

Talking Stick

It's important to ensure that everyone has a say in a good review, and that everyone's opinion is heard. A great way to do this is to use the talking stick activity. This is a review activity that helps the more talkative Cub Scouts practice listening, and helps the quieter Cub Scouts practice speaking up.



The talking stick activity is simple: only the person holding the talking stick speaks, while everybody else listens. There are a few ways to make sure that this will be successful. First of all, encourage the Cubs to reflect positively. They should share thoughts on what parts of an activity they enjoyed, and use only constructive criticism if they have any negative thoughts.

Secondly, one or two senior Cubs should be the first to share their thoughts. They can break the ice with a

good example for the other Cubs. The Scouters should be the last to contribute their thoughts.

Finally, take advantage of an appropriate moment for this review, for example, an evening campfire is a good time.

Resources

A **'talking stick'**. This can be a weird stick or a cool rock found lying on the ground, or it could be a stick that's more ceremonial—something carved or painted and used at every talking stick activity.