

CAMPFIRES FOR PACK OVERNIGHT OUTINGS

Who doesn't love a glowing campfire? Roasting marshmallows.

Creating great memories but we don't want any tent to burn!

Before you start planning a Pack overnight or Webelos or Arrow of Light overnight

REVIEW SAFE guidelines as planning activity

Supervision, Assessment, Fitness and skills and equipment and environment

Leaders – at least one must have Baloo training and Hazardous weather (all)

Cub Scouts attend with parent/legal guardian (who do not have to be registered Scouts)

Lion and Tigers must have

Wolf, Bear, Webelos and Arrow of Light -if parent can't attend -another parent of Scout attending

make mutually agreed to take on 1 more child

Lion, Tiger, Wolves, and Bears may not camp as a den –pack or district /council

Webelos can camp as den as can AOL

AOL only can also camp with Troop

CAMPOUT SAFETY CHECKLIST (see sheet)

Documentation- med records, permission slips

Training- BALOO and Hazardous Weather

Planning- where we going, is it approved BSA place?

Equipment

Emergency planning- know where nearest hospital, check weather conditions often

Program – age appropriate and supervised

Campfire Safety

Check Cub individual handbooks

Environmental conditions: fire regulations, burn bans, fire conditions, wind direction, size of fire

Maintain your campsite- use fire ring, 15 ft clearance all around check low hanging bushes

Additives and fire extinguishing – additives prohibited; extinguish properly cold-out

Emergency Response – never leave campfire unattended, water/shovel nearby, stop drop and roll – if someone on fire or emergency first aid for burns

Behaviors around the Campfire: REVIEW RULES AT MEETING AND AT CAMPFIRE

****Safety Moment**

****respect fire by showing smart behavior**

****never use accelerants or additives in fire (including pine cone colored flame makers)**

****Stay outside campfire ring – do not touch any part of fire once fire has been lit assign fire tender to adult or older Scout -only that person may touch or feed fire**

****Don't run, jump or play around campfire**

****Once something in fire – it is fires now (throw stick in -can't get it out)**

****Maintain safe campfire and campsite**

****ensure campfire is appropriate distance between seating areas and tents**

****verify federal and local regulations and any fire bans**

****if cooking or roasting over a campfire –never swing, flick or throw hot or burning food**

****make sure skewers are long enough to keep body outside of fire ring**

watch for loose clothing

****be careful with sharp skewers and keep tips pointed in safe direction**

Why a fire?

A fire brings people together. Not source of heat. Symbol of community and tradition and never ending spirit of Scoutng

Who can make campfire?

Who can light?

Webelos who completed -requirement 6 and 7

Arrow of Light – firem'chit

Adults

Campfire Program – as fire builds – activities build, as fire settles down – activities settle down

Review fire safety rules

Opening – include Outdoor Code

then light fire

Welcome

Song

Den skits

intersperse with song, jokes, fire safety

den skits

leader skit – hiking on Venus always fun

Quiet song – Vespers

Prayer/ meditation

What you are thankful for =have leader or older Scouts start—voluntary

Food – roasting marshmallow or hot dogs

Susquehanna Roundtable - Cub Breakout Apr 2026

OR FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY (BEFORE QUIET SONG AND PRAYER)

Do not use fire you used to retire flags in to cook any food in - Have second fire for that

EXTINGUISH FIRE – must be cold out.