

Beaver Scouts (6-8 years old) - Leader Notes - Voting

Objectives

- To be able to understand what a vote is and why it is important to vote.
- Understand this better by participating in a series of voting activities.

Requirement 1:

With help from an adult explore the local council building and the National Assembly building and create a representation of one or the other.

To help:

Arrange a visit to the Senedd (National Assembly building) using our website. Click [here](#) for relevant webpage.

Requirement 2:

At a Colony Log Chew, discuss voting and take part in a Colony secret poll, with appropriate discussion and debate.

Resources (provided by the National Assembly for Wales electronically)

- PowerPoint presentation for voting discussion (optional)
- 5 manifesto promises sheet (for use with option 1 below)
- YES/NO signs (for use with option 1 below)
- Ballot paper template (for use with option 2 below)

Introduction

Leader to introduce the following to encourage discussion about voting. PowerPoint presentation for voting discussion (optional)

- What is a vote? - People express opinions on something.
- When do people vote? - Debates, School Councils, Elections, reality TV programmes.
- How do people vote? - Phone call, texts, verbally, show of hands, ballot papers, pressing a button, voting cards.



2 activity options

Option 1

- Ask two leaders/volunteers to draw a list of 5 promises (things they promise to do to be a good leader/volunteer). Make sure some are definite winners and others are ones they definitely won't vote for.
- Set up a YES / NO wall in the room.
- Ask the leaders/volunteers to read out their list of promises. After each has read out their list ask the Colony to vote YES or NO for each leader/volunteer.
- Add up the votes for each to declare one leader/volunteer the winner.

Option 2

- Set up a table with 4 bowls. Each bowl containing different flavour crisps, different types of chewy sweets, different types of chocolate for example.
- Explain to the Scouts that they are to go and have a taste from each bowl.
- Once they have tasted ask them to sit down and think of which one was the best and should be the 'Official Colony Log Chew Snack'.
- In a corner of the room set up a table with a ballot box and ballot papers.
- Ask each individual to go up and vote for their favourite snack.
- Add up the votes and reveal the results. How do they feel?

