CommuniTree Contract for group management

This contract is created as way to set expectations for the group and its individuals. Early on in getting to know your group, take the time form this contract with them. Have the group help in coming up with the content of the agreement. What do they hope to gain? (fruits). What do they want to leave behind and not have as part of this experience? Are there things that will get in the way of us having a good time together? (rocks). What will make our group strong? How should we “bee” to uphold this agreement (behaviors/actions)? (bees). If a group member strays from the contract, you can bring it back to remind them, and hold the group members to this contract. If you take it seriously, so will they. Once the contract is formed, have all the group members sign it! (Creative idea – each student creates a leaf with their name on it to attach to the tree to sign it!). Use these behavior components to guide the discussion.

**Rocks =** These are things we want to leave behind. Are there things that will get in the way of us having a good time together?. (Ex: name-calling, bullying, hitting or pushing, yelling.) “These are things that would get in the way of us learning and having a good time just like the rocks get in the way of our apple tree’s roots.”

**Fruits =** things we hope to gain from the experience. (Ex: learning, having fun, playing games, adventure, new friends.)

**Trunk =** Support for the group, what will make our group strong? (Ex: empathy, compassion, sharing, teamwork.)

**The three Be’s**= behaviors and actions to help us uphold this agreement. (Ex: Be Kind! Be Safe! Be Respectful!)

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