

What's the big idea

This adventure is all about tracking and the skills of observation and the creation of a secret code of signs that only the Beaver Scouts know. The adventure will ideally be an outdoor trail in the local woods or a more prolonged venture across open countryside. Drag trails are also good or following 'track' shoes. The Beaver Scouts need to know all the usual tracking signs and can invent some of their own as well. Observation is a key skill and needs to be practiced.

The 'tribe' have special signs that are used to communicate to different warrior lodges the way to go within the forest. These trail signs are closely guarded secrets so that other tribes cannot follow or know what the signs mean.



Tracking



Ideas on what to do

Plan

With the Lodge go outside and see if they can find footprints anywhere around the area. Ask them what the footprints tell about the person? Is it a big print or a small print? Ask if they know of other signs people leave behind?

Do

Look at tracking signs try to set one or two straight forward signs. Keep it as simple as possible and only look at basic arrow signs like straight ahead, over obstacle, turn left/right. Try expanding this that one Lodge tries to track another by the signs that the first one leaves.

Review

At the end of the trail see can the Beaver Scouts remember all the tracking signs in the reverse order and can they remember what they meant? Did they use the memory bags?

Comments

Find out about the tracks you leave behind you then look at what tracks wild animals leave, try to find some of these tracks in the woods.

Resources

Twigs stones. Scouting Trail