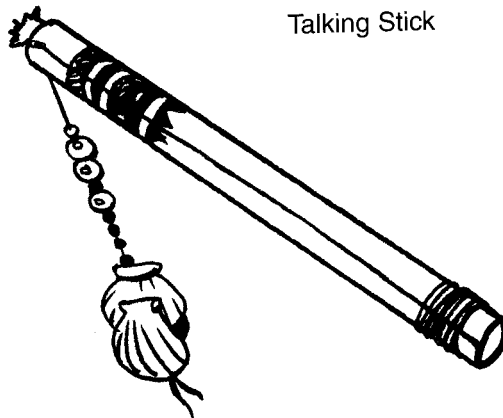


Talking Stick

Give each boy a chance to participate in discussions with the den.



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To encourage boys to speak one at a time and to listen carefully you might try using the "Talking Stick". This is an American Indian tradition. Only the person holding the stick is allowed to speak and everyone else must listen respectfully and not interrupt.

You can make a talking stick out of anything you want, a small tree branch, a wooden dowel, a broomstick handle, etc. Have the boys decorate it with paints, markers, stickers, and hang beads, feathers, shells from leather or suede laces. Make it special for your den only.