

# Campfire Planner

An actual campfire starts from a tiny spark, the flames leap and grow until they reach their peak and then slowly start to die down and you are left with embers. Just like that campfire, the songs that you sing around it follow the same pattern. You begin with a slow small song and slowly build up speed and excitement with every song that you sing until once again you reach the peak of your campfire. From there, you slowly start to wind down and end with a slow closing song and taps.

## Instructions:

Below you will find 9 steps for your campfire.

1. Choose appropriate songs for each category and fill in the blanks in the below chart. You will need at least 1 song for each category.
2. Once you have a song in every space, begin your campfire and sing the songs in order.

## Campfire:



Steps	Songs		
1. Opening...			
2. Slow Songs...			
3. Medium Fast Songs...			
4. Rowdy Songs...			
5. Medium Fast Songs...			
6. Skits & Stories...			
7. Slow Songs...			
8. Closing Songs...			
9. Taps (or Unit Closing)...			

## List of Songs

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Opening Songs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fire's burning</li><li>• Tall trees</li><li>• Sparks jump up</li><li>• The brownie song</li></ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Slow Songs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Row row row your boat</li><li>• Make new friends</li><li>• The more we get together</li><li>• Rain storm</li><li>• Barges</li><li>• Land of the silver birch</li><li>• The more we get together</li><li>• Three blind mice</li><li>• On top of Spaghetti</li><li>• Twinkle twinkle</li></ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Medium Fast Songs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Herman the worm</li><li>• Swimming</li><li>• Bug on the wall</li><li>• BINGO</li><li>• The window</li><li>• The littlest worm</li><li>• Going crazy</li><li>• Frog song</li><li>• Hokey pokey</li><li>• Itsy Bitsy Spider</li></ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Rowdy Songs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Yogi Bear</li><li>• The moose song</li><li>• Auntie Monica</li><li>• Chinese fan</li><li>• Squirrel squirrel</li></ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Skits &amp; Stories</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How the Brownies got their name participation story</li><li>• Halloween participation story</li><li>• Little green ball skit</li><li>• Is it time yet skit</li><li>• Raisin skit</li><li>• Bucket head skit</li><li>• Fishing skit</li><li>• Gathering of nuts skit</li></ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Closing Songs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sparks closing</li><li>• Linger</li><li>• Saw why</li></ul>

## Song Lyrics

### Openings...

<p><b>Fire's Burning</b>  <i>(source: "Jubilee Songbook", Girl Guides of Canada, 1971.)            (to the tune of "London's Burning"; can be sung as a 4-part round)</i></p> <p>Fire's burning, fire's burning            Draw nearer, draw nearer            In the gloaming, in the gloaming            Come sing and be merry</p>	<p><b>Tall Trees</b>  <i>(source: "Diamond Jubilee Songbook", Girl Guides Association, 1984.)            (Can also be sung as a 4-part round)</i></p> <p>Tall trees that reach the sky            Mountains and lakes nearby            Draw near, my friends, come sing, my friends            Our campfire time is nigh</p>
<p><b>Sparks Jump Up</b></p> <p>Sparks jump up when you light the fire.            Sparks jump up and give a big cheer.            Sparks jump up as the flames get higher.            The Sparks! The Sparks! The Sparks are here!</p>	<p><b>Brownie Song</b>  <i>(source: "Sing A Song For Sixes", Girl Guides of Canada, 1975)</i></p> <p>We're the Brownies, here's our aim            Lend a Hand and play the game.</p>

### Slow Songs...

<p><b>Row, Row, Row Your Boat</b>  <i>(Can be sung as a 2-part round – once the 1<sup>st</sup> group is done singing the first line, the 2<sup>nd</sup> group starts the song)</i></p> <p>Row, row, row your boat            Gently down the stream            Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily            Life is but a dream</p>	<p><b>Make New Friends</b>  <i>(source: "Canciones de Nuestra Cabana", World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, 1980.)</i></p> <p>Make new friends but keep the old,            One is silver and the other gold.</p> <p>A circle's round, it has no end,            That's how long I want to be your friend.</p>
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## The More We Get Together

The more we get together  
Together, together  
The more we get together  
The happier we'll be  
Cause your friends are my friends  
And my friends are your friends  
The more we get together  
The happier we'll be.

## Rain Storm

*This song is strictly actions! Sit everyone in a circle. Have a leader walk slowly around the inside of the circle, facing the girls. On each circuit around the circle, do one of the actions, in order. Girls are not to start or stop an action until the leader passes in front of her. Repeat, doing the actions backwards.*

Rub two fingers on palm  
Rub hand on palm  
Clap two fingers on palm  
Clap hands  
Stomp feet

## Barges

*(source: The first two verses appear in "Jubilee Songbook", p.56)*

Out of my window, looking in the night  
I can see the barges flickering light  
Silently flows the river to the sea  
And the barges too go silently

### Chorus:

Barges, I would like to go with you  
I would like to sail the ocean blue  
Barges, have you treasures in your hold  
Do you fight with pirates brave and bold?

Out of my window, looking in the night  
I can see the barges flickering light  
Starboard shines green and port is glowing red  
I can see them flickering far ahead

### Chorus

*Hum last verse!*

## Land of the Silver Birch

*(source: "Our Chalet Songbook", Our Chalet Committee, 1981; also found in "Girl Guide Songbook, Vol. 2", Girl Guides Association, 1984 and in "Songs for Canadian Girl Guides", Girl Guides of Canada, 1981.)*

Land of the silver birch  
Home of the beaver  
Where still the mighty moose  
Wanders at will

### Chorus:

Blue lake and rocky shore  
I will return once more  
Boom did-y-ah-dah  
Boom did-y-ah-dah  
Boom did-y-ah-dah, boom

My heart is sick for thee  
Here in the lowlands  
I will return to thee  
Hills of the north

### Chorus

Swift as a silver fish  
Canoe of birch bark  
By mighty waterways  
Carry me forth

### Chorus

High on a rocky ledge  
I'll build my wigwam  
Close to the water's edge  
Silent and still

### **The More We Get Together**

*(Source: "The Kids' Campfire Book", Jane Drake and Ann Love, Kids Can Press, 1996.)*

The more we get together  
Together, together  
The more we get together  
The happier we'll be

For your friends are my friends  
And my friends are your friends  
The more we get together  
The happier we'll be.

### **Three Blind Mice**

*(source: "Musical Fun With The Brownie Pack", Girl Guides Association, 1986.)*  
*(can be sung as a 4-part round)*

Three blind mice, three blind mice  
See how they run, see how they run  
They all run up to the farmer's wife  
Who cuts off their tails with a carving knife  
Did you ever see such a sight in your life  
As three blind mice

### **On Top of Spaghetti**

*(to the tune of "On Top of Old Smokey")*

On top of spaghetti all covered with cheese  
I lost my poor meatball when somebody sneezed

It rolled off the table and onto the floor  
And then my poor meatball rolled out of the door

It rolled into the garden and under a bush  
And then my poor meatball was nothing but mush

The mush was as tasty as tasty could be  
Then early next summer it grew into a tree

The tree was all covered with beautiful moss  
It grew lovely meatballs with tomato sauce

So next time you eat spaghetti all covered with cheese  
Hang onto your meatball and don't ever sneeze!

### **Twinkle Twinkle Little Star**

Twinkle, twinkle, little star,  
How I wonder what you are.  
Up above the world so high,  
Like a diamond in the sky.  
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,  
How I wonder what you are.

## Medium Fast Songs...

<p><b>Herman the Worm</b> (actions in brackets)</p> <p>Sittin' on my fencepost, chewing my bubblegum (<i>chew, chew, chew, chew</i>)          Playin' with my yo-yo, wee-oo! wee-oo! (play with yo-yo)          When along came Herman the worm          And he was this big (<i>make a motion as if measuring a tiny worm</i>)          And I said: "Herman? What happened?"          "I ate my Mother."</p> <p>(repeat verse, with worm action getting larger and larger for each of the following lines:)</p> <p>"I ate my Father."          "I ate my Brother."          "I ate my Sister."          "I ate my Dog."</p> <p>(repeat verse one last time, with a tiny worm action for:)</p> <p>"I burped."</p>	<p><b>Swimming</b> (Source: there is a similar song called "Swimming Hole" in "The Kids' Campfire Book", Jane Drake and Ann Love, Kids Can Press, 1996, also in "Campfire Activities", Girl Guides of Canada, 1993.)</p> <p>Swimming, swimming in my swimming pool          When days are hot when days are cold, in my swimming pool          Breast-stroke, side-stroke, fancy diving too.          Don't you wish you never had anything else to do, but....</p> <p><b>Actions:</b>          Swimming, swimming: <i>swimming action</i>          In my swimming pool: <i>trace outline of pool</i>          Days are hot: <i>wipe hand across forehead</i>          Days are cold: <i>shiver</i>          Breast-stroke: <i>do the breaststroke</i>          Side-stroke: <i>do the sidestroke</i>          Fancy diving: <i>dive action</i></p> <p>Repeat the song a number of times, leaving out each of the above lines one at a time but still doing the actions. The last verse should be all actions and no singing!</p>
<p><b>Poor Little Bug on the Wall</b> (source: "The Worm Song and Other Tasty Tunes, Janet Wilson, 1993.)</p> <p>Poor little bug on the wall          No one to love him at all          No one to wash his clothes,          no one to tickle his toes          Poor little bug on the wall!</p> <p><b>Repeat the song a number of times using different actions. For example:</b>          Loud: sing really loud          Sad: sing really sadly          Opera: sing in an opera voice,          etc.</p>	<p><b>Bingo</b> (source: "Sing A Song For Sixes", Girl Guides of Canada, 1975)</p> <p>Farmer Brown he had a dog,          And Bingo was his name-o!          B-I-N-G-O,          B-I-N-G-O,          B-I-N-G-O,          And Bingo was his name-o!</p> <p>Repeat the song a number of times, each time substituting a clap for another one of the letters in "BINGO".</p>

## **The Window**

(Source: "The Kids' Campfire Book", Jane Drake and Ann Love, Kids Can Press, 1996; also in "Campfire Activities", Girl Guides of Canada, 1993.)

### **Chorus:**

The window, the window  
The second-story window  
If you don't know a nursery rhyme  
We'll throw you out the window!

Mary had a little lamb, its fleece was white as snow  
And every where that Mary went -  
She threw it out the window!

### **Chorus**

Little Jack Horner sat in his corner, eating his Christmas pie  
He stuck in his thumb and pulled out a plumb -  
And threw it out the window!

### **Chorus**

Little Miss Muffet sat on a tuffet eating her curds and whey  
Along came a spider and sat down beside her -  
And she threw it out the window!

### **Chorus**

Georgie porgie pudding and pie, kissed the girls and made them cry  
When the boys came out to play -  
They threw him out the window!

### **Chorus**

Little boy blue, come blow your horn, the sheep's in the meadow,  
the cow's in the corn  
Where is the boy who looks after the sheep?  
We threw him out the window!

### **Chorus**

Jack be nimble, Jack be quick,  
Jack jump over the candlestick or  
We'll throw you out the window!

### **Chorus**

*(Repeat with other nursery rhymes until you run out! You can also divide your singing group into teams and sing this song as a competition.)*

### **The Littlest Worm**

*(leader sings a line, everyone repeats)*

The littlest worm  
I ever saw  
Was stuck inside  
My soda straw! *(repeat all together)*

He said to me  
Don't take a sip  
For if you do  
I'll surely flip! *(repeat)*

I took a sip  
And he went down  
All through my pipes  
He surely drowned! *(repeat)*

He was my pal  
He was my friend  
But now he's gone  
And that's the end! *(repeat)*

The moral of  
This story is  
Don't tale a sip  
Of soda fizz! *(repeat)*

### **Going Crazy (I Am Slowly Going Crazy)**

*(actions in brackets)*

I am slowly going crazy *(left hand cupping right elbow, right hand on chin)*

One, two, three, four, five, six, switch *(switch: R. hand on left elbow, L. hand on chin)*

Crazy going slowly am I

Six, five, four, three, two, one, switch *(switch back)*

*(Repeat song a number of times, getting faster and faster)*

### **Hokey Pokey**

You put your (right hand) in.  
You pull your (right hand) out.  
You put your (right hand) in,  
And you shake it all about.  
You do the hokey pokey,  
And you turn yourself around.  
That's what it's all about!

*(Repeat using different body parts!)*

### **Itsy Bitsy Spider**

*(source: "Rise Up Singing", Peter Blood and Annie Patterson, 1992.)*

The itsy bitsy spider went up the water spout,  
Down came the rain and washed the spider out,  
Out came the sun and dried up all the rain, so the  
Itsy bitsy spider went up the spout again!

## Frog Song

(source: "Campfire Activities", Girl Guides of Canada, 1993.)

Mmmm, mmmm, went the little green frog one day  
Mmmm, mmmm, went the little green frog  
Mmmm, mmmm, went the little green frog one day  
So they all went mmmm, mmmm, ahh!  
But we all know frogs go Clap la-dee-da-dee-da, Clap la-dee-da-dee-da, Clap la-dee-da-dee-da,  
We all know frogs go Clap la-dee-da-dee-da,  
They don't go mmmm, mmmm, ahh!

Grrr! Grrr! Went the big brown bear one day  
Grrr! Grrr! Went the big brown bear  
Grrr! Grrr! Went the big brown bear one day  
So they all went Grrr! Grrr! Grrr!  
But we all know bears go huggy-huggy-huggy, huggy-huggy-huggy, huggy-huggy-huggy  
We all know bears go huggy-huggy-huggy,  
They don't go Grrr! Grrr! Grrr!

Wiggle, wiggle, went the little green worm one day  
Wiggle, wiggle, went the little green worm  
Wiggle, wiggle, went the little green worm one day  
So they all went wiggle, wiggle, wiggle!  
But we all know worms go squishy-squishy-squish, squishy-squishy-squish, squishy-squishy-squish  
We all know worms go squishy-squishy-squish  
They don't go wiggle, wiggle, wiggle!

Slow, Slow, went the little green turtle one day  
Slow, Slow, went the little green turtle  
Slow, Slow, went the little green turtle one day  
So they all went Slow, Slow, Slow  
But we all know turtles go Kow-a-bunga dudes! Kow-a-bunga dudes!  
We all know turtles go Kow-a-bunga dudes!  
They don't go Slow, Slow, Slow!

Splish, splash, went the little blue fish one day  
Splish, splash, went the little blue fish  
Splish, splash, went the little blue fish one day  
So they all went splish, splash, splish!  
But we all know fish go na-nee-na-nee-na! na-nee-na-nee-na! na-nee-na-nee-na!  
We all know fish go na-nee-na-nee-na!  
They don't go splish, splash, splish!

### Actions:

frog: *mmmm*-deliberate blink; *mmmm*-stick out tongue *ahh* – open mouth; *la-dee-da-dee-da*- clap hands then wiggle fingers,  
bear: *Grrr!*-claws like a bear in front of you; *huggy-huggy-hug* neighbour (first right then left)  
worm: *wiggle*-wiggle finger like worm; *squishy-squishy-squish* - like squishing worm between hands  
turtle: *slow*-sing slow; *Kow-a-bunga dudes*-clap hands then 1 hand thumbs up in front  
fish: *splish-splash*-similar to turtle swish; *na-nee-na-nee-na* - thumb on nose wiggle fingers

## Rowdy Songs...

### Yogi Bear

I know someone you don't know  
Yogi, Yogi  
I know someone you don't know  
Yogi, Yogi Bear  
Yogi, Yogi Bear,  
Yogi, Yogi Bear  
I know someone you don't know  
Yogi, Yogi Bear

Yogi has a little friend  
Boo-boo, Boo-boo  
Yogi has a little friend  
Boo-boo, Boo-boo Bear  
Boo-boo, Boo-boo Bear,  
Boo-boo, Boo-boo Bear  
Yogi has a little friend  
Boo-boo, Boo-boo Bear

Yogi has a girlfriend too  
Cindy, Cindy  
Yogi has a girlfriend too  
Cindy, Cindy Bear  
Cindy, Cindy Bear,  
Cindy, Cindy Bear  
Yogi has a girlfriend too  
Cindy, Cindy Bear

They all have an enemy  
Ranger, Ranger  
They all have an enemy  
Ranger, Ranger Smith  
Ranger, Ranger Smith,  
Ranger, Ranger Smith  
They all have an enemy  
Ranger, Ranger Smith

They all live in Jellystone  
Jelly, Jelly  
They all live in Jellystone  
Jelly, Jellystone  
Jelly, Jellystone,  
Jelly, Jellystone  
They all live in Jellystone  
Jelly, Jellystone

#### Actions:

Yogi: wave arms back and forth one either side of your head  
Bear: make bear ears on the top of your head – DO FOR ALL BEARS!  
Boo-Boo: pat an invisible short person  
Cindy: flip hair with hand  
Ranger Smith: make a finger gun, "shoot" people  
Jellystone: shake whole body

### The Moose Song

*(leader sings a line, everyone repeats)*

There was a great big moose  
Who liked to drink a lot of juice  
There was a great big moose  
Who liked to drink a lot of juice

#### Chorus:

Singin Way-oh, way-oh  
Way-oh way-oh way-oh way-oh  
Way-oh, way-oh!  
Way-oh way-oh way-oh way-oh

Now the moose's name was Fred  
He liked to drink his juice in bed  
The moose's name was Fred  
He liked to drink his juice in bed

#### Chorus

He drank his juice with care  
But he spilt it in his hair  
He drank his juice with care  
But he spilt it in his hair

#### Chorus

Now there's a sticky moose  
With juice all over his caboose  
Now there's a sticky moose  
With juice all over his caboose

#### Chorus

There was a great big moose  
Full of juice...  
On the loose...

## **Auntie Monica**

(source: "Musical Fun With The Brownie Pack", Girl Guides Association, 1986; also in "Jubilee Songbook", Girl Guides of Canada, 1971.)

Oh I have an auntie, an Auntie Monica  
And when she goes shopping they all say "Ooh-la la!"  
Because her feathers swinging, her feather's swinging so  
Because her feathers swinging, her feather's swinging so

Oh I have an auntie, an Auntie Monica  
And when she goes shopping they all say "Ooh-la la!"  
Because her hat is swinging, her hat is swinging so,  
Because her hat is swinging, her hat is swinging so,  
Because her feathers swinging, her feather's swinging so  
Because her feathers swinging, her feather's swinging so

### **Other Verses:**

Because her muff is swinging, her muff is swinging so...  
Because her skirts are swinging, her skirts are swinging so...  
Because my aunt is swinging, my aunt is swinging so...

### **Actions:**

feather swinging: wave hand back and forth above head  
hat swinging: using both hands, swing an invisible wide-brimmed hat  
muff swinging: hands together in front of you, swing arms  
skirts swinging: sway invisible skirts around your legs  
aunt swinging: swing your whole body!

## **Chinese Fan**

(source: "Musical Fun With The Brownie Pack", Girl Guides Association, 1986; also in "Jubilee Songbook", Girl Guides of Canada, 1971.)

My ship sailed from China with a cargo of tea,  
All laden with treasures for you and for me!  
They brought me a fan, just imagine my bliss,  
When I found myself going like this, like this....

**Actions:** at the end of the verse, begin waving one hand back and forth as if with an invisible fan. Repeat the song a number of times, until you are waving both hands, both legs, and your head. Repeat one more time, ending with everyone laying in exhaustion on the floor!

## **The Squirrel Song**

*by Leanne Guenther*

Squirrel, squirrel shake your bushy tail!  
Squirrel, squirrel shake your bushy tail!  
Wrinkle up your little nose,  
Hold a nut between your toes.  
Squirrel, squirrel shake your bushy tail

*Repeat the song going faster and faster*

### **Actions:**

Shake your bushy tail – shake your bum  
Wrinkle up your nose – wrinkle up your nose  
Hold a nut – pretend to hold a nut to your nose with both hands

## Skits & Stories...

### How the Brownies Got Their Name Participation Story

Split your girls into groups, and assign each group one of the following roles. Each time they hear their character's name called in the story, they need to do the accompanying action:

BROWNIES: jump up and say "Hooray!"

GIRL GUIDES: march in place and say "Guides rock!"

ROSEBUDS: crouch down, jump up and say "What about us?"

LORD BADEN POWELL: salute and say "He's our founder!"

#### The Story:

Once upon a time, quite a long time ago, there was a young girl named Anne. Anne lived in a country called England. She had an older sister named Joan, who belonged to a very special group of girls called the GIRL GUIDES. Joan and her GIRL GUIDE friends would go hiking and camping and learn all sorts of fun and exciting things. Well, Anne and her friends wanted to join the GIRL GUIDES too, but they were too young. Well, that just wasn't fair! So the younger girls all got together and formed the ROSEBUDS, a younger group of the GIRL GUIDES. They were able to go camping and hiking and learn their own special crafts and skills, so they were very happy to be doing all of that.

But the ROSEBUDS didn't really like the name of their group. Maybe they thought that their name didn't say what their group was all about; maybe they didn't want to be seen as delicate little flowers; maybe they wanted a name that sounded cool like the older girls. Whatever the reason, LORD BADEN POWELL agreed to think of a new name for the ROSEBUDS. He thought for a long, long time. The name had to be just right! It had to tell the world that the group of girls were helpful and happy and eager to learn new things.

Then LORD BADEN POWELL remembered a fairy tale he had read when he was a young boy. In the story, there were magical people who were called BROWNIES who did many wonderful things for people. They would secretly do good deeds just for the joy of helping others! LORD BADEN POWELL knew he had the perfect name for the younger GIRL GUIDES. From then on, the ROSEBUDS would be called the BROWNIES! And that is how the BROWNIES got their name!

## Hallowe'en Participation Story

Characters and Actions:

GHOST: "Boo!"

POT: "Bubble, bubble, bubble..."

WEREWOLF: "How!!"

DOOR: "Creeeeeeak!"

WITCH: "Cackle!"

CAT: "Hiss!"

MONSTER: "Grrrr!"

### The Story:

Once upon a time, there lived a grumpy old WITCH. She lived in an old cottage in the woods with her CAT, Whiskers. Whiskers was a grumpy CAT too! One night in October, the WITCH decided to make a stew. She took out her old black POT and set the fire glowing. The WITCH took out her cookbook, "101 Recipes to Bubble and Boil". What kind of stew should she make? Should she make Hot Dogs and French Flies? Macaroni and Fleas? Hamboogers and Potato lips? Maybe Frogs Heads in Pond Scum?

Just as she was reading the recipe for Slimy Stinky Stew, there was a knock on the DOOR. Well, nobody ever knocked on the WITCHes DOOR! Who could it be? The WITCH peeked out her window and saw a GHOST, a MONSTER, and a WEREWOLF! Well, well, thought the WITCH, it's a party! She got so excited that she stepped on the CAT's tail. The CAT, of course, got even more grumpy when this happened! The WITCH opened the DOOR. "Come in, come in," she cackled, "I have just begin to make some stew. Would you like some?"

Well, the GHOST took one look at the toasted spider legs and went even whiter than her sheet! The MONSTER looked at the bubbling eyeballs and groaned when she held her tummy. The WEREWOLF smelled the fried bat wings and made all of her hair stand up straight! The WITCH was very upset that her guests did not want to share her marvelous stew! She flung open her DOOR and told the MONSTER, the GHOST, and the WEREWOLF to leave. Well, the WITCH got a big surprise when she opened the DOOR. Outside of her cottage was a big group of MONSTERS, princesses, trolls, and superheroes, all coming to her DOOR. "Trick or treat!" they yelled. Well, the grumpy old WITCH was so frightened that she picked up her CAT, packed up her POT, and flew out the back DOOR on her broom. And she was never seen again!

## **The Little Green Ball Skit**

First scout comes on and says 'Oh no I've lost it' He then starts to search around on the floor.

Second scout comes in and asks what he is looking for. First scout replies that he has lost his little green ball.

Both scouts continue searching the floor.

Several more scouts come on and are told about the lost little green ball. even members of the audience can be persuaded to join in the search.

After enough time has been dragged out, the first scout, sticks a finger up his nose and says "Don't worry I will have to make another one" YUK!!!!!!`

## **Is It Time Yet? Skit**

Line of 5-8 Scouts standing with left foot crossed over right, right arm crossed over left.

First Scout in line asks: "IS IT TIME YET?" - Second Scout asks third, etc down the line.

Last Scout says: "NO" Word is passed back to the first Scout, one Scout at a time.

After a lonnnnnnnng pause, First Scout asks: "IS IT TIME YET?" It goes down the line as before.

Last Scout says: "NO" Again and the word is passed back.

Another long pause.....

First Scout asks again: "IS IT TIME YET?" etc and,

Last Scout says: "YES" the answer is passed back. Just after the first Scout gets the word, they all change to right foot over left and left arm over right.

Exit groaning!!

## **Raisin Skit**

1st Scout comes out: Gets down on all fours, pretending to be a table. 2nd Scout comes out, looks at the table and declares;

2nd SCOUT: "Ahh, a fly, I think I'll pull it's wings off" Proceeds to pick it up, pluck the wings, put it back on the table, and walks off.

3rd Scout comes out, looks at the fly on the table and says;

3rd SCOUT: "Oh, a fly with no wings, I think I'll pull it's legs off", With great precision and animation, picks up the fly, removes it's legs, and puts it back and walks off.

4th Scout comes out, looks at the fly and announces;

4th SCOUT: "Say, a fly with no wings and no legs, I think I'll pull it's head off." Then proceeds as the other Scout before him.

Last Scout comes out looks at the table, then carefully inspects the object with out picking it up and says very quickly

LAST SCOUT: "A raisin !" and quickly picks it up and puts it in his mouth.

## **Bucket Head!**

Submitted by: James Brezina

The skit starts out with a couple of campers (or scouts in your case) asking for some volunteers from the audience (parents will do JUST fine...evil grin).

The volunteers are then removed from the room by one of the scouts in charge of the 'Game Show' (thank you Vanna...)

After the volunteers have been removed, the 'Game' is set up. Two tables (the folding type work VERY well) are covered with sleeping bags and balls of various descriptions are placed under buckets on these tables, the catch is that in between the two tables a person (another scout perhaps) is kneeling with his head under a bucket to resemble the other buckets (of course this is well hidden with sleeping bags, or sheets or what ever you have handy) The tables are then moved close together to further hide the fact that there is anyone under the table, and don't forget to cover the front of the table so that the participant, or victim as it were, cannot see under the tables.

Bring in the first contestant...

It is then that the 'Game' is described to the contestant. He/she is to make his/her way down the line of buckets picking up each bucket and naming the ball under the bucket. Give some time record to be beaten. Then as they make their way down the line and eventually pick up the bucket off of the table under which the scout is hiding, the scout should yell/scream etc. to further the shock value.

Bring in the next contestant...etc

## Fishing

(The scene opens with the two players rowing an imaginary boat.)

Andrew: Whew! It sure is a long way out here.

Robert: Yep. (puts hand to eyes) I can't see the shore anymore. Ready to start fishing?

Andrew: I think so. Looks like a good spot to me. (Both ready imaginary rods, reels, hooks, worms, etc., and start fishing. Immediately they both start to catch fish, recast and catch more. Continue for several casts.)

Andrew: I told you this would be a good spot.

Robert: Sure is, the boat's full. Guess we have our limit.. better get back.

Andrew: O.K. (gets oars ready)

Robert: Did you use a map to get here?

Andrew: Nope.

Robert: How are we ever gonna find our way back tomorrow?

Andrew: Oh, that's easy. I'll just mark the spot with a big X right here on the side of the boat! (makes mark - both row away quickly)

## Gathering of Nuts

Vincent: I am the famous artist, Vincent Van Go Go. I have come here this evening at great expense to create one of my living nature paintings which will express the atmosphere of this camp ! First I am going to need some trees. (Two trees are selected from the participants in the audience, and are directed where to stand. They wave their arms gently.)

Vincent: Now I will need some birds to twitter among the trees. (Three birds are selected and they move around the trees making twittering sounds.)

Vincent: (Stands back to view scene) Perhaps a sun to shine on everything. (A tall participant stands on a bench and smiles brightly.)

Vincent: (Again viewing) It's not right yet. I know, some rabbits hopping around. (Assistant Leaders are chosen for rabbits)

Vincent: One last touch. A babbling brook. Scouter, will you be the brook, you're always babbling ? (The brook takes his place.)

Vincent: (Turns to audience) There it is, another Vincent Van Go Go original nature scene. I call it "The Gathering of the Nuts."

## Closing Songs...

### Spark Closing (current)

I promise to share and be a friend  
By showing we care it's love we send  
Though the world is so wide  
With love deep inside  
It's easy to be a friend, a friend.

### Spark Closing (old)

*(to the tune of "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star")*

Twinkle twinkle little Spark  
Time to go, it's getting dark  
Off we go, home to bed,  
Time to rest our sleepy heads,  
Twinkle, twinkle little Spark  
Time to go it's getting dark.

## Linger

(Source: "The Kids' Campfire Book", Jane Drake and Ann Love, Kids Can Press, 1996; also in "Campfire Activities", Girl Guides of Canada, 1993.)

Hmmm, I want to linger  
Hmmm, a little longer  
Hmmm, a little longer here with you

Hmmm, it's such a perfect night  
Hmmm, it doesn't seem quite right  
Hmmm, that this should be my last with you

Hmmm, and come September  
Hmmm, I will remember  
Hmmm, our camping days and friendships true

Hmmm, and as the years go by  
Hmmm, I'll think of you and sigh  
Hmmm, this is good-night and not good-bye

## Say Why

(source: "Campfire Activities", Girl Guides of Canada, 1993.)

Say why, do we have to say goodbye  
Say why, do we have to say goodbye  
Say why, do we have to say goodbye  
Say why, my friend, say why

Say when, will we ever meet again  
Say when, will we ever meet again  
Say when, will we ever meet again  
Say when, my friend, say when

Say where, and I'll meet you right there  
Say where, and I'll meet you right there  
Say where, and I'll meet you right there  
Say where, my friend, say where

Say why, do we have to say goodbye  
Say when, will we ever meet again  
Say where, and I'll meet you right there

Say why, say when, say where!