

★ HELP SMOKEY BEAR PREVENT WILDFIRES! ★



Fire can be good or bad, depending on how it is used. Discuss with a grown-up why each image is GOOD or BAD. For each picture, circle the 'thumbs up' if you think the fire is GOOD. Or, if you think the fire is BAD, circle the 'thumbs down.'

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#FlatSmokeyWI

1. Color and cut out Smokey Bear.
2. Take Flat Smokey with you on all your outdoor adventures. He also makes a great bookmark for reading.
3. Take a picture of you and Smokey practicing fire prevention and safety with family and friends.
4. Post on social media with #FlatSmokeyWI.



COLOR SMOKEY AND CUT HIM OUT!



**EVER WONDER WHY
SMOKE FROM
A CAMPFIRE
SEEMS TO FOLLOW YOU?**



If you've spent any time around a campfire you know how frustrating it can be when you get a bunch of smoke blowing right in your face. You try to move away, but it only seems to follow you.

Smoke is attracted to objects, that's why it seems to follow you. As the warm air rises and cool air from the surrounding area comes in to replace it, a vertical object, or person, near the fire, will block the flow of cool air. So, when one combines the blockage of cool inbound air with a rising air mass and someone is standing near a campfire, the person will attract smoke!

How to create the perfect, smokeless campfire

A good fire needs heat, fuel and oxygen. By opening up one small section of the fire ring, you can allow more oxygen to enter the fire. This air works to properly feed the fire and help it burn efficiently which reduces smoke.

A horseshoe shaped fire pit with a large flat rock on the opposite end of the opening will give air a clear path to the fire from the open side and a preferred path out up the side of the vertical rock. The air will be drawn through the fire to the large rock. As the heat rises, so will the direction of the smoke in an upward direction.

This design keeps the smoke from hitting you directly in the face and should make your time around the campfire more enjoyable so bring an extra bag of marshmallows!

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**SMOKEY BEAR SAYS
BE CAMPFIRE SAFE**



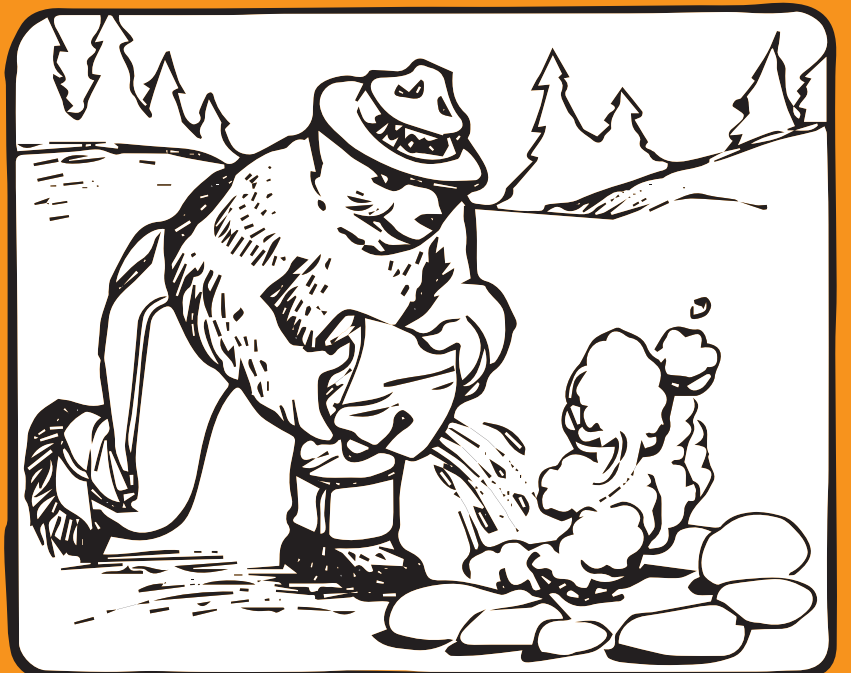
Area above campfire is free of overhanging branches and leaves

Campfire Safety Tip: Sudden wind gusts can blow sparks into vegetation outside your cleared area, causing unexpected fires.

Area around campfire is clear

Make sure there is always a grown-up with you at a campfire

Before leaving, drown campfire with lots of water until cold



COOL CAMPFIRES!

HERE'S HOW TO SAFELY BUILD THREE KINDS OF CAMPFIRES:

TEEPEE



Make a pile of tinder and arrange your kindling over it like poles of a teepee. Keep the teepee shape as you add more wood to the fire.

CROSS FIRE



CROSS FIRE: Place a pile of tinder between the two parallel pieces of kindling. Once the fire is burning, lay more pieces of kindling across the fire perpendicular to the first pair. As you add larger sticks to the fire, make each new layer perpendicular to the last, building a pyramid shape.

LOG CABIN



Surround your tinder with a square of kindling built by laying two sticks parallel on either side of the tinder, then two sticks on

top of and perpendicular to the first pair. Build up several levels and end with a "roof" of small kindling across the top. Add larger sticks in pairs to keep the fire's log cabin shape.

Use this checklist to make sure your campfire is safe

DO

- Get firewood where you use it.
- Make sure your campfire is a safe distance from your tent or anything that can burn.
- Keep your fire within a designated fire ring or surrounded by rocks.
- Light a fire only when an adult is present and in charge.
- Keep young children and pets away from the fire.
- Use the Drown-Stir-Drown-Feel method to put out your campfire safely.

DON'T

- Don't start a campfire when it is windy.
- Don't use flammable liquids to start a campfire.
- Don't play or goof around near a campfire.
- Don't burn glass, cans, plastics, or garbage in your campfire.
- Don't leave a fire unattended.
- Don't leave your fire without first putting it completely out.
- Don't bury warm/hot coals or ashes in a campfire pit.
- Don't extinguish your campfire with just dirt or sand - add H₂O!



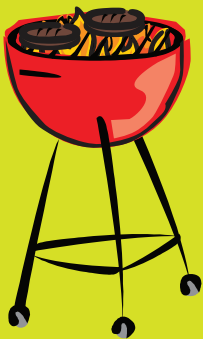
PREVENT WILDFIRES!





SEARCH & FIND

Help Smokey Bear prevent wildfires! Can you find all the hidden fire safety items?



ALWAYS have an adult around when using fire



Keep your **CAMPFIRE** contained with rocks



Before leaving, drown campfires with lots of water until cold



NEVER park recreational vehicles on dry grass



Never burn garbage; Use trash or recycle bins



Always have **TOOLS** handy when having a campfire



SMOKEY says, "Only you can prevent wildfires!"



Avoid burning! **LEAVE** brush in the woods for animals to enjoy



Avoid burning on dry, windy days



NEVER play with matches