

We Are All Stars

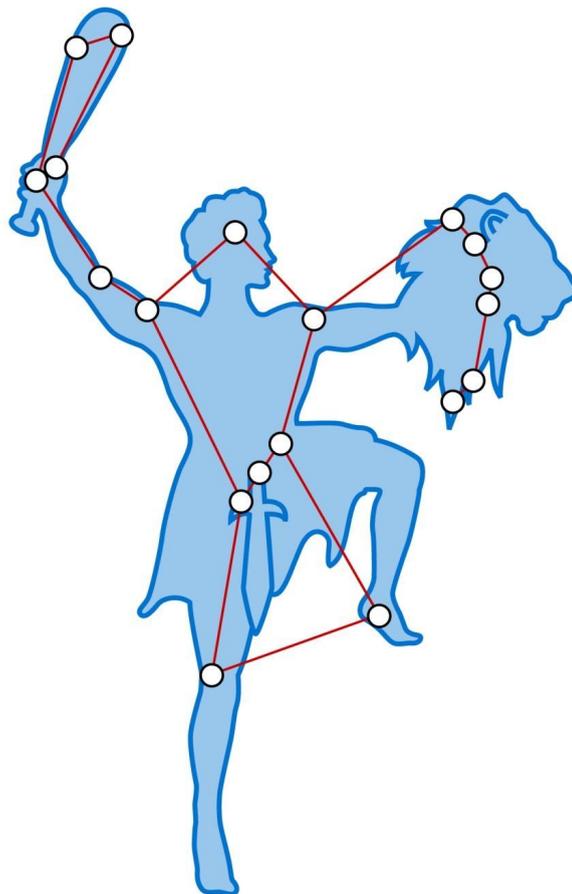
Age Groups

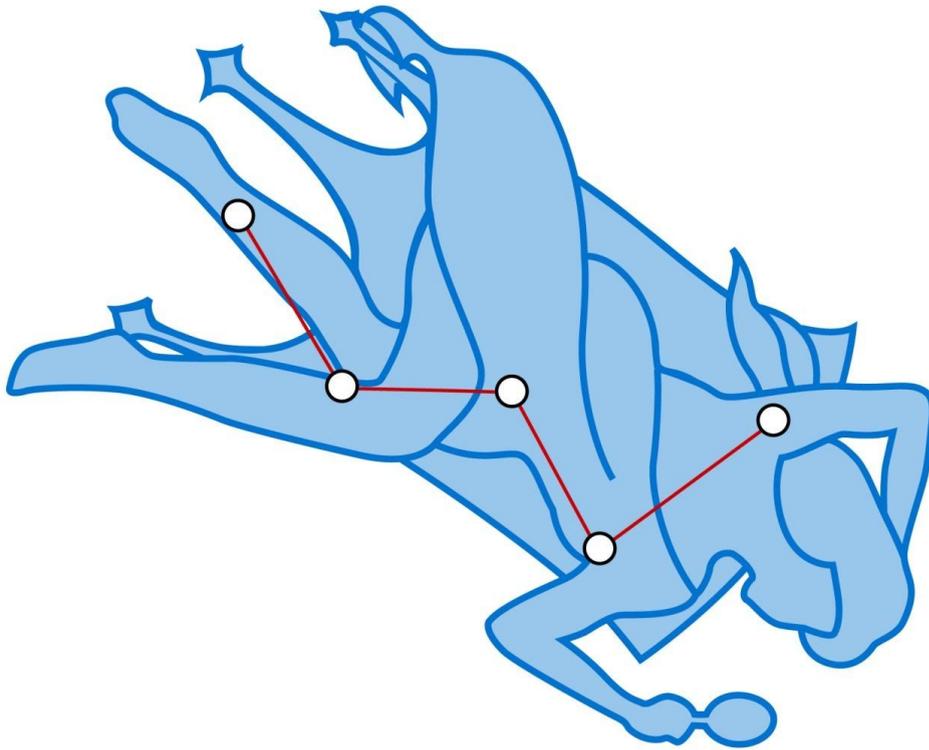
Elfins (6-9)
Pioneers (10-12)



Materials

Groundsheet/tarp for each household group
Hand sanitiser, water bottle snack - from home
Print outs of constellations to show everyone - good examples here:
<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/space/constellations/>





Please ensure to follow current coronavirus guidelines as set out in the Roadmap to Reopening document:

<https://woodcraft.org.uk/covid-19-reopening>

Session Overview

On arrival household/bubbles to sit on separate, distanced groundsheets.

When all have arrived have a quick newsround where everyone can share from their space what they have been up to in the past week/since you last met.

Play a game of [Riverbank](#) or something similar to get everyone energised.

Use your print outs to learn about the constellations and then get everyone to be the stars and form the shapes - instructions below

Sing Link Your Hands Together - only holding hands with those from same household.

Instructions

In the summertime we would need to be out very late to actually see the stars but you can still learn about the shapes of the constellations without actually being able to see them. This activity will give young people a basic knowledge of the shapes to look out for in the night sky. This topic could be revisited later in the year once it gets dark earlier.

Before showing everyone the constellations you have chosen, ask which people already know the names of. Do they know what shape it is? Do they know the story behind it? If not maybe they could go away and look this up. Now show everyone the print outs and highlight where the stars are that make up the "picture" in the constellation. Is the shape really clear? If you saw just the stars would you have guessed what it is? Once you have looked at a few constellations everyone can have a go at arranging themselves into the shape of the constellation, maintaining social distancing. Depending on the size of your group you may want to do this in clans rather than everyone together.

If you want to revisit this topic later in the year you could go outside in the evening and see what is visible in the night sky - depending on where you live and the weather this may not be very much! If this is the case you could repeat the activity where everyone arranges themselves into the shapes of constellations, but this time indoors, with the lights off and with everyone holding a torch.

Once we are able to share equipment again you can also use black paper and star stickers for everyone to make their own constellation pictures.