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- Host an indoor campfire with candle lanterns or a light up pretend fire.

If you don't want to have a big event then why not try some campfire food instead....

- Make Damper Bread over a campfire.

- Toast marshmallows over a campfire or even a candle.

- Make candle lanterns by decorating jam jars for an indoor campfire or Promise ceremony.

Resources to help you.....

- **Damper Bread Recipe sheet** • **Camp Blanket Booklet** - Explains how to start to make a camp blanket. • **Making Ribbon Badges** - Get making your own badges for special events.

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Week 1: Sing & Play



Practice / learn some campfire songs.....

- Have a go at making up some new words to an old or familiar tune.

- Can anyone in your patrol play along? Guitar, recorder, drums and shakers etc. are all good.

- Do you have a campfire song book or file with your song words in? Start or add to your songbook / song file. (Individual one or one per patrol)

- Can your Guider teach you a new song or could you ask someone from the Trefoil Guild to come and teach you some campfire songs?

- Learn an action song.

- Make a recording or video of your favourite songs to help other Guides learn them.

LOOK AHEAD..... Make sure that you do a bit of planning for the next few weeks.

Week 3: Campfire Blankets

- **Start or add to a camp blanket.** A camp blanket doesn't just keep you warm, it's a way of keeping Guiding memories - each badge should remind you of something that you did or someone that you met. Any old blanket will do, fleece blankets are lightweight, wool ones are safer near the fire. Ask at home to see if there is a spare blanket, check in charity shops, supermarkets have cheap fleece blankets. Girlguiding sell blue fleece blankets in the online shop for around £10.

- **Have an evening sewing on badges to an existing camp blanket** - your old Brownie, Rainbow, Swimming, Gym etc badges can go onto a camp blanket. If you visit a special place you can usually buy a cloth badge to remember that place.

- **Design a blanket badge** for your Unit, your Patrol or another special event. You could even try making badges using t-shirt transfer paper which you print your design onto using an inkjet printer.

- **Hold a blanket fashion show** at your unit to see how cool everyone's blanket looks.

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worldwide share the tradition of the 'Campfire' It's not just a fire.. in fact you don't even need a fire!

It is a time to sit around with friends and share songs and stories, it's an evening entertainment without the need for technology! It's about friendship and fun.

Campfire songs are shared around the world, some of them are very old, some are sung in different languages, sometimes songs are funny and very silly but other songs are very deep and meaningful... songs that stay with you, in your heart, for the rest of your life.

Use the next few weeks to learn about Campfire, get to know more songs, start or improve your blanket, find out about sketches and stunts, campfire food and fire.



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Week 2: Sketches & Stunts

A campfire sketch, stunt or skit is like a small play or comedy piece performed by (usually) the Guides or even the Leaders at the campfire.

A good campfire will have a mix of stunts. Some very short ones (the equivalent of one-liners in stand up comedy) and some of the 'shaggy-dog' variety, long drawn out ones with a punchline at the end, usually at the expense of a member of the audience.

Learn, practice (or make up) some very short campfire entertainments. Plan how to include them in your campfire, what (if any) props or resources will you need eg. Torch, cup of water etc.

<http://www.scoutingresources.org.uk/stunts/> is a good source of stunts.

Look ahead to Week 3 and 4, do you know how to build a campfire or if you are inside what are the alternatives?



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