

# Beacons

To celebrate the seventy years of the Queen's reign, beacons will be lit all over the country. On the theme of fire, you might like to:

- Hold a campfire
  - You could have a campfire in your unit or at home in your garden.
  - Have a look at the Girlguiding website for a risk assessment checklist
  - <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/what-we-do/our-badges-and-activities/adventure-for-girls/campfires/>
  - Girlguiding have produced a couple of virtual campfires during the pandemic
    - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uyqYWzNJsFM>
    - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=inDKOIJYJNl>
    - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nSYokYs4YqU>



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- Campfire songs
  - Sing some songs at your campfire, here are some suggestions
    - <https://myvirtuallsongbook.wordpress.com/guide/songs-by-branch/sing-with-guides/>
    - <https://www.gsmw.org/content/dam/girlscouts-gsmw/documents/Official%20Girl%20Scout%20Song%20Book.pdf>
  - GET INVOLVED - We would love to know your favourite campfire songs, send us yours
- Make some campfire snacks
  - We all love to make some snacks to eat around a campfire, here are some ideas
    - <https://www.pinterest.co.uk/doris4277/camp-food-recipes-for-scouts-and-girl-guides/>
    - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VWLCtM5rcTQ>
    - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ukLUEBCCbfc>
  - GET INVOLVED - What is your favourite campfire treat? Share your recipe



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- Learn to light a fire
  - Have a go at lighting a fire. Make sure that you have an adult with you if you are a young person and consider the dangers such as:
    - Have a bucket of water nearby to put out the fire if something goes wrong or to nurse a burn
    - Tie long hair back
    - Don't wear baggy clothing or have chords hanging into the fire
    - Remove any trip hazards near the fire
    - Make sure you are not by overhanging trees or bushes, or long grass
    - Make sure the ground is not very dry grass
    - Keep flammable things away from the fire
  - Some useful tips on building a successful campfire
    - <https://www.cosyundercanvas.co.uk/how-to-light-a-campfire/>
  - Can you have a go at other ways of lighting a fire, rather than just using matches?
- Campfire sketch / skit
  - Campfires often have entertainment as well as singing. Small groups of guides and scouts put perform a little play or act out a joke. These are called a sketch or skit. Why not have a go at acting out one, here are some ideas
    - <https://www.11thnuneaton.org.uk/campfire-sketches.html>
  - Can you write your own skit? This website helps you create one
    - [https://camping.lovetoknow.com/Campfire\\_Skits](https://camping.lovetoknow.com/Campfire_Skits)
- Attend county campfire raffle

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- Camp blanket
  - In guiding we get lots of badges for all sorts of reasons: we earn them for completing challenges, we have celebrations badges and we have friendship and group badges. A popular idea is to sew badges onto a blanket which is then used to keep you warm at a camp or a campfire. Do you have a camp blanket? Have you got a pile of badges that are waiting to be sewn on? Why not start a camp blanket?
    - **GET INVOLVED** - Share photos of your blanket or tell us about your favourite badge: where did you get it? why? why do you love it so much?