



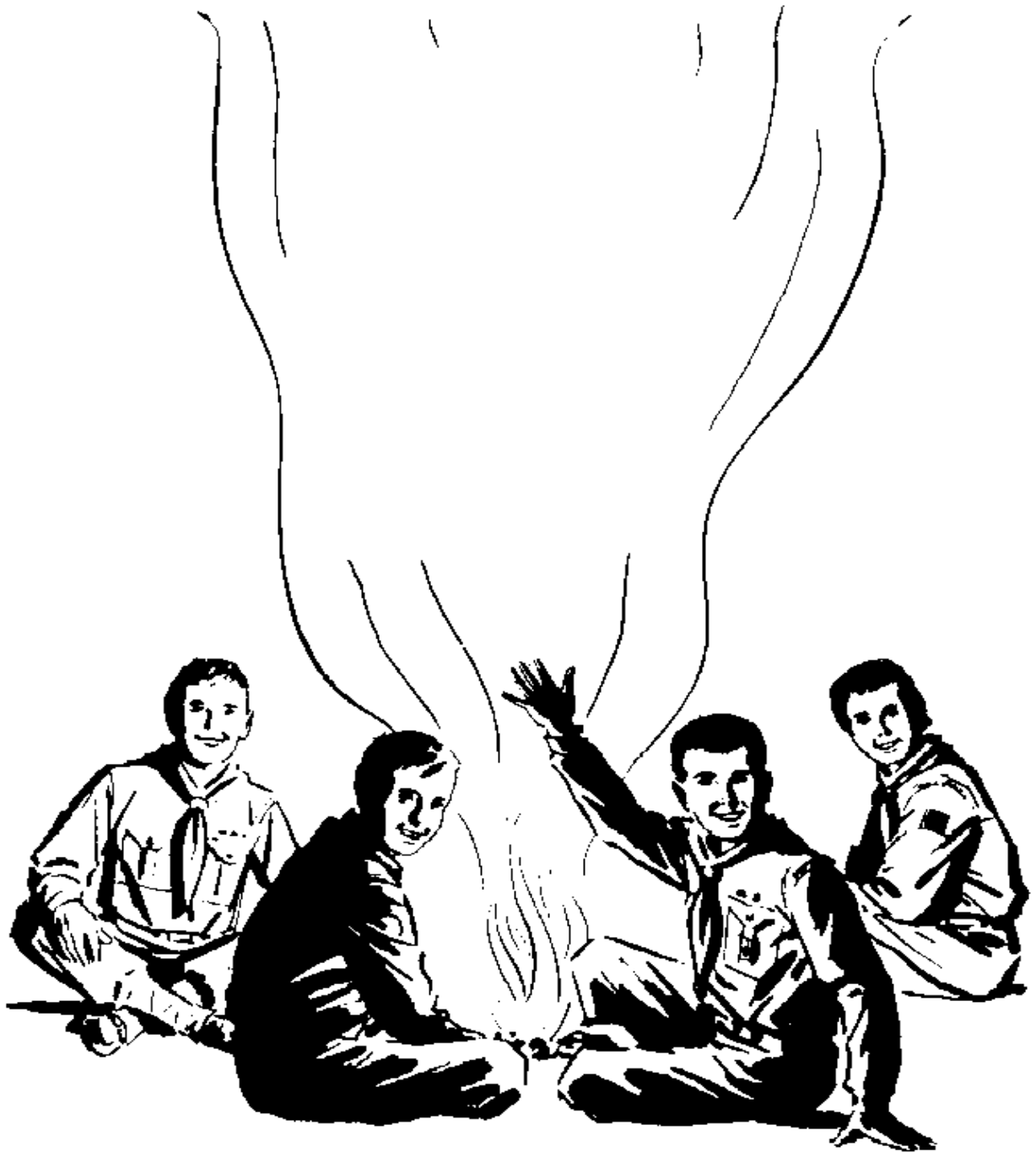
SMOKE SIGNALS



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Fire!

By David Luehrmann



No scout can deny that he likes fire. The majority of scouts however have trouble starting a fire, not to mention in windy, wet, cold, or snowy conditions. Starting a fire is a skill that takes patience and requires lots of experience. You might be that scout that says; “Well I’m just not patient,” or “I’ll never be able to light a fire,” as well as “A Luehrmann.” YOU ARE RIGHT, with that kind of an attitude YOU WILL NOT. Having the desire, is necessary to do anything well. However here are some tips to help you get started.

Find a two large handfuls of twigs matchstick diameter or smaller. These must be wood; grass and leaves do not work well if at all.

Have sticks that gradually increase in diameter ready to lie on. No bigger than YOUR wrist.

Fire burns up, so light the twigs from the bottom. I see scouts, even older scouts, try to light fires from the top and fail. Seeing this always make me laugh to myself.

Most importantly watch what works and doesn’t work, and learn from it.



Submitted by...well...me!

Sorry for the bad newsletter this month! I couldn't be at the meeting the week before Halloween because I was sick, therefore I couldn't announce that I needed articles! Completely my fault, so sorry guys!

-Ab