**Raft building**

Raft building can be done on many levels, from producing a raft to carry a teddy bear across a paddling pool, to a raft to carry the whole patrol across a lake. It traditionally involves building a raft from various objects, usually pioneering poles, ropes and barrels.  
  
This activity promotes team work and cooperation as well as testing out the group's knowledge of knots and their concepts of building items from scratch.  
  
As with most water-based activities, getting wet is part of the fun.

**How to run/provide raft building**

There are 3 ways of running Raft building in Scouting. These are:

1. **Scout-led activity** - [running raft building yourself or using someone else in Scouting](https://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources/64/raft-building?moduleID=24&cat=26,407,351&runMethod=scout)
2. **Externally-led activity** - [running raft building using an external provider](https://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources/64/raft-building?moduleID=24&cat=26,407,351&runMethod=commercial)
3. **Activity for adult groups** - [running raft building for a group entirely of adults](https://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources/64/raft-building?moduleID=24&cat=26,407,351&runMethod=adult)

**Factsheets on raft building**

The following activity factsheets are relevant to this activity:

* [Adventurous Activity Permit Scheme](https://members.scouts.org.uk/activitypermits)
* [FS120000 Risk Assessment](https://members.scouts.org.uk/fs120000)
* [FS120007 Joint Adventurous Activities with Girlguiding UK](https://members.scouts.org.uk/fs120007)
* [FS120075 InTouch](https://members.scouts.org.uk/fs120075)
* [FS120081 Activity Information Form](https://members.scouts.org.uk/fs120081)
* [FS120087 Adult Groups in Adventurous Activities](https://members.scouts.org.uk/fs120087)
* [FS120088 Weather Forecasts in Outdoor Activities](https://members.scouts.org.uk/fs120088)
* [FS120603 Water Safety (Incorporating lifejackets and buoyancy aids)](https://members.scouts.org.uk/fs120603)
* [FS120617 Canal and River Licences](https://members.scouts.org.uk/fs120617)
* [FS120623 Class C Waters](https://members.scouts.org.uk/fs120623)
* [FS120629 Water Safety (Waterborne Diseases & Immersion)](https://members.scouts.org.uk/fs120629)
* [FS120668 Rafting (Traditional)](https://members.scouts.org.uk/fs120668)
* [National Directory of Waters](https://members.scouts.org.uk/waterways/)
* [AC120950 Assessment Checklist for Rafting (Traditional)](https://members.scouts.org.uk/ac120950)

**Rules on raft building**

The following activity rules are relevant to this activity:

* [Rule 9.1 Activity Rules - Application](https://members.scouts.org.uk/por9.1)
* [Rule 9.2 Preparations](https://members.scouts.org.uk/por9.2)
* [Rule 9.3 InTouch](https://members.scouts.org.uk/por9.3)
* [Rule 9.4 Risk Assessment](https://members.scouts.org.uk/por9.4)
* [Rule 9.5 Emergency Procedure](https://members.scouts.org.uk/por9.5)
* [Rule 9.7 Adventurous Activities Permit Scheme](https://members.scouts.org.uk/por9.7)
* [Rule 9.8 Adult Groups in Adventurous Activities](https://members.scouts.org.uk/por9.8)
* [Rule 9.9 Use of External Centres and Instructors](https://members.scouts.org.uk/por9.9)
* [Rule 9.42 Water Activities - General](https://members.scouts.org.uk/por9.42)
* [Rule 9.43 Life Jackets and Buoyancy Aids](https://members.scouts.org.uk/por9.43)
* [Rule 9.44 Classification of Waters](https://members.scouts.org.uk/por9.44)
* [Rule 9.45 Water Activities Permits](https://members.scouts.org.uk/por9.45)