

THE KAB SCOUT CAMPFIRE

Campfire

It is always an enjoyable occasion when the Kawan gets around a real campfire and open air and sing their favorite songs, give a yell or two, act a short play; and when the embers start to fade, listen to the Kawan Leaders as she/he weaves a thrilling yarn. A few quiet prayers follow and then finally, going to bed. The whole campfire should be kept quite short, 30 to 45 minutes, and held not too frequently. The artificial campfire is of course a good substitute for a rainy evening. To be truly successful, a campfire must be more than just a program around leaping flames. It must have a purpose, direction, and definite plan for what is to be accomplished.

Importance

1. Campfires help with Kawan discipline.
2. They encourage shy boys to gain confidence by joining in the stunts, games, and songs.
3. They add to the family spirit of the Kawan.
4. The campfire can be the climax of the day, sending the KAB Scouts off to their homes happy and contented.

Features of a KAB Scout Campfire

1. Time – Twilight/sunset
2. Duration - 30-45 minutes
3. Leadership - Adult Managed
4. Program
 - a. It could begin with some warm-up songs
 - b. KAB Scout Skit
 - c. KAB Scout Yell
 - d. More songs (action)
 - e. KAB Scout Skit/Stunt
 - f. More KAB scout Yells
 - g. Mime Songs (action)
 - h. A Leader's skit or stunt
 - i. As the fire begins to die down, a quieter mood should prevail.
A short yarn be given.
5. Firelay
 - * It should be laid to last only as long as required, without adding more fuel.
 - * It should be lit before the participants have assembled.
5. Opening – The Kawan Leader normally opens the campfires, but other Leaders may do so from time to time.
6. Closing – Quiet song (to be hummed while closing prayer is said)

A formal campfire is not always necessary during backyard camping.

SAMPLE KAWAN CAMPFIRE PROGRAM

Entrance: With the leaders already in their places around the pre-lighted fire, the KAW Scouts enter the circle, led by their color group leaders.

OPENING: Kawan Leader – To make our campfire bright
Let our voices sing tonight
Let us all make merry.

PROGRAM: Opening Song	:	Campfire's Burning
Kawan Yell	:	KAW Scout, Yeah, MABUHAY
Round Song	:	Silently Sing the Donkey
Game	:	Follow the Leader
Action Song	:	Hammer Song
Game	:	Sports Mimetic
Story	:	by the Kawan Leader
Song	:	KUM Bah Ya
Prayer	:	Assistant Kawan Leader