

WEAVING THE BEAR'S WEB
FIRE/ FLINT and STEEL SAFETY

1. Strike ONLY in fire pit! Sparks can ignite people, clothing, items, and start a forest fire.
2. Get permission before using your striker (you must have a safe fire pit checked off and a way to put the fire out - before using any lighting device)
3. Have a safe pit ready: clear an area of debris (at least 4 feet by 4 feet) and make a depression in the ground free of plants and flammables, and line your pit with rocks. Make sure you are not directly under dying trees and there are no hanging branches that can catch fire. Know your plan for putting the fire out. Make sure all belongings are away from the pit.
4. Treat fire with the utmost respect - be careful not to burn yourself, friends, or anything in the nearby environment. STAY AWARE. Fire is a powerful force.
5. Keep your fire small, sticks no bigger than half your wrist in thickness. We don't need big fires; if you want to be warmer, sit closer, while being mindful of your body and clothing.
6. Once the fire is going, striking is finished, and burn ONLY wood - adding pine needles or other feathery soft material can create flying burning material.
7. Use ONLY materials from nature to start a fire and keep it going. We treat fire and the Earth with respect - TRASH does NOT go in the fire.
8. Stay with your fire and do not leave it unattended. **If you ignite a fire, you are responsible for it from start to finish. You are the only one allowed to put wood on that fire.**
9. Everyone at the pit is to share the workload of getting wood for the fire.
10. Sticks are to be placed on the fire gently; throwing wood on a fire can result in coals getting tossed out or a flaming branch coming out of the pit.
11. Take care of your fire when you are done - spread the coals, tilt the rocks out to cool, put it out with dirt and water, and mix. **MAKE SURE IT IS COOL ENOUGH TO TOUCH (ASK A STAFF FOR HELP).** Spread your coals and dirt once it is cool, and return the rocks once they are cool.