

CAMPFIRE PERFORMANCE FORM

***** THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO HEADQUARTERS BY 2:00 PM SATURDAY *****

ALL UNITS ARE TO PERFORM AT THE CAMPFIRE

UNIT NUMBER _____

PATROL NAME _____

NAME OF SONG, SKIT, RUN ON _____

DESCRIBE :

GREY AREAS

Scouting program is designed to develop boys in character, citizenship, and fitness including mental, moral, spiritual, and physical fitness. Activities, meetings, camp programs, and campfires all contribute to Scouting aims. Therefore, some items that may be acceptable in other segments of society are not part of the Scouting program.

One of the important elements of Scouting is FUN. In our attempt to use humor and fun activities, we must continually remind ourselves that these amusing and entertaining programs are excellent opportunities to teach the values of Scouting, and must not detract from nor contradict the philosophy expressed in the Scout Oath and law.

Although many leaders are able to determine the appropriateness of most program choices, there are certainly numerous songs, stories, skits, and stunts that force the leader to make decisions. To add to the complexity of the decision is that in many cases it is not so much what is done, but how it is done. The areas that fall between the inappropriate and the absolutely acceptable, we call the grey area.

Just because a skit, song, or story falls in one of the grey area categories does not, in itself, establish that it may not be done. At the same time, if an item is in the grey area, then a leader must exercise his judgment concerning not only the subject matter, but also the performers and their sensitivity to the values and ideals of Scouting. The final decision must be the impact the item has on developing character, fitness, and citizenship or setting the wrong example of what Scouting is all about.

APPROVED _____

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