

# CAMPFIRE PROGRAMS



## BALOO TRAINING

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## Why Do We Do Campfires?

- Fun
- Entertainment
- Fellowship
- Action
- Adventure
- Training
- Inspiration

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## What Is The Key To A Successful Campfire Program?

**PLANNING**

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## FOUR S's

- ◆ Songs
- ◆ Stunts
- ◆ Stories, and
- ◆ Showmanship

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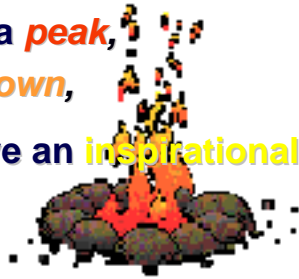
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## FOLLOW THE FLAMES

Start *fast*,  
Reach a *peak*,  
Slow *down*,  
and give an *inspirational close*



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## Tools & Resources

- ◆ How To Book
- ◆ Leader Book
- ◆ Cub Scout Song Books/CDs
- ◆ Campfire Stories
- ◆ Sparklers
- ◆ Internet

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### The Campfire Program Planner

List ideas:

- ◆ Songs
- ◆ Stunts/Skits/Cheers/Yells
- ◆ Stories
- ◆ Special Elements

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### The Campfire Program Planner

#### ◆ Songs

- Fun songs
- Action songs
- Patriotic songs
- Inspirational songs

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### The Campfire Program Planner

#### ◆ Stunts/Skits/Cheers/Yells

- **Every Den should contribute**
- **Avoid “Tree Checks”**
- **Practice**
- **Have Fun! Ham it up!**

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## The Campfire Program Planner

### ◆ Stories

- Choose a story with a purpose
  - Don't bother explaining the lesson
- Make it personal – believable
- Commit to memory
- Practice
- Use Showmanship

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## The Campfire Program Planner

### ◆ Special Elements

- Opening – Ashes
- Magical Flare-ups
- Flag Retirement



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## The Campfire Program Planner

- ◆ Rough draft Program
- ◆ Keep the “*Flame*” in mind
- ◆ Consider the flow of acts
- ◆ List extra cheers/stunts & songs ready to fill gaps
- ◆ Review and finalize Program

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### Campfire Program: Do's & Don'ts

- ◆ DO **Plan** the Program to be flexible
- ◆ DO **encourage** all Cub Scouts to participate
- ◆ DO have a **Plan B**
- ◆ DO **observe Campfire Safety** Guidelines
- ◆ DO **review Campfire Etiquette** and Safety at the Pack Meeting prior to the Overnighter
- ◆ DO **enforce Campfire Safety** Rules

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### Campfire Program: Do's & Don'ts

- ⌚ **DON'T** allow anyone the brunt of a joke, stunt, or skit (except perhaps the Cubmaster).
- ⌚ **DON'T** wing it
- ⌚ **DON'T** wait for an act to get ready. Better to keep the Program moving and return to the act once they are prepared
- ⌚ **DON'T** be afraid to stop something that is not working and move to the next act.

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### SHOWTIME

- ◆ **Announce at least the next act so the people involved can get ready**
- ◆ **Fast Pace – minimize pauses between acts**
- ◆ **Encourage Showmanship**
  - Ham it up!
- ◆ **Lead everyone in Fun Applauses**

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## EVALUATE

- ◆ WHAT WENT RIGHT?
- ◆ WHAT WENT WRONG?
- ◆ WHAT COULD BE DONE TO AVOID REPEATING MISTAKES?
- ◆ IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE?
- ◆ CREATE A WRITTEN RECORD

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## Campfire Safety

13 STEPS TO BUILDING A CAMPFIRE:

**WARNING:** Kids, DO NOT TRY THIS!

After many years of research and study, there has been developed the following definitive, step-by-step method for building a campfire.

1. Split dead limbs, into fragments and shave one fragment into slivers.
2. Bandage left thumb.
3. Chop other fragments into small fragments.
4. Bandage left foot.
5. Make a structure of slivers (including those embedded in hand).
6. Light match.
7. Light match again.
8. Repeat "A scout is cheerful", and light a match again.
9. Apply lit match to slivers, add wood fragments and blow gently into base of flames.
10. Apply burn ointment to nose.
11. When fire is burning, collect more wood.
12. When fire is burning well, add all remaining firewood.
13. After thunderstorm has passed, repeat the above steps.

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## Campfire Safety Rules

1. Adult supervision – just like swim safety – one fire warden!
2. Keep the kids out of the fire
  - Only the fire warden adds wood or moves logs!
3. No running, pushing or horseplay
4. Keep burning wood inside the fire!
5. First Aid Kit

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## Campfire Safety Equipment



1. Gallon Fire Bucket (Full of Water)
2. Gallon Bucket of sand (if available)
3. Water source nearby!
4. Fire Blanket
5. Fire extinguisher (if available)
6. Rake
7. Shovel (moving coals & dirt)
8. First Aid Kit

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## Campfire Site Safety



1. Build the fire ring (or use the pit that is there)
2. Rake a 10' safety clearance around the fire ring
3. 5 Gallon Fire Bucket – within clearance ring and unobstructed from fire
4. Fire Shovel – for moving coals & dirt (if needed) just outside of fire ring
5. Wood pile stacked outside clearance ring
6. Chairs, Sitting Logs, etc. 5' from fire ring




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### Review of Campfire Basics:

1. Make sure your fuel is very dry.
2. Build your fire so that air can flow through it.
3. Start off with fuel that is smaller than your match, then gradually increase the size of the fuel as the campfire's heat increases.



### Types of Fire Builds

1. A-Frame or Lean To
2. Tee Pee
3. Log Cabin
4. Cooking Fire

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## Extinguishing a Campfire

1. When you're done with a fire that still has flame, glowing embers or smoldering chunks of charcoal, douse it.
2. Sprinkle (don't pour) enough water to quench all embers and charcoal, but don't flood the pit. Remember that another person is likely to need to fire pit within a few days (such as yourself the very next day).

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## Extinguishing a Campfire

- Use a stick to stir the embers and ashes to get them all wet; turn charcoal over and wet it down on all sides.
- When nothing hisses anymore as you pour water over it, and you can comfortably place your hand on ashes and charcoal, the fire is sufficiently doused

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### CUB SCOUT VESPERS

Sing to tune of: "Oh Christmas Tree"

As the night comes to this land,  
On my promise I will stand,

I will help the pack to go,  
As our pack helps me to grow.

Yes, I'll always give goodwill,  
I'll follow my Akela still.

And before I stop to rest,  
I will do my very best.

### SCOUT VESPERS

Softly falls the light of day,  
as our campfire fades away.

Silently each scout should ask,  
have I done my daily task.

Have I kept my honor bright,  
can I guiltless sleep tonight.

Have I done and have I dared;  
everything to be prepared.



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