

Tracking Signs for Beaver Scouts



The Activity:

Create a tracking sign trail in Lodges for others to follow.

The Beaver Scout Trail

Bree: Understand why we might use tracking signs during an outdoor activity

Ruarc: Recall the meaning of some basic tracking signs.

Conn: Teach younger Beaver Scouts simple tracking signs.

Whose talents can help with this activity

Fionn: Explore how others communicate.

Star: Be an active participant in a small group.



Plan

Tracking Signs

Tracking signs are a great way to communicate to other groups on an outdoor adventure! Simply by laying down sticks or rocks in a particular way, we can tell others which direction we've gone, what dangers are ahead and when we've gone home.

Planning: Log Chew

Can anybody think of a way we can communicate a message without using our voice?

Who has made tracking signs before?

We use a tracking sign as a symbol for Beaver Scouts! Can anybody spot this sign on their uniform or around them?

Can the more experienced Beaver Scouts teach the younger Beaver Scouts some simple signs?

Where can we practise our tracking signs when we've all got the basics? Where would have lots of sticks and rocks?

Can the Fox Lodge help?

How can Fionn help us?

He likes to communicate in lots of different ways. For this activity, you don't have to have the loudest voice to communicate the best!

How can Star help us?

She loves working with her Lodge. This activity is perfect for completing in Lodges- the younger Beaver Scouts can learn a lot from the older Beaver Scouts and can put into practice what they've learned!

Plan

Use this space to map a tracking sign trail around your Den!

Do

- Practise our tracking signs at a Beaver Scout meeting using sticks or rocks in Lodges. Perhaps use a print-out or *The Scouting Trail* as a guide to what different signs mean. Let the older Beaver Scouts test our knowledge.
- Can we make a life-size tracking sign out of BEAVER SCOUTS?! Can the other Lodges guess what sign we represent?
- On our outing, choose a route to take with our Lodge. Use the buddy system when walking in our Lodges.



- Lay down the tracking signs with our Lodge. Everyone can have a turn creating a sign!



- Swap with another Lodge when finished. We follow the other Lodge's trail and they follow ours. Will there be a prize if the Lodge follows the trail successfully?

Review



Lodge Chew: How did the Fox Lodge help us achieve our Beaver Trail badges?



Fionn helps us explore how others communicate.

Bree: What are some ways in which people can communicate without using their voice?

Ruarc: Was the tracking sign trail an easy way to communicate to another Lodge? How so?

Conn: Why was it important to practice the tracking signs before our outing so that everyone knew them? Would might have happened if some Beaver Scouts didn't know what to do?



Star helps us become active participants in small groups.

Bree: Did the older Beaver Scouts teach us how to do some simple tracking signs?

Ruarc: Did everyone in our Lodge get to participate fully in the tracking sign trail?

Conn: Did our younger Beaver Scouts get to put their new knowledge into practice? Was it an enjoyable experience to teach them?

Let's get out the trail map and colour in some dots!

Review

What tracking signs did you use on the trail?
What do they mean?