

# **POPCORN FUN AWARD**

## **Activity: “Popcorn Guessing Game”**

This game will keep the boys’ interest and will teach the younger boys some important rules of counting.

Leader: Fill a glass jar with unpopped popcorn kernels. Then ask the boys to guess the number of kernels in the jar. Give them some hints on how to estimate the number. Record the answers on a piece of paper. After all the guesses have been made, ask each boy to scoop out a pile of kernels in front of him on the table and line them up in rows ten wide and columns ten deep...a 10x10 grid. After doing one 10x10 grid, he’ll do another next to the first, and so on. When all the kernels have been taken from the jar and arranged in squares of 100, ask each boy to add up the number of kernels in front of him and record it on his paper. Finally, the Leader should add up all the numbers recorded by the boys for a grand total.

This will teach your younger Scouts to visualize what “one hundred” looks like, and give them a chance to count up to high numbers using the grid method. Boys under the age of nine have a hard time estimating, so this gives them an opportunity to practice.

Time: 20-30 minutes

### **Materials:**

- ❖ Trail’s End Gourmet Popping Corn (unpopped)
- ❖ Glass jar
- ❖ Pencil and paper