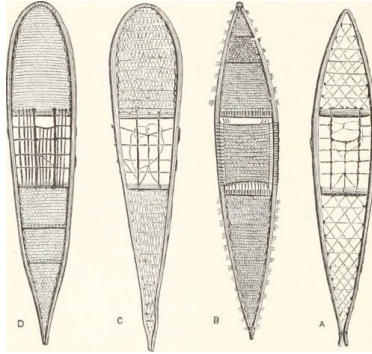


Troop 110 – Snowshoe Challenge



WHEN: Saturday, February 27, 2021 – 1 PM to 4 PM

WHERE: Camp Gustin - Loon Pond Road, Sabattus, ME

WHO: Troop 110 and Arrow of Light Scouts from Pack 110 and 116

WHAT: An afternoon of making and using snow shoes combined with a number of Scout skills

WHAT TO BRING: Weather appropriate clothing, including boots, jacket, hat, gloves or mittens, etc. Additional items to consider: pocket knife (if you have earned your Whitlin' Chip or Tote N Chip), hand warmers, survival gear (used for discussion, but I don't expect Scouts to deplete their emergency supplies for this event – I will supply things like paracord or twine, etc.) and compass.

Description: Join us for an afternoon of making “bush-craft” snowshoes from materials available in the woods and from typical survival gear that Scouts should pack when on a winter camp out.

The Troop will divide into their Patrols and each Patrol will work together to make a pair of snowshoes. The snowshoes should be made only with materials available from the surroundings (although I will bring most, if not all, from my property so that we don't disturb Gustin's) and materials that Scouts should have with them on a winter outing, such as paracord or twine.

There are a variety of ways to make back-woods or bush-craft snowshoes. I would recommend looking at this document: <http://www.olivercameron.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/Making-Snowshoes-Oliver-Cameron-031214.pdf>

or any other websites or Youtube videos on the topic. **Patrol Leaders** – please do a little research into the different types or styles of snowshoes and settle on a design or two that you would like to share with your Patrol. You can even host a video chat with your Patrol ahead of time to have them help with the planning.

When we arrive at Gustin, the patrols will separate and will have 1 hour to make their snowshoes. At 2 PM, we will hold a variety of challenges, including a map and compass challenge, an obstacle course race, and other activities. I would also encourage any Scouts who have their own snowshoes to bring them and we will make some comparisons between store-bought and our homemade snowshoes.

We will wrap up the afternoon by making and sharing some hot cocoa.

If you have any questions, please e-mail me: scoutmaster@mainetroop110.org