

Creating Your Camp Fire Name



Materials: Each child has a large paper bag cut so it lies flat or a large piece of newsprint, small index cards, pencils and pens.

Discussion: Explain about Camp Fire names (*see pages 12-14 of the Trail Seeker youth record book and pages 16-24 of the Wood Gatherer youth record book*) and give a couple of examples. As a leader, create one for yourself and share it at this time.

Ask the children to divide their paper into five sections by folding or drawing lines. They will have two minutes to write a few words describing the way they feel about the specific topics for each section.

Steps: 1st Section: write action words (walker, jumper, dancer, singer, etc.) that describe what you do with your body.

2nd Section: write words that describe something about your personality (honest, friendly, outgoing, quiet, etc.).

3rd Section: write words that describe an animal you admire (elephant, tiger, butterfly, etc.)

4th Section: write words that describe something that you like to do (camp, play ball, make models, draw, etc.). Leaders, pay close attention to these responses for activity ideas for future meetings.

5th Section: write words that describe how you feel (happy, sad, funny, loving, etc.).

Share some of the words you wrote with the club. Choose three words that are most meaningful and write them on separate index cards. To create a new word, underline syllables that may be combined and rearrange them until you are satisfied. Or use the words to create a name.

Option #2: If the child wants a name from his/her cultural heritage, he/she can take the cards home to share and translate, if necessary.

Note: Do not rush this process. The children may want to take their lists and note cards home to talk with parents or other family members. Continue the discussion at the next meeting.