

Raingutter Regatta



The Raingutter Regatta is similar to the Pinewood Derby or the Space Derby except that the models are miniature sailboats. Although the seas are only 10-foot lengths of raingutter filled with water, and the boats a mere 6 inches long, the race is a very exciting event. Each boy builds his own boat with supervision and help from parents or other family members. He also provides the wind for the sail with his own lung power. This event is held annually at the Spring Family Campout.

The regatta kit, that is provided by the pack, has a pre-shaped balsa hull, metal keel, mast and plastic sail. The hull can be sanded and shaped, and can be colorfully painted. Hull and sail can also be decorated with decal kits. The boats race in pairs on raingutter courses propelled by the boys blowing into the sails.

Raingutter Regatta Boat Specifications:

- **Hull:** No longer than 7" or shorter than 6 1/2" and must be single hull (No catamarans) Supplied in kit
- **Mast:** Supplied in kit
- **Keel:** Supplied in kit
- **Rudder:** Supplied in kit
- **Sail:** Supplied in kit
- **You MUST use all of the supplied parts in the raingutter regatta kit**

"How to"

The actual "race" will be divided into ranks: Tiger, Wolf, Bear and Webelos I. Each rank will race themselves. The race will involve two lanes of "rain gutters". The boys are to blow air on the boats in order to advance them. Hands are only to be used to upright a turned over boat or a gutter stuck boat, and are not to be used to advance the boat. In addition, boys should not use their faces, lips, hats, nose or other bodily parts to move the boat - just the air in their lungs!

Medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place in Each Rank