WADDLE RACE

Team: 5 Pathfinders (a club may have multiple teams)

Equipment provided by each club:

- 2-12 ft. poles (may use 2"×2")
- 1 - 6-7 ft. pole (for cross piece)
- 3 - 14-18 ft. lashing ropes
- 4 - 18 ft. guide ropes
- A timekeeper. They report the time to the judge

Procedure:
At the starting signal, the team lashes two long poles into the shear legs of an A-frame. Lash the shorter pole onto the shear legs to form the crosspiece. Tie four guide ropes to the top of the shear legs and raise the A-frame into a standing position. Four Pathfinders keep the frame upright using the guide ropes, one Pathfinder steps onto the crosspiece, and waddles along by lifting the butts of the shear legs alternately and "walking" forward.

There is a trick to this walk. The team of five can really move fast if they are coordinated in their movements. See if you can figure it out.

Scoring:
This is a timed event with a maximum 15-minute limit. The team must "waddle" forward 30 feet with the Pathfinder standing on the crosspiece. The crosspiece cannot touch the ground during the “waddle”, so make sure the cross piece lashing is tight. If the Pathfinder falls off the crosspiece during the "waddle", they must get back on and continue from where they fell off.

Judging:
A TLT or Master Guide will be timing and judging each group.

Points: Total points available - 8

3 pts. - 0-5 min
2 pts. - 5-10 min
1 pt. - 10-15 min
1 pt. - Each correctly tied knot - (5 available points - required knots plus 1 on the top guiding knots)
-1 pts - Each time the crossbar touches ground
No penalty for pathfinder touching the ground. Just start where they fell off.
No penalty for incorrectly tied knots.

Knots used for this event:

1. Use **CLOVE HITCH** to begin lashing.

https://www.youtube.com/shorts/5Ycsxs-GlaQ

2. Use **SHEAR LASHING** for the top of the A Frame. Wrap two sticks 8 times with two between wraps

https://www.youtube.com/shorts/X2SehmBND84

3. Use the **SQUARE LASHING** to attach the cross bar to the two A frame poles. The square lashing must have THREE lashing wraps and then THREE frapping turns over the wrapping turns. Keep them tight.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ly9EZmYd9Js

4. Use the KNOT OF YOUR CHOICE to secure the four 18 ft guide ropes to the top of the A Frame.

Video of how the A-Frame walk works.

For an example of how the A Frame works, see the video below. (This shows how the A frame walk works…Some of the videos show the bottom board being nailed on.)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o7L8UjwBY5Q