

# 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
  - Parts of a knife
  - How to handle a knife
- Put together model knives
- 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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