



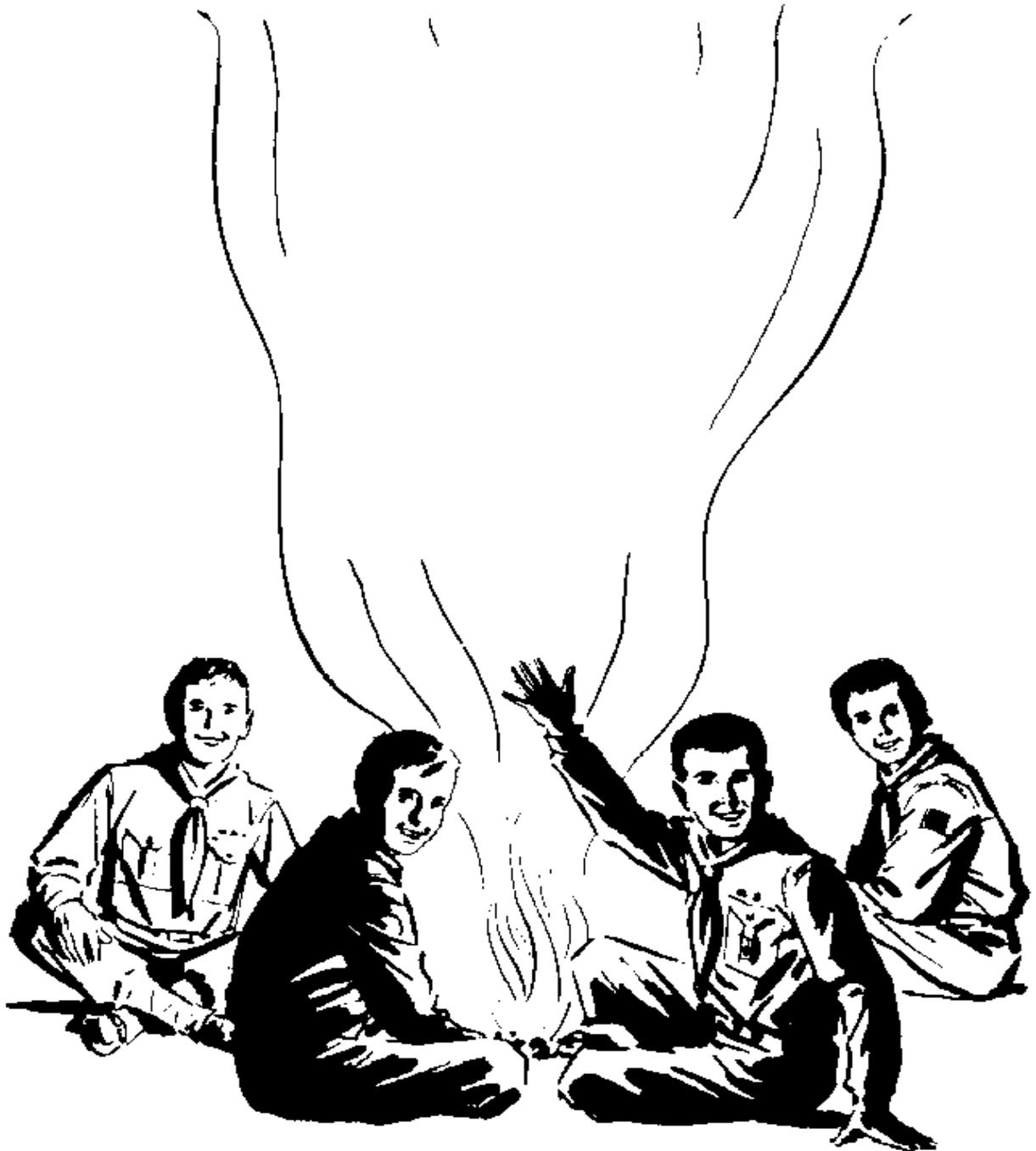
SMOKE SIGNALS



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Troop Activities

Well how did Summer Camp at the famous Camp Maumee go this year you ask? Well, for the Cyclones, it was an amazing experience filled with fun and excitement! Matthew Fuehne served as a great SPL along with his two ASPL's Connor Boyle and Isaac Smith. David Luehrmann, Ben Seiwert, and I all ended up swimming the mile and had the pleasure of waking up at 6 o'clock am every morning. We also finally got a patrol flag to go to camp with us this year and it served us well (besides the fact that it fell in a big mud puddle). The Cyclones also got one step closer to earning their National Honor Patrol Award by clearing the trails that lead up to the Dining Hall as their service project. I would like to thank all the scouts and adults for a great week at Camp Maumee. I hope everyone learned a lot and had fun.

– Cyclone PL Jason McIntire

The Pine Trees are doing well.
Now we are the Border Patrol.
We all earned merit badges.

Ian fox

¡Hola todos!
Estoy en España ahora, y me gusta mucho. No tengo mucho tiempo, pero mis maestras dijeron que yo tengo enviar un email a mis padres. No estoy muerto y estoy muy alegre aquí. :) ¡ahora voy a tomar una tapa! Adios y hasta luego lo siento de mi terrible español ;)

-Anton Hopkins

(Its in Spanish)

Troop Yell by Daniel Padilla
We ready! We are scouts!
We have spirit! We will shout!
To be prepared is+6 what we strive
We are troop 555

Song Writing

By Connor Boyle

Songwriting is a great way to have fun with people in your patrol. I thought it was awesome when the Vipers wrote their latest song, "Imperfections".

To successfully write a song you need an enthusiastic group of scouts an instrument, a pencil, some paper, and quite a bit of time.

Getting started is easy! Think of something you feel passionate about. It could be a hobby an experience, or ay thing else that makes you feel good.

The VI minor, IV, Root, and V chord progression is very popular and easy to play. A guitar or keyboard is a good instrument to use.

Get your friends to help you with your words. Try to stay focused on the topic of your song when your writing. You don't want to ramble, so choose your words carefully. Another good brainstorming technique is to reject no idea until you have made a long list, then narrow it down to the best ones.

That's all there is to it. If you work with your patrol, you'll become masters at songwriting.

Imperfections

Written by The Vipers

Verse I

In the darkness of night
We stand together.
I see the light
The lord lives forever

Verse II

I'm losing this fight
The string has been severed
Try as I might
I must end this endeavor

Refrain:

I'm not perfect
I'm only human
If my life gets hectic
He'll be pushing me thru and
He fills up my cup
and writes in the lines
He'll patch up my wounds
I'll make it this time

Verse III

The pages are torn
but the words are still clear
They think I'm alone
I can feel him right here
To Refrain

Bridge

I hunger and I thirst
I'm working thru the worst
I'm sick with a disease
I'm begging on my knees
I want him
I need him
I love him
I feel him
To refrain

I'm not perfect
I'm only human

July 3-9 White Stag NYLT Course

July 4 Independence Day; No Troop Meeting

July 11 Troop Meeting; Committee Meeting

July 12 Roundtable at 7:15pm

July 14 SM/ASM Lunch Meeting

July 18 PLC at 5:30pm in Teachers Conference

Room; Troop Meeting; Boards of Review

Deadline for Court of Honor

July 22-24 Patrol Outings

July 25 Troop Meeting; Troop Elections;

July 24-30 Kodiak High Adventure Trek

July 31 Troop Leadership Training required for all newly elected Positions of Responsibility from 5pm to 9pm