The Adventure:
Talking, listening and understanding can be really hard sometimes. Practise these skills by giving instructions to guide a blindfolded Beaver Scout through a field of obstacles.

Plan:
• As a Lodge, decide what you will use as obstacles. Use something that will move if the blindfolded Beaver walks into it, so that he or she will not trip.
• What will be the boundaries for the obstacle field?
• How will you take turns being the blindfolded Beaver and the Beaver who gives instructions?

Do:
• Set up your obstacle field.
• Take turns being the blindfolded Beaver and the guiding Beaver.

Review:
• Who was the best at giving instructions? What made them successful?
• Which was harder, giving instructions or being blindfolded? Why?
• What happened when Beavers didn’t listen to the instructions?
• What do you know now that you did not know before?
• How did your Lodge make sure that everybody had a turn in both roles?
• What would you do differently next time?
• How can we build on this Adventure?

Online Resources:
• Blindfold Obstacle Course
• How a Blind Man Sees With Sound

Safety Note:
• How will you set up clear borders for your field of obstacles? The blindfolded Beaver is not allowed to leave the field. The borders should be set several big steps away from any walls.
• The blindfolded Beaver must walk slowly or crawl. No running!
• Remember—everybody must be quiet except for the Beaver giving instructions.