



KENTUCKY DISTRICT FIRE BUILDING CONTEST RULES

Check with your local community fire regulations before running this event.

Tender is intended to get the fire going, not to create a tall flame, but to establish a flame for a hotter and tall flame. Refer to the Royal Rangers leader's manual and the camping guide on fire building.

1. Use only the wood that has been supplied, no additions unless instructed by camp coordinator. Maximum length is 13 inches for tender or fuel. One inch in diameter is recommended. You will need to split some of the wood smaller so it will burn faster. Any wood longer than the maximum or if it is used improperly will disqualify the team.
2. Matches only to start the fire (bring your own). Add no tinder to the fire after the flame has been established unless the fire is going out.
3. Nothing can be placed under the string until starting time. Touching the strings prior to starting will loosen them and be harder to burn, touching strings after the fire is started can cause the string to break, resulting in a disqualification of the team.
4. Commanders may coach only! You are not to touch a piece of wood. Handling of wood can only be by the two rangers that are on the fire line.

100% cotton string works best

1st string 18" off the ground

2nd string 24" off the ground

3rd string 36" off the ground

Space approximately 48" between fires

Stopwatch to record time it took to burn all 3 strings. The time result will be used to award trophy.

Safety is a big concern: clear your area. Keep all wood at least two feet away from the fire area. Bring water to put out the fire after the contest and buckets to clean up. This is a joint task. When you win, please let the person in charge know your outpost number and names of all those on the team for awards.

You may have only two rangers on the fire line at one time, extra's can be used for wind shields if needed, they may not touch the wood.

Example: Minimum of two rangers per team

Discovery – two needed: You may have as many extras in that grade level that want to.

Adventure – two needed: Minimum one Adventure one or more of lower grade level if needed.

Expedition – two needed: Minimum one Expedition one or more of lower grade level if needed.