**The Adventure:**
A quinzhee is a basic snow shelter made by hollowing out a mound of snow. Building a quinzhee can be a lot of fun, but knowing how to make one is also an important winter survival skill. Snow is an effective insulator, and on a cold day an occupied quinzhee is significantly warmer than the air outside.

As a Patrol, build one or two quinzhees and sleep in them overnight. While spending time in a snow shelter can take some getting used to, a well-built quinzhee can be as comfortable as your summer tent.

**Online Resources:**
- That sweet pile of fresh snow
- How to build a quinzee snow shelter
- Quinzhee building for fun and survival
- Building a Quinzhee
- How to build a quinzee
- Winter Camping Sleeping Systems

**Safety Note:**
- What should your Patrol do to stay safe while building and spending time in quinzhees?
- Be sure to destroy your quinzhees after your adventure so that no young children get hurt playing in them.

**Plan:**
- When and where will your Patrol share this adventure?
- What do you know about building quinzhees?
  - How can you find out more?
  - What equipment do you need for building your quinzhee?
    - For sleeping in your quinzhee?
  - How should you dress for this adventure?

**Do:**
- Build a snow mound. It should be about two metres tall, and three metres across.
  - Sink some sticks into the mound (about a half metre deep)
  - Wait several hours for the snow to sinter.
  - Hollow out the mound. Stop digging outward when you reach the sticks!
  - Finish your quinzhee with a windbreak near the door, a vent and beds.

**Review:**
- What do you know now that you did not know before?
  - How did you feel before, during and after this adventure?
  - How did your Patrol get along?
  - What would you do differently in the future?