming In Activity – Colour the Kookaburra</p>



Game –Fill the Nest

Equipment- Newspaper sheets rolled up. This is the food.

Scatter the food throughout the hall

Make a central nest with a Joey Leader or Parent standing inside

To Play

On the word Go, the Joey Scout must gather up the food and take it back to the nest. They can only pick up one piece of food at a time.

The person in the nest needs to throw out the food as quickly as possible.

Game ends when the gathers have successfully filled the nest with Kookaburra food.

Game – Plate of Feathers

Equipment –Paper plates and four feathers per plate.

Form the Joey Scouts into teams.

On the word Go the first person in each team runs to the end of the hall holding the plate with the feathers on it. If the Joey Scout loses a feather they must stop and pick it up then resume the race.

First team to finish sits down.

Game – Kookaburra help

Equipment: Nil

Choose one or two Joey Scouts (depending on Mob size) to be It.

The rest of the mob are Kookaburras. The kookaburras run or flap around the hall. The “its” tag the Kookaburras. When a Kookaburra is tag they must stand still laughing like a Kookaburra until another Kookaburra touches them.

Game- Protect the chick

Equipment: Nil

Line all the Joey Scouts up with their hands on the hips of the person in front. A Leader or parent stands in front facing the Joey Scouts. The Joey Scout on the end of the line is the baby chick and must be protected.

On go the Leader/Parent tries to tag the baby chick, the Joey Scouts need to keep their line moving to stop the chick being tagged.

Song –Kookaburra Sits on an old Gum Tree

Kookaburra sits on the old gum tree

Merry merry king of the bush is he

Laugh Kookaburra, laugh Kookaburra

Gay your life must be

Kookaburra sits on the old gum tree

Eating all the gumdrops he can see

Stop Kookaburra, stop Kookaburra

Leave some gums for me

Kookaburra sits on the old gum tree

Counting all the monkeys he can see

Stop Kookaburra, stop Kookaburra

That's no monkey, that's ME!!!

Game-Kookaburra's Lunch Relay

Equipment: Lolly Snakes, chopsticks or straws, plate

Lolly snakes on a plate at one end of the hall.

Form the Joey Scouts into one line. On command go the first Joey scout runs down and tries to pick up a snake using chopsticks as beaks.

Joey scout then runs back to their team and if successful, eat their snakes.

Kookaburra Laughing Competition

Equipment: Nil

Who can laugh the loudest, the funniest, or the longest?

Can they stop laughing? It is hard to stop once you start.

How the Kookaburra got it's laugh

Long ago when the Earth was new and filled with dreams and promise, Kookaburra lived in a land far from Australia. He was the wisest of all the creatures, more wise even than Owl.

It was a serious life for Kookaburra; everyday he would sit high up in a tall tree speaking to the other creatures about matters of great importance, and every night he would be busy thinking clever thoughts.

One night while looking at the stars and thinking deeply, Kookaburra had a thought, which was he thought, the cleverest thought he had ever thought, "There must be many other creatures in the world who are in need of my great wisdom. It is not fair of me to sit in my comfortable tree day after day when there are so many who need me? I must go to them and the sooner the better!"

With his mind made up, he closed his eyes to sleep, then as the golden rays of morning touched the highest branches of his favourite tree, he took flight.

Kookaburra flew for many weeks flying over vast sandy deserts, snow capped mountains and thick green jungles, he passed over rivers both big and small and flew across great oceans, until finally he came to a land like no other he had ever seen.

Kookaburra's eyes filled with the beauty of this new land. It was coloured a deep red with sparkling blue rivers criss-crossing it like giant blue snakes and trees covered in thick golden blossom.

Kookaburra came to rest in a giant Wattle tree in the middle of the bush. "Mmmmm" thought Kookaburra, "Perfect!"

He rested a while then went to visit each of the animals, telling them that he, 'The wise Kookaburra' had come to their land and would speak to them about himself and other important matters. He told them they must all gather around the great Wattle tree in the middle of the bush just after sunrise the following morning.

Well satisfied, he flew back to his tree and spent the rest of the day thinking long and hard about what he would say to them.

The next morning Kookaburra preened his feathers while waiting for the animals to reach his tree.

He looked down on them in silence for a long while, then finally he shook himself, took a deep breath and opened his beak to speak, but instead of his usual dignified voice the sound which came out was a loud raucous laugh. Kookaburra coughed and tried again. Once more instead of the words of wisdom he had meant to say all that could be heard was the sound of loud cackling laughter.

Pollen from the great Wattle tree was tickling his throat and it was this which had stolen his beautiful voice. Kookaburra was angry for a moment. The other animals began to chuckle quietly and as Kookaburra tried to speak for the third time, all of the animals started to laugh out loud, they laughed and laughed until every corner of the Australian bush was filled with the sound of laughter. Kookaburra looked down at the laughing animals then laughed again, this time he laughed because he was happy. At that moment he decided to make Australia his home, where every morning and every evening his laughter can be heard throughout the land.

Being the wisest of all creatures, Kookaburra came to realise the most important thing in the world was making others happy.

Aboriginal Dreamtime story

Retold by 'Yowie' (Jennifer T) February 1999

Kookaburra Mask

Equipment: Mask template Photocopied on to light cardboard, Hat or shearing elastic, coloured pencils, scissors.

