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| **Tried & Tested Scout programmes****Amber – 4: Firelighting and backwards bananas**  **Don’t forget to complete your written risk assessments** |
| **Activity** | **Description** | **Preparation/equipment** | **Some things to think about in your Risk Assessment** | **@home challenge element**<https://www.berkshirescouts.org.uk/scoutshome/> | **Time** |
| Arrival | Welcome the Scouts and ensure they clean their hands. When all have arrived, escort them to their activity area | None | Agree arrival plans with parents |  | 5 mins |
| Opening | Brief distanced Horseshoe Ceremony and explain the activity. Stress the importance of fire safety and the importance of social distancing while wood collecting. Explain that leaders will not be able to intervene to help them light their fire so they need to build it carefully, remembering the fire triangle.  | None  | 2m apart and dispense with flag and saluting |  | 5 mins |
| Firelighting  | Each scout has their own firelighting area. They light their own fire, tend it, (with a competitive element – who can burn through the string fastest) then wrap a banana stuffed with chocolate buttons in foil and bake the banana in the embers. A thorough litter sweep is needed at the end. Fires completely out before leaving the site. As well as the firelighting equipment in the scout areas you need to have centrally: * A handwashing station
* Fire buckets full of water
* If wood will need to be sawed up before use then have a central supervised sawing area, with saws wiped down thoroughly with antibacterial spray between each use
 | Each Scout has a firelighting kit provided by a fire pit, an altar fire or a cleared piece of ground in the woods: Paper, Container with two Vaseline- soaked cotton wool balls, Fire Steel to light the fire, Two canes / sticks stuck upright in the ground with a piece of string tied between them about 30cm off the ground, Foil, Banana, knife to cut banana open, Small Packet buttons, Tongs, Oven gloves Small Spoon, Bowl  | Fire steel to be used pointing away from body and not above legs, Risk of going too close to others when wood collecting (which needs to be carefully supervised) |  learn a new skill | 60 mins |
|  Game | Whizz Bang Boing! Players sit in a circle, distanced. Play begins with the first player stating "to my left/right" and then shouting "whizz" and clapping their hands in the direction of the next player. The next player then has 3 options. They can again shout "whizz" and clap in the direction of the person after them, keeping play moving in the same direction. They can shout "bang" and clap in the direction of the person that just sent it to them, and play reverses direction. They can shout "boing" and clap in the air to keep play in the same direction, but skip a player. Players lose lives by making mistakes. Three lives and out.  | None  | Ensure the players are sufficiently distanced in the circle.  |   |  15 mins |
| Closing | Quick reflection discussion: what did they learn about firelighting? What other foods could be cooked backwoods-style in foil? Escort groups back to picking up point.  |  None  | Ensure on time finish so that groups don’t meet other groups on departure  |  | 5 mins |

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