

Event #1: Duck Blind Building Competition

Scoring Guidelines

Troops will construct duck blinds instead of gateways. Duck blinds must be built using lashings and wooden staves. Camouflaging the blind will be critical and must use natural materials (no purchased camouflage netting). The blinds will be judged on creativity, correct lashings, and their camouflage. All materials for duck blinds MUST be supplied by the troop, and the duck blinds should be 100% Scout made with only limited assistance from adult leaders. Decision of the Judges is final for all scores.

1. Unit Identified on Duck Blind. 5 pts.
2. Camouflage all natural materials. Up to 10 pts.
3. All structural elements pioneering built, excluding signs and decorations. 5 pts.
4. Duck blind of safe and sturdy construction. Up to 10 pts.
5. Two points for each lashings properly done as defined at bottom of this document and in BSA Handbook. Up to 20 pts.
6. Creativity and Originality. Subjective. Up to 10 pts.

Maximum possible score is 60 points.

Knots:

Clove Hitch

Starts most lashings except diagonal lashing

Used to end all lashings

Timber hitch Starts diagonal lashing

Lashings:

Square Lashing

Used to fasten two spars or poles together

Diagonal Lashing

Used to bind poles together that cross each other but do not touch when their ends are lashed in place in a structure

Round Lashing

Used to bind two poles together for the purpose of increasing the length

