

# Patrol Campfire Planner

**Patrol Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Song:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Song Leader:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Checklist: Suitable for Scouts?**

**Does everyone know the words?**

**Full Patrol participation?**

**Action?**

**Skit:** Describe \_\_\_\_\_

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**Originality?**

**Will it work in our campfire setting?**

**Any props needed?**

**Full Patrol participation?**

# Six Keys to a Great Campfire

- **Safe:** Is the campfire site safe? Is it free of overhanging trees & brush? Is there room to sit safely & comfortably? Are the provisions for putting out the fire?
- **Scenic:** Is the campfire site situated in a place that will add to the experience?
- **Songs:** A good selection of songs is a must for a memorable campfire. The more 'lively' ones at first and the more 'serious' songs as the campfire begins to die down. Mix old favorites with new songs. Songs with a lot of 'action' can get the campfire off to a good start.
- **Skits:** Skits bring out the 'actor' in all of us! Skits should be rehearsed and must be performed loud enough to be heard. 'Overacting' is encouraged. Skits should be pre-selected to ensure appropriateness. Remember, a skit is just a 'joke acted out'. Skits should always be positive, nothing off-color or violent. As skit should never be offensive. Be sure to move quickly from skit to skit, song to song, etc.
- **Stories:** As the fire dies down, it's a perfect time for a good story. Stories should be motivating, inspirational, or thought provoking. The story teller should be well rehearsed and easily seen and heard. A little 'drama' can go a long way toward capturing and keeping the attention of the audience.
- **Showmanship:** Remember to HAVE FUN! A great campfire is built on great showmanship. Be creative, be resourceful, be imaginative. Encourage all participants (and ALL should participate) to be the best showman they can be. Boys love to show off and entertain – a campfire program is a perfect time and place to do just that.