Introduction to Whittling

This meeting touches on several topics: it's a great way to begin to teach kids about knife safety skills and the parts of a knife, they get to make a cool model of a working knife that they can take home, and they can practice controlling a knife in a safe way. The knife kits can generally be found for $11 to $13 each.

- Opening Ceremony
- Talk about Knife Safety
  - Knives are not toys
  - What do we use knives for?
  - Why is safety important?
- Model Knives
  - The kids will require a little help to get these together
  - Demonstrate how they work
  - Talk about the parts of a knife
  - Demonstrate how to hand a knife to someone safely
- Snack & Story Time
- Soap Carving Activity
  - You want to use a soft white soap for this, like Ivory.
  - It may be helpful to have a book or two of ideas for carving.
  - They can use their knives and you can also provide some additional tools for carving (ceramics tools work well for this)
  - Put down newspaper or some sort of cloth before you carve, as the soap shavings will get everywhere.
- Have the kids share what they created
- Closing Ceremony

Items Needed:

- Model Knife Kits
- Ivory Soap Bars
- Book for Story Time
- Additional Carving Tools
- Newspaper or tablecloth

Badge Requirements Covered:

Tan Handicraft Paw

- Make a model
- Make a craft item

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