

## **Hints for Working with a Group**

*Here are some helpful hints for working with a patrol or group while teaching a skill.*

1. Tell them what you expect to accomplish during the teaching session. Explain the learning objectives and what how they will benefit.
2. Keep the group size manageable. If you have a large group, break into smaller groups periodically during the session. This helps you maintain control and encourages everyone to be involved.
3. Arrange your group for eye-eye contact and establish yourself as the leader. See the “Hints for Handling a Group” for more information about maintaining control and order.
4. Use a variety of training aides and visuals. Use the Scout Handbook in advance to prepare for your teaching session. Don’t use it as a crutch during the session. Show them the same information in the handbook in a different format to keep their attention.
5. Respect other people and their opinions. Give them an opportunity to speak.
6. Express friendliness and understanding. Avoid being aloof and self-centered. Nobody likes a “Know it All”.
7. Learn to ask questions to get feedback on how well they are learning.
8. Encourage group discussion.