

Plan:

- Who in the Company has set up a bear bag before? What technique was used?
- If nobody knows how to rig a bear bag, how can you learn this skill?
- Find a location to practise this skill (preferably a place with some mature trees)
- Who will gather the needed equipment?

Do:

- Experiment with different methods of rigging the food bag so that it is at least three metres off the ground and three metres from the any tree trunks. If a food bag can be rigged higher up and farther out, all the better. If not, what is the best you can do with the resources you have on hand?
- Try rigging between two trees. Are there rock features that can be used to rig your bear bag?

Safety note:

- This challenge is completed without climbing trees.
- What safety issues might you need to watch for when throwing ropes (and whatever they may be weighted with)?

Review:

- Were you successful? Why or why not?
- What do you know now that you did not know before?
- Did the group work as a team? How so?
- Did you have fun? What were some highlights?
- How did you feel before, during, and after this activity?
- What would you do differently in the future?



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**The Adventure:**

Seeing a bear on a camping trip is a thrill, but this doesn't mean that you want to encourage one to visit your campsite. Being able to properly rig a bear bag is a valuable skill to master to keep you (and your food!) safe from bears and other animals.

Divide into teams and practise rigging bear bags. After every team's successfully stowed its food packs high off the ground, compare experiences. What technique did each team find worked best?

**Online Resources:**

- [Hanging a Bear Bag](#)
- [Leave No Trace and Bear Bagging](#)
- [Hanging a Bear Bag with Kevin Callan](#)
- [How to \(and how not to\) hang a bear bag](#)

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