

# Fire Craft

## MERIT REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

### INTRODUCTION

Campfires have long been a common feature of outdoor activities, providing a method for cooking as well as a source of warmth, light, and an inviting atmosphere. However, with the variety of camp stoves, heaters, and lanterns now available, campfires are not as essential today as they once were. Campfires can damage the environment and be hazardous when younger boys are around. The material in this merit provides an overview of the benefits and drawbacks of campfires plus how they can be built and used safely and effectively.

### REQUIREMENTS

1. Describe the conditions when a campfire should or should not be used.
2. Draw a diagram of the three components of the combustion triangle. Explain the need for all three when starting or maintaining a fire.
3. Collect and identify examples of the three categories of material used in building and maintaining a campfire—tinder, kindling, and fuel.
4. Explain the common safety practices to be used when building a campfire.
5. Create a display that includes each of the following types of campfires: teepee, hunter's, trench, and council fire. Explain how they differ in design, benefits, and common use.
6. Build, start, maintain, and extinguish at least two campfires. Choose from: teepee fire, hunter's fire, trench fire, and council fire. Start your fires using the A-frame method.
7. Describe good stewardship as it relates to fire craft.

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**Your name**

(Print your name on the line.)

## FIRE CRAFT REQUIREMENTS

8. Read Genesis 1:26–31 and explain the role of people being good stewards of our natural resources.
  
9. Use a fire you built to do one of the following:
  - a. Cook a food item.
  - b. Provide light, warmth, or atmosphere for an outdoor service or activity.

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