

SCOUTS YLT

Message Received?

RED COAT TRAIL

Leadership: Communication



The Adventure:

In Patrols, write instructions for a few simple tasks. There should be enough tasks for half the Scouts in your Patrol. Tasks should only take a moment to complete—for example, “Shake hands with a friend.” Put your Patrol’s tasks in envelopes and put them in a stack, and add more empty envelopes for the remaining members of your Patrol.

Get together in a larger group and shuffle all of the envelopes. Select three Scouts from the whole group to hand out envelopes to the other Scouts. When the envelopes have been received, open them up and follow the instructions. Reward those who do with a pat on the back!

Plan:

- How will you choose who gets the memo and who doesn’t?

Do:

- Distribute the envelopes.
- Follow the instructions for your simple task.

Review:

- What do you know now that you did not know before?
- For those who didn’t get the memo, how did that feel?
- What are some examples of not getting the memo in real life at Scouts?
- How can you make sure that everyone gets the memo when you have information to share?

Safety Note:

- How can you ensure the activities you assign are safe?
- What hazards, if any, are there to be aware of where you’re doing this activity?

