



Evening Campfires

A highlight of many troop campouts is an evening program of stories, songs, and skits. As senior patrol leader, you will often be the logical choice to serve as master of ceremonies.

Campfire programs can offer entertainment, fellowship, and education. The setting of a campfire, the darkness that envelops it, and the fact that it is part of a larger outdoor adventure can make it an ideal time to offer messages of inspiration.

A good campfire program, like a good troop meeting, will not happen by accident. It should have elements of fun and fellowship. The program need not be an elaborate production, but a bit of planning will go a long way toward giving a campfire program purpose and direction.

The patrol leaders' council should take the lead in planning a troop's evening program and assigning its various parts to the patrols. Scouts who have attended previous camporees and summer camps may have ideas for skits, stunts, and songs. A useful guide is the BSA publication *Campfire Program Planner*, No. 33696.

As with all BSA events, campfire programs must be done in good taste. You and other members of the patrol leaders' council can reinforce the fact that there is no place in Scouting for poor manners; racial, ethnic, or gender slurs; or vulgarity.

CAMPFIRE PROGRAM

Place _____

Date _____

Time _____

Camp director's approval: _____

Campers notified _____	Area set up by _____
Campfire planning meeting _____	_____
M. C. _____	Campfire built by _____
Song leader _____	Fire put out by _____
Cheerleader _____	Cleanup by _____








Spot	Title of Stunt, Song, or Story	By _____	Time
1	Opening—and firelighting		
2	Greeting—introduction	M.C.	
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22	Closing		

Leave No Trace

The Boy Scouts of America has embraced the principles of Leave No Trace as its guidelines for enjoying the outdoors in a responsible manner. The principles are designed to help outdoor users make the most of their adventures while at the same time protecting the environment and the experience of other visitors.



Principles of Leave No Trace

-  **Plan ahead and prepare.**
-  **Travel and camp on durable surfaces.**
-  **Dispose of waste properly. (Pack it in, pack it out.)**
-  **Leave what you find.**
-  **Minimize campfire impacts.**
-  **Respect wildlife.**
-  **Be considerate of other visitors.**

(For more on Leave No Trace, see *The Boy Scout Handbook* and *Fieldbook*. For information on the Leave No Trace Award, see The Principles of Leave No Trace, No. 21-105.)