The Adventure:

Plan-Do-Review is how we make great adventures happen in Scouting. The last step is just as important as the first one, because reviewing what we have done helps to make things even better the next time!

You should take the time to review your adventures as the seasons change. This will help you to see what worked over the past few months, and to change some things that did not work as well. To review the past season, your Colony or Lodge might sit together and talk about what you enjoyed, what you learned and how you might do things another way next time.

Your review does not always have to be a simple conversation. You can make it a bit of a game. “Roses and Thorns” is a review where every Beaver Scout shares what did not work very well—a “thorn”—and what was a lot of fun—a “rose”. To take it a step further, think about what you learned from each thorn and each rose that is shared.

Plan:

- Can you remember all of the adventures that your Colony shared over the past season?
- When and where will you share this review?
- Does anyone have an idea to share that might make the review more fun and effective?

Do:

- Review your season using “Roses and Thorns”. Every Beaver should contribute a thorn and a rose to the review. It is okay to repeat what another Beaver said as your own thorn or rose.

Review:

- We don’t usually review a review, but when your Colony tries a different way of doing things, it can be a good idea to see if you want to do it again some time.

Safety note:

Be polite when sharing “thorns”. Remember that something you did not like might be someone else’s idea. Other Beaver Scouts might have enjoyed that adventure a lot. Be honest, but do not hurt anyone’s feelings.

Online Resources:

- Roses and Thorns
- Beaver Scout Planning Template
- Program Quality Standards
- Pond Map
- Using the Pond Map