How To Run A Successful Campfire

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Why do we host Campfires?

To Entertain Of Course!!

What type of Campfire are you running?

- Welcome/ Staff Campfire
- Awards Campfire
- OA Campfire
- Scout Campfire
- Talent Campfire
- Or some mix inbetween.

Things to keep in mind when Planning a CampFire

- How long do you have? (for the campfire)
- What will the weather be like at that time
- Is there a burn ban in your area
- Do you have a sound system available
- What props will you need?
- Does anyone need special transportation?

Types of Skits and Songs

- Run on
- Story and punch line
- Prop comedy/ slap stick
- Repeat after me songs
- Theatrical play
- Cut aways
- Actual singers/ cover band

Write Up an Itinerary (Opening Campfire)

- Plan out your campfire according to the mood you are setting
- Start out with a few run ons and sing alongs
- Slowly go into your heavy hitters of skits so it leaves a lasting impression when they leave campfire.
- End with a small monologue of expectations of the event.

Write Up an Itinerary (Closing Campfire)

- Note at opening campfire, for scouts to prepare skits for closing campfire.
- SCREEN THEM!!
- Then order them by length and quality
- Put any awards or recognitions at the end to wind down the ceremony
- Always announce who is on stage and who is next.

Closing Tips

- Sprinkle staff into the crowd to help participation
- Have a panic box of props and have a list of easy skits on hand.
- Not all campfires are perfect, but as long as everyone has a great time, it was perfect.
- Do not single out individuals/ haze/ put people on the spot

Questions?

Or concerns?