Keenness

The Woodcraft Folk
Forword

Keenness is the first of three badges designed to foster a sense of belonging to, and understanding of, Woodcraft Folk. All three badges include some requirement for attendance at group nights and camps. Keenness is meant to be a gentle introduction to being a Pioneer that everyone should get quite quickly after starting.

Learning Objectives

- To become a member of their Pioneer group.
- To develop a love of camping the Woodcraft way.
- To know and understand the Pioneer Law.
- To develop a feeling of belonging to Woodcraft Folk.

Tests

1) To have attended six Pioneer group nights.
2) To have attended one camp as a Pioneer.
3) To be able to recite and explain the Pioneer Law.
4) To own a piece of Woodcraft Folk costume.
5) For Pioneers who are new to Woodcraft Folk: To recognise the Woodcraft Folk symbol and know the 'Woodcraft' 'Folk' call.
Activities

• **The Pioneer Law:**
The Pioneer Law is a short and simple way of introducing a Pioneer to the basics of Woodcraft Folk. It's four short phrases convey a sense of determination, cooperation care for others, a love of nature and a commitment to live by Woodcraft Folk's values.

As this is a meant as a gentle introduction rather than a test as such, this can be done in groups. Divide the Pioneers into four equal groups and hand each group a sheet with the Pioneer Law on it. There is a sheet at the end of this resource pack that you can use. Designate one line for each group and ask them to think about what it means. Then ask each group to:

a) perform a short sketch showing what the line means. These don't need to be more than a minute or so long. Encourage the group to be creative and come up with their own way of explaining what it means to them.

b) create a poster showing what the line means to them. This could be a simple drawing, or you could be more ambitious and make a collage or a mosaic.

Once everyone is ready get the Pioneers back together and ask each group to perform or show their poster to the others. After each one get the group to briefly discuss the meanings and check they understand.
Pioneer Law

Be Strong!
In mind, body and spirit:
- stand up for what you believe in
- don't give in because it's hard

Live Kindly!
Treat others the way you would like them to treat you:
- help all those who need it
- show everyone the respect you would like to be shown to you

Love the Sun!
And being outdoors with nature:
- learn about nature
- enjoy being outside, especially away from cars and buildings
- protect nature as much as we can

And Follow the Trail!
- live by the values that Woodcraft Folk teaches you