

Name of the Game	Alligator Pit
Summary	A great outdoor game that tests lashing skills in a competitive setting. Once the “A-frame” is built, a patrol must work carefully together to walk the structure across a treacherous pit of man-eating reptiles.
Number of Players	5-8 players per team, and ideally 2-4 teams at a time. Great for competing patrols or to pit one troop against another.
Equipment	For each patrol, three spars, 6 to 8 feet long; three 6-foot lashing ropes; four guylines; stopwatch (optional).
Rules	Mark the “alligator pit” on the ground; it should be 20 feet across and as wide as necessary to accommodate your patrols. The patrols line up on one side of the pit. On signal, they lash together a triangular “walker,” using a diagonal lashing at the top and square lashings for the crossbar. Near the top, they attach the four guylines, using two half hitches. The patrol then stands the walker upright and one member climbs on the crossbar. One or two Scouts control each guyline and “walk” the walker across the pit by tipping it from side to side and moving it forward. The patrol with the best time wins.
Variants	If multiple patrols are involved, you can simply score the winner as the first A-frame to have both “feet” cross the finish line.
Youth Leadership	A SPL can explain the rules, break the group into competing teams, hold the stopwatch, announce the winner, distribute prizes, etc.

