Archery Base (Bows & Arrows)

Purpose

individuals find a stick and using sisal bend it to make a bow and by sharpening narrower sticks as arrows they can test their bows on the targets from 5 metres

Method

- 1. Choose a long piece of wood for the bow
- 2. Shape the bow.
- 3. Cut notches to hold the bow string
- 4. Select a non stretchy line and string the bow.
- 5. Select sticks to shape and sharpen for arrow

Preparation in advance

- 1. Gather enough long pieces of woods to make a bow for each member
- 2. Gather sticks to make a number of arrows
- 3. Get thin nylon rope, fishing line or ordinary twine to string bows
- 4. Knives to shape & sharpen
- 5. First Aid Kit
- 6. A target

On the day

- 1. A designated Scouter to supervise the shooting of the arrows
- 2. Cordon off a safe area
- 3. Members compete against each other to get highest score on the target

Risk assessment

- 1. All participants to be advised that they must have arrows pointing towards targets
- 2. Don't ever point an arrow at another person
- 3. Even the smallest bows are not toys. Arrows must always point towards the target
- 4. Do not shoot an arrow up in the air
- 5. Nobody should ever be at the target end when shooting is taking place
- 6. No one begins shooting until the range master gives the command.
- 7. When two or more archers are shooting, they should stand side by side
- 8. Participants not shooting must wait behind the waiting line
- 9. Do not walk across the shooting line when retrieving arrows from the target

