

Chariot Races!!



Making a Chariot is easy, fun and something the kids love to build and race! Start with a box big enough for a cub scout to ride in (see page 1.)

Have the boys paint the box however they would like. Sometimes there is a theme (hometown heroes, animals, etc.) Let the boys be creative!!



The flaps of the box make great wings and you can tape or glue other pieces of cardboard to your box. Since there will be a young boy riding in the chariot, one important safety rule is NO hard substance can be attached to the chariot ("L" bracket for stiffness, wire, etc.)

After the boys have painted the chariot, get a piece of

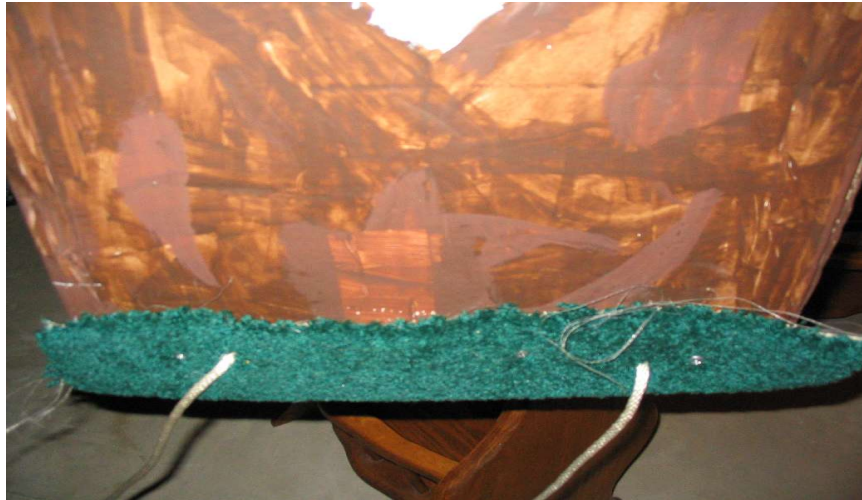
carpet that is slightly larger than the chariot. Some chariot engineers just glue this carpet to the bottom of the box and it normally works well.



Now poke two holes in the bottom front of the box and run some rope through the holes and into a small piece of smooth wood that is placed inside the box.



If you want to reuse the carpet and have it add to the strength of the rope by which the chariot is pulled, you can drape a small piece of the carpet over the front of the chariot, attach it to the wood inside the box with some screws and run the rope through the carpet and box.



Now, put a boy in the box (wearing a bicycle helmet) and have the rest of the den pull him around the track. It's a lot of fun!