


# Instructional Campfire



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## Opening

- Flag Ceremony - "I am Old Glory"
- Opening Song – God Bless America
- Fire Lighting Ceremony



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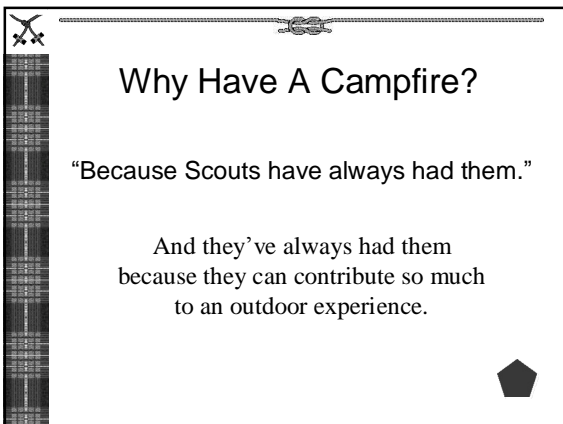
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## Why Have A Campfire?

"Because Scouts have always had them."

And they've always had them  
because they can contribute so much  
to an outdoor experience.



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### What Does A Campfire Accomplish?

- It Can offer:
  - Entertainment
  - Fellowship
    - Ideal Time to Offer a Message of Inspiration
  - Education
    - Practice Leadership Skills



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### Four S's

- Showmanship
- Songs
- Stunts / Skits
- Stories
- **Planning**



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### Program Planning Skit



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## What Have We Learned?

A good rule for planning campfire programs is to *follow the fire*.



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## Showmanship

- Showmanship is the art of attractive presentation.
- Puts sparkle and life into the gathering.
- Without it the program can fall flat.
- **JUST BE YOURSELF!!!**



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## Showmanship

- **Campfire Location**
  - It can be conducted in any group setting.
  - Large enough to hold everyone in comfort.
  - Doesn't have to be a wood fire.
  - A lantern or a candle work just as well.
  - Dress up the area
  - Create atmosphere



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## Showmanship

- Opening Ceremony
  - Often includes a dramatic way of lighting the fire.
  - Get underway with plenty of pep.
  - Use lively Songs and Cheers.
  - Sets the tone for the whole program.
  - Must arrest and hold audiences attention.




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## Showmanship

- Closing Ceremony
  - Quiet and Inspirational.
  - Message comes as fire embers die down.




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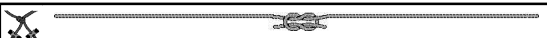
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## Songs

- **Samples of Different Kinds of Campfire Songs**
  - Scout Songs "On My Honor"
  - Peppy Songs "Miss O'Leary" "John Jacob Jingleheimer Schmidt"
  - Action Songs "Head and Shoulders, Knees and Toes"
  - "One Finger, One Thumb"
  - Special Occasion Songs "Happy Birthday"
  - Novelty Songs "Hey Ho;" "Little Rabbit;" "Da Da Da"
  - Quiet Songs "Scout Vesper"
  - Inspirational Songs "Trail the Eagle;" "Hail Scouting Spirit"




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## Stunts / Skits

- One Purpose – FUN
- Can train and inspire
- Sources
  - Scouting Magazine
  - Boys Life
  - Books of Campfire Skits
  - Imagination of the Scouts
- Must be rehearsed
- And be approved by a Scout Leader




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## Appropriateness

A good test is to hold them up against the Scout Law's *friendly, courteous, and kind.*




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## Appropriateness

- Gray Areas to Avoid:
  - Underwear
  - Toilet Paper
  - Water
  - Inside Jokes
  - Use of Alcohol, Drugs, or Tobacco
  - Cross-gender impersonation




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## Campfire Discipline

- Set the standard from the start
  - Flashlights
  - Booing
  - Razing
  - Disruptions
  - Throwing objects



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## Stories

- Storytelling is an art
- Anyone can acquire with practice
- Need good imagination
- Appreciation of good stories
- A knack for showmanship



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## Types of Stories

- Ghost
- Humorous
- Adventure
- Hero (inspirational)
- Miscellaneous (general interest)



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