The Adventure:

Have you ever had an animal chew its way into your pack to get at some trail mix? Has the zipper in your tent ever failed, leaving you exposed to the nighttime hordes of mosquitoes? Has your rain jacket ever caught on a rock and torn open? Have you ever had a camp stove that just refuses to ignite, and you can’t figure out why?

These are all pretty likely scenarios to encounter on an Adventure, and it’s a great idea to know how to handle these issues in the wilderness and to know how to deal with gear issues appropriately once you’re back home.

Become the ultimate Quartermasters! Get your gear into top shape, and be prepared for your next Adventure!

Plan:

- What gear do you have that needs repairs?
- What problems have you encountered in the past, and how did you address them?
- Who in your Crew is already handy at repairing gear? Can he or she teach others some skills?
- What materials and tools will you need to help with your repairs?

Do:

- Learn about and practise the gear maintenance skills you want to master.
- Go out on an Adventure and enjoy the fruits of your labour!

Review:

- What do you know now that you did not know before?
- How did your team work together on this Adventure?
- How did you feel before, during and after this Adventure?
- What would you do differently in the future?
- How would you build on this experience?

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