YADVENTURE GUIDES

We build strong kids, strong families, strong communities

Expedition/Federation Camp Fire format

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1) Typically the Compass Bearer comes out (**One thing our group has adopted is "Friends Forever" as our greeting) and shouts "Friends Forever" to which the crowd responds with a loud "Friends Forever" right back!

2) Compass bearer will say a few words. Then we will do a CHEER to get everyone in the mood! Attached is a sample of some cheers and there are many others. Be creative, in fact Explorers have been given the task of coming up with a cheer or 2 and performed them (once they are comfortable) in front of the Crowd. Cheers are designed to get the energy level up.

3) Then we make a big deal as we bring on the "Expedition Navigator." The chant varies depending on his/her Adventure Guides name but is done by the entire audience to bring him up on stage keeps the energy up.

4) The Navigator will come and Shout "Friends Forever!" and the crowd responds in kind. The Navigator will typically "thank event host for a job well done." (Compass Bearer is in charge of weather) the Navigator typically props or digs the Navigator based on the events weather! "Is everyone having fun?" "How many built sand castles today?" Or other pertinent questions that elicit a yell.

5) Then, we have already identified 2-3 circles who have prepared a skit. These skits are assigned at the beginning of the year so they have plenty of time to prepare. After each skit, the Compass bearer leads the audience in a cheer to show appreciation to the group who just performed the skit. At the end of the skits, the Tracker will tell a brief story 3-5 minutes something with a minor point or message to make it meaningful to the group. This settles the group down a bit.

From there we do our Closing ritual:

Words	With arm motions-
"**And Now,**	(point finger to the ground)
may the creator,	(rotate hand/finger in circle as you bring above your head)
of all Creation,	(both hands to the sky fanning out like a rainbow)
Be with you, and you and you and you	(point at different kids in the group)
Today and forevermore	(simulate firing a bow -n-arrow to the sky)

After this a loud ***FRIENDS FOREVER*** yell by all, and the Campfire is over.

Typically we have a sound system, and music is played as everyone leaves the campfire.