

# Backwoods Cooking Competition 2009

On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, we went to 4<sup>th</sup> Moreton HQ to take part in the District Backwoods Cooking Competition.

## What is Backwoods Cooking?

Essentially it is cooking with the minimum of utensils and pans over open fires. The competition is judged on a number of aspects including, originality, hygiene, safety, taste and teamwork. The competition lasts for 4 hours with each team being given the same ingredients at the start.

## EQUIPMENT

All equipment must fit into a 1 x 30ltr Rucksack (with exception of the wood)

The only equipment allowed per team is as follows

1. 1 x Suitable cover in case of inclement weather. (Not a Tent).
2. 1 x Staff per person, to be carried by each Member.
3. 1 x Hand Axe and Bow Saw.
4. 1 x First Aid Kit.
5. 1 x Set of Cutlery, plate, bowl & cup per person, with an extra set for the judges.
6. String (Unlimited)
7. Tin Foil (Unlimited).
8. 1 x Box of matches.
9. 1 x personal Pen Knife (Swiss Army Style) per Scout.
10. Bin Bags (Unlimited).
11. 1 x 1ltr Billie Can.
12. 1 x 2ltr Billie Can.

## 1 Fire Bucket

We entered 2 teams and came 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, but the marking was very close. We lost some marks for not having the right equipment, although it was not our fault!! Despite the lessons learned during the practices, we failed to get our fires going without help, so lost points there. Our B team were only one mark behind the A team and considering they hadn't attended the two practices, they did extremely well, scoring the highest mark for originality. All teams involved scored top marks for team work and behaviour. We entered for the 'experience' and in that respect it was a total success, many of our Scouts have not done anything like this before, so next year we should be much better! Frankby Greasby and 4th Moreton 'B' were the joint winners. Thanks to 4th Moreton SL Angela and GSL Phil for organising the competition.

