The Adventure:
Learn to make a bow drill and use it to light a fire. This is an ancient technique for fire-lighting, and it’s a valuable survival skill.
Once you’ve begun to feel confident in your technique, put it to use in a competition. Members of the Company can race against one another to light a fire with a bow drill. Those who are most successful can offer some tips to members of the Company who aren’t having as much success with this truly difficult skill.

Plan:
- Does anyone in the Company (including Scouters) know how to light a fire with a bow drill? If not, where can you learn about this skill?
- What equipment will you need? Most elements for the bow drill kit will be best sourced in nature, to simulate a survival situation and minimize expense.
- Set a location and itinerary for the activity. This may be done at a camp or alone at home. Be prepared to spend significantly more time on this activity than some television or online videos would suggest. This activity is more likely to take a few hours than a few minutes—but the latter is possible!

Do:
- Craft your bow drill set
- Practise lighting a fire
- Compete against the other members of the Company to ignite a tinder bundle