



# EDGE METHOD TIP SHEET

## THERE'S NO LEARNING WITHOUT DOING

Use Scouting's EDGE Method to make your instruction powerful and effective.

*"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn."*  
- Benjamin Franklin

STEP	DESCRIPTION
<b>EXPLAIN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Talk about what you will be doing</li><li>✓ Talk about why it's important</li><li>✓ Use visual aids help understanding</li></ul>
<b>DEMONSTRATE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Show them what it looks like when done correctly</li><li>✓ Talk through the process as you go</li><li>✓ Help them to understand what "right" looks like</li></ul>
<b>GUIDE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Give them the tools and let them try</li><li>✓ Talk them through step by step</li><li>✓ Be patient, it may take several repetitions</li></ul>
<b>ENABLE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Have them do it on their own</li><li>✓ Let them demonstrate the ability to do the skill</li></ul>

### EXPLAIN

- Tie the skill to the larger purpose: "Why is it important to learn this?"
- Share examples of someone who benefited from the skill; short stories are powerful
- Use visual aids like pictures, diagrams, videos; test your tools ahead of time

### DEMONSTRATE

- Show at full speed the first time so they can see what they are shooting for
- It's easier if you have someone else demonstrate, while you talk it through; rehearse!
- Break the process into simple, easy to understand steps

### GUIDE

- Have enough materials for everyone to get their hands on it; buddy up if necessary
- For larger groups, have assistants walk around and help out
- Diagrams or pictures of each step can be very helpful

### ENABLE

- Have them explain what they are doing and why
- Have one student show another how to do it
- For mastery, change the conditions – do it faster, with fewer tools, more complicated