



Elements of a Great Campfire Program

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Campfire Programs

- Fulfill Requirements (*Cub & Boy Scout*)
- Practice public speaking
- Demonstrate leadership skills
- Roles for *everyone*



Elements of Great Campfire Programs

- **Structure**
- **Songs**
- **Stunts**
- **Stories**
- **Showmanship**



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Structure

- Plan in advance
- Timing
- Is it appropriate?
- BSA Camfire Program Planner
 - <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/430-696.pdf>



Songs

- Silly and Serious
- Songs requiring audience interaction are the BEST
- Great way to end on a peaceful note



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Songs - Resources

- BoyScoutTrail.com
- Campsongs.wordpress.com
- ScoutSongs.com
- Scoutorama.com
- Macscouter.com
- Scoutermom.com



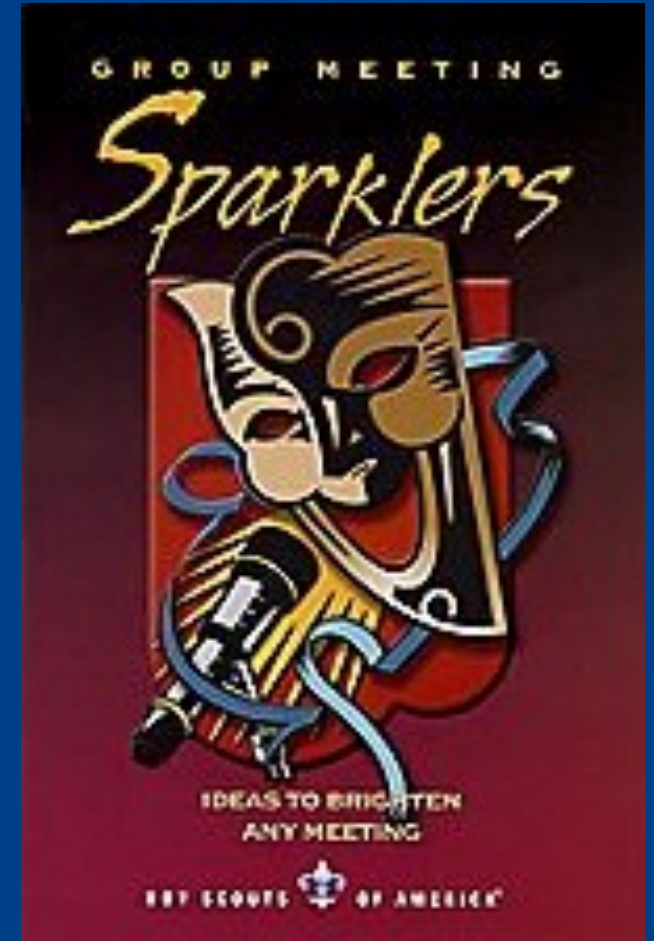
Stunts and Skits

- All about FUN
- Original are sometimes the best
- Should be rehearsed & double-checked by a leader
- Applauses, Run-Ons, Cheers/Yells



Stunts and Skits - Resources

- Scouting Magazine
- Boy's Life
- UltimateCampResource.com
- BoyScoutTrail.com
- Scoutorama.com
- MacScouter.com



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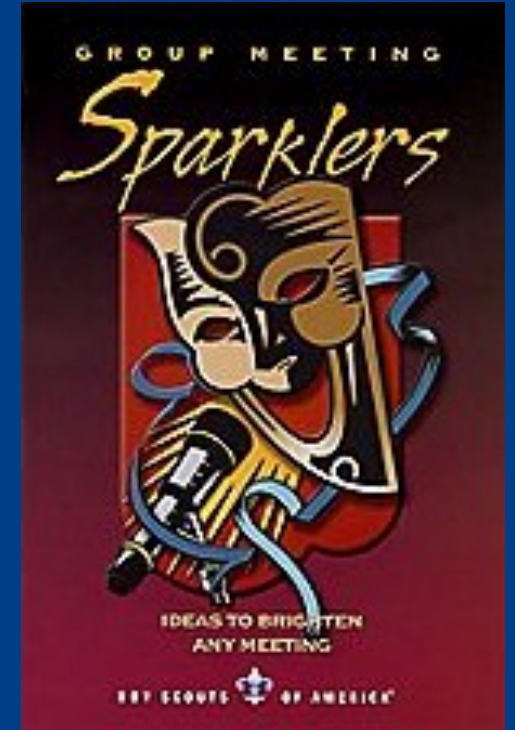
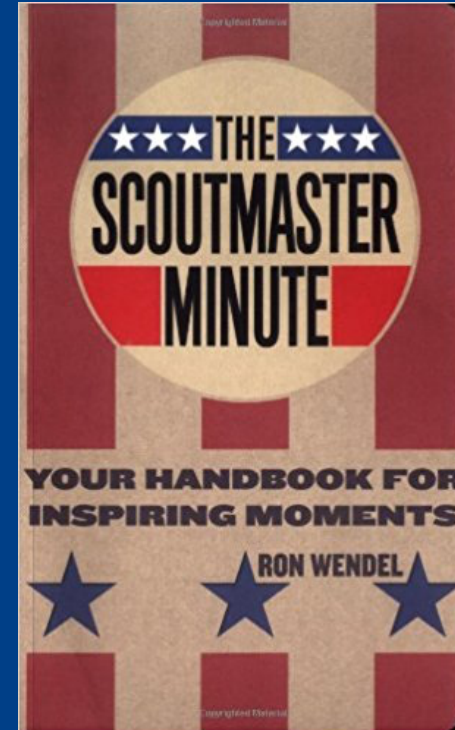
Stories

- **Ghost** Be careful, don't make them scared to be outdoors
- **Humorous** American folklore, appropriate humor
- **Adventure** True or fiction, spurs imagination, use history
- **Hero** Inspirational, can always include humor



Stories - Resources

- Scouting Magazine
- Boy's Life
- Mark Twain short stories
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- Macscouter.com
- UltimateCampResource.com

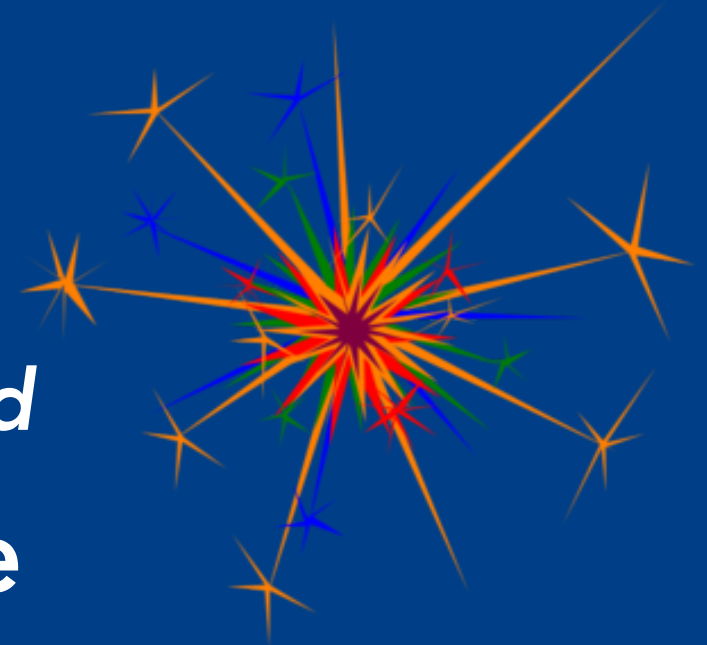


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Showmanship

- Add a little “spark”
- Location – use your imagination
- Opening – lighting the fire?
 - *Example: New Scouts and stick of wood*
- Start with **ENERGY** – set the tone



Great Campfires = 5 "S" Method

- **S**tructure
- **S**ongs
- **S**tunts
- **S**tories
- **S**howmanship



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