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The Purpose of Conducting Campfires

- Playacting, stories, songs and music can all be used effectively in a campfire program
- The campfire circle can be a very memorable experience for your youth and a place to create memories and dreams
- It's a great way for youth to learn to express themselves, and have a feeling of togetherness with other youth.



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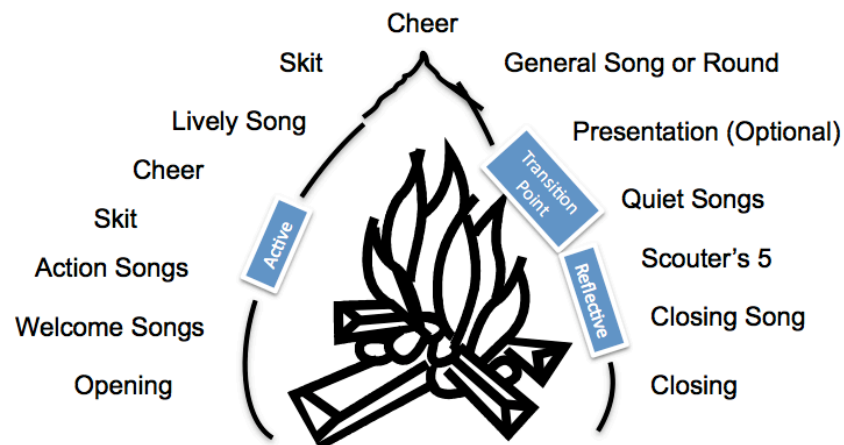


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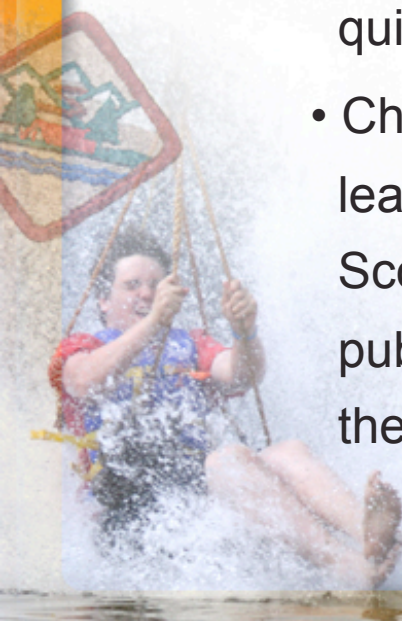


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Types of Songs

- Using a variety of songs will make a campfire experience more enjoyable for all. These can include: rounds, action, repeat, quiet, spiritual
- Check out your section leader's handbook, other Scouts Canada published resources and the internet for examples.



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Types of Campfires

- *Formal* – very structured, follows a traditional outline; may be too rigid for younger youth
- *Informal* – less structured, but still follows a traditional outline
- *Singsong* – an unstructured gathering that doesn't necessarily use a set outline
- Campfires can also be held indoors using an artificial campfire.



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Campfire Etiquette

Before a formal campfire, discuss the rules of good campfire etiquette:

- Enter the campfire circle silently
- Sit in a circle around the fire. Running around and horseplay are not permitted
- Do not poke sticks or throw garbage into the fire
- Be courteous to others; do not talk during a song or skit
- Cheer all contributors for doing their best
- Keep flashlights turned off after entering the campfire circle
- Leave the campfire circle in silence.

Encourage members to wear their campfire blankets if they have them.

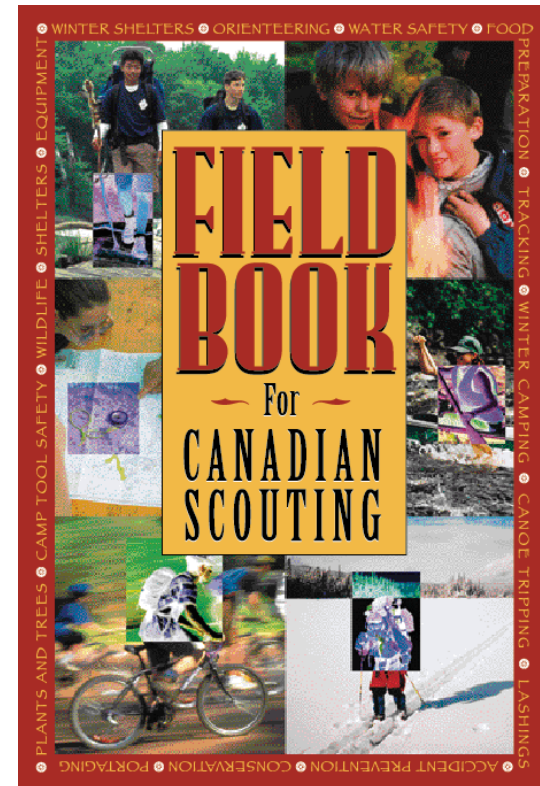


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Building a Campfire

- Check with local authorities to see if you need a fire permit, and how to obtain it
- Keep campfires small and use existing fire pits wherever possible
- Gather dead wood only, and have a sufficient supply for the length of your campfire
- Never leave a fire/live coals unattended
- Make sure your campfire is extinguished and cold before moving on
- Follow “leave no trace” rule if using a new site.



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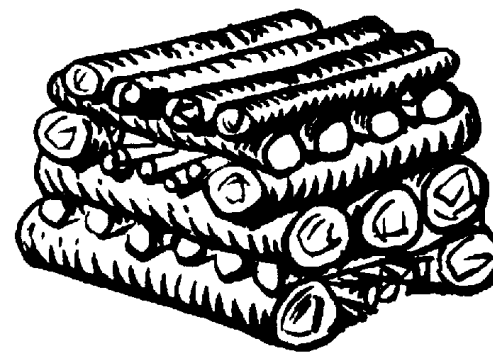
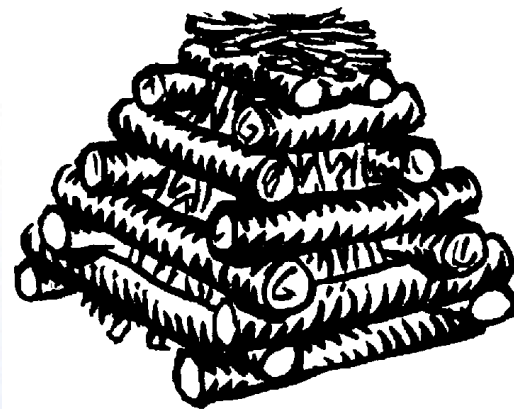


Types of Campfires

You can use several types of fire styles for a campfire:

- As a Pyramid style burns, the coals fall into the middle, helping the fire burn downward
- A Log Cabin style is one often used for campfires.

The idea is to let the fire burn slowly and die down as the campfire program nears its end.



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Fire Clean Up

- When the fire has burned itself out, sprinkle water over the ashes, stirring them occasionally to ensure that they are completely extinguished
- If you've developed a new campfire site, scatter the ashes and replace the sod or decomposing material from the forest floor, returning the site to its original condition.



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Fire Pits (1)

“Leave no trace” rule for building a campfire in a new site:

- Gather enough sand or gravel to build a base at least 7-9 cm deep and about 60 cm in diameter
- Scatter the sand/gravel after the fire has completely burned out and has been extinguished with water
- When sand isn't available, locate a grassy area where you can carefully cut out a section of sod or remove the decomposing materials.

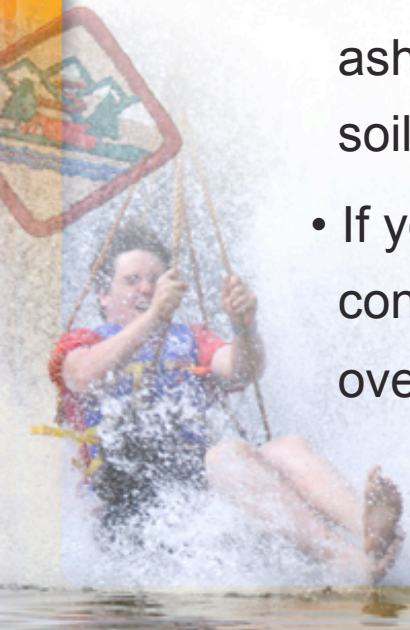


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Fire Pits (2)

- Never build directly on the forest floor, exposed rocks, roots or near low hanging branches or trees
- Dig a shallow pit down to the mineral soils or gravel
- Now, build your fire in the hole
- Afterwards, when your fire has completely burned out and all ashes have been extinguished with water, replace the sod and soil
- If you must build it on a rock, find one big and flat enough to contain it; once the fire is completely extinguished, turn the rock over to hide the blackened scar.



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Environmental Issues

- Campfires today are a luxury in many places
- Scouting is committed to the principles of land stewardship, wise use of natural resources and no-trace camping techniques
- Uncontrolled burning in campsites can leave many unsightly fire scars over time
- Use guidelines to minimize your campfire's impact on the environment
- The saying "take only pictures, leave only footprints" applies to campfires and other camping activities.

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Resources

- Section Leader Handbooks
- Scouts Canada: The Campfire Book
- Fieldbook For Canadian Scouting
- *Scouting Life* Magazine
- Scouts Canada: Campfire Sing-Along CD or Tape.



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Campfires are a great way for youth to learn to express themselves, and have a feeling of togetherness with others.

- A) True**
- B) False**

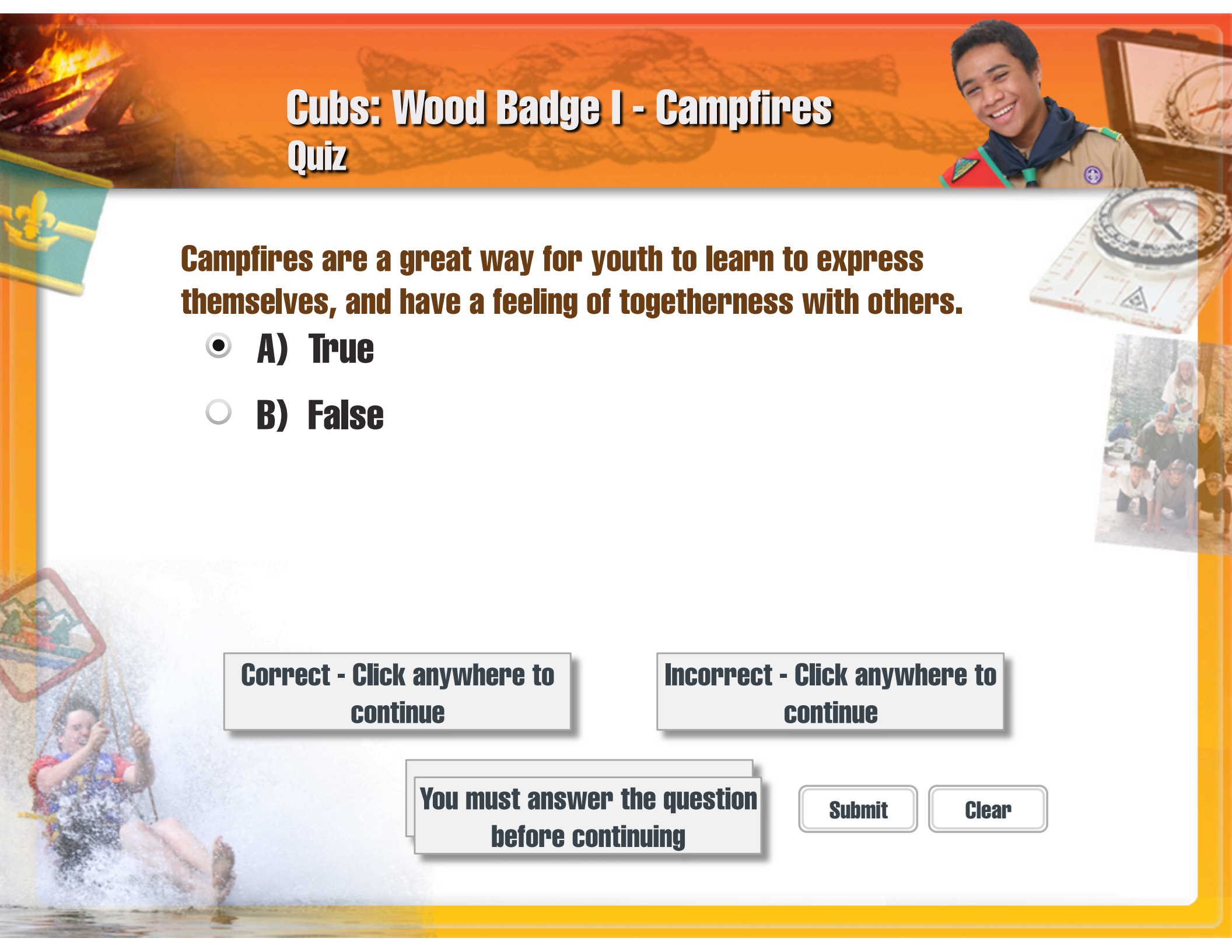
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You must answer the question before continuing

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Formal, casual and singsong are three types of Scouting campfires.

- A) True
- B) False

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Running around and horseplay are encouraged.

- A) True
- B) False



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Safety practices state that Scouts are allowed to poke the fire with sticks.

- A) True
- B) False



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Complete the sentence below by filling in the blanks.

Encourage members to wear their campfire
if they have them. Keep campfires
and use fire pits where possible.

Check with local authorities to see if you need a
and how to obtain it.

Two types of ceremonial fire styles are pyramid and

Correct - Click anywhere to continue

Incorrect - Try again – the correct answers are: Blanket, Small, existing, Fire permit, Log Cabin

You must answer the question before continuing

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Complete the sentence below by filling in the blanks.

Ensure the campfire is completely

Replace the or decomposing material from the forest floor.

Sprinkle water over the stirring them occasionally.

the sand/gravel after the fire has completely burned out.

**Try again – the correct answers are:
extinguished, sod, ashes, and scatter.**

**Correct - Click anywhere to
continue**

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Complete the sentence below by filling in the blanks.

Be careful not to build your fire on

When a fire is built on a rock, find one that is

Campfires today are a

Scouting is committed to the principles of land

Incorrect - Click anywhere to continue

**Try again – the correct answers are:
roots, flat, low**

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Congratulations, you have now completed this session!

