

Building Consensus: Fist-to-Five

With this activity the girls work together to come to agreements. It may be awkward at first but with some practice it becomes a great girl led way for your troop to make decisions. Explain to the girls what consensus means and why it is important that a team tries to agree on what it is doing and that each girl feels like her viewpoint is being heard and no one has been ignored. (from Junior Agent of Change Journey - Girl Book page 37)



A closed fist means "Complete Disagreement."

A pinky finger extended with other fingers closed means "Needs to discuss the issue further."

2 fingers extended means "Still not ready to agree, but let's talk more."

3 fingers extended means "I can live with it."

4 fingers extended means "It's a good idea."

All fingers extended means "It's great - I want to lead this!"



When discussing an issue the speaker expresses her opinion and the others use their fingers to show their level of agreement. As the discussion moves forward some girls may excitedly agree while other compromise.