



Task 1 – The Fire

The first task involves lighting the fire.

The patrol must demonstrate skills in cooking, fire safety, and fire-building.

Task Description

The patrol should:

- demonstrate knowledge of different types of firewood — what wood is suitable for kindling, cooking, and heating.
- explain and carry out appropriate fire safety measures and how to best ensure a safe fire environment.
- build different types of fire lay structures, both for campfires and for cooking fires.
- be able to whittle wood shavings for kindling and start a fire without using fire-starter fluids or other aids.

Age-based requirements:

- Pathfinders (13-15 years old) and Explorers (16-18 years old) demonstrate three different methods of lighting a fire without matches or a lighter.
- Explorers (16-18 years old) prepare the fire site and explain the importance of airflow for effective combustion.

Tip for Leaders

Encourage the patrol to organize the task so that everyone has a role, from gathering materials to execution and presentation.

The goal is not just to light a fire, but to learn teamwork, prepare for the competition, and have fun.