**String Burning Challenge**

**The Adventure:**
How fast can your Lair get a fire lit and roaring? Are you faster than the other Lairs in your Pack? Find out what Lair is really best at this classic Scouting skill. Race to light a campfire that can burn through a string strung over the fire.

A fun twist: suspend water balloons over tree limbs or tripods, dangling over your Scouters’ heads. Light your fires under the strings holding up the balloons so that when the strings burn, your Scouters get soaked!

**Plan:**
- What jobs will be involved in making this Adventure happen?
- What skills do you need to learn and practise to be ready for the challenge?
- What materials do you need to gather ahead of time?
- Consider whether or not gathering tinder, kindling and fuel will be part of the challenge. How many matches can each Lair use? How much wood each Lair can use?

**Do:**
- Learn and practise any new skills at meetings
- Hold the String Burning Challenge

**Review:**
- What did you know now that you did not know before?
- How did your team handle this activity?
- Did everybody get along? Why or why not?
- Did you have fun? Why or why not?
- What would you do differently in the future?

**Online Resources:**
- Fire Building, String Burning, Water Boiling Activity
- String Burning Contest
- Water Boiling Race
- Leave No Trace
- Rope Burning Contest at Camp Oswegatchie
- World’s Biggest String-Burn

**Safety note:**
- Only a couple of Cubs from your Lair will actually need to tend the fire. Don’t crowd around flames.
- Set up your fire rings well apart from one another so that you don’t get in the space of other Lairs. You don’t want to trip over another Lair’s wood, especially near a fire.
- How will you prepare to be able to extinguish your fire on short notice, and make sure your fire is dead out before leaving the site?