



# Campfire Songs and Stories

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## Introduction

Campfire songs and stories are an important part of the The Outdoors People camps experience. In particular, the Camp Director needs to have good to have a repertoire of songs ready to go, though campfires will be easier if the instructors can also lead some bits!

## Repeat After Me!

**Many campfire songs are “Repeat After Me” a good way to introduce this is:**

“This is a repeat after me song what is it?”

This is a sing LOUDER than me song what is it?”

**This is easier if the instructors are in on it!**

## Story Time

Most campfires run by The Outdoors People are wrapped up with a story. There are many different options but it's good to use a story the children haven't heard before.

Make sure some aspects of the story are unexpected to keep them on their toes; the princess doesn't always have to marry the hero!

A sample story is on the next page, but feel free to use, or make up your own. Pauses for the children to make sound effects are marked with an ‘\*’.

## Story: Alice and the Dragon

This is a story with sound effects; I'll do the story, you do the sound effects.

So if I say 'cow'... \*

How about if I say 'sheep'...? \*

What about... 'Dragon\*!?' \*

A long time ago, in a kingdom far far away, there lived an elderly King\* and his son the Very Useless Prince\*. The Very Useless Prince\* was very useless indeed.

They tried training him as a teacher... but he lost all the children. He was a Very Useless Prince\*.

They tried training him to work for The Outdoors People... but he dropped all the marshmallows in the fire. He was a Very Useless Prince\*.

They tried training him to work in a fast food restaurant.... but he set it on fire! He was a Very Useless Prince\*.

He couldn't even use the toilet without missing and getting pee all over the seat! (This was particularly upsetting to Alice, the girl who cleaned the toilets in the castle).

The King\* had long since given up on finding a use for the Very Useless Prince\* and worried about what would happen to the Kingdom when he was no longer King\*.

One day, when the Very Useless Prince\* was out for a ride (this should mean he was riding his horse, but mostly he was falling off it) a terrible thing happened... a Dragon\* attacked the kingdom!

She ate all the cows\*!

She ate all the sheep\*!

And when the kings knights rode out to fight her she just laughed, and she toasted them in their armour like jacket potatoes and ate all of them too!

After all of this she was pretty full up, so when she saw the Very Useless Prince\* she didn't eat him right away, but instead carried him off for a midnight snack!

Now the King\* didn't know what to do; his son was a Very Useless Prince\* but he was still his son. But how do you rescue someone from a Dragon\* that just turned your best knights into a barbecue?

Now working in the castle was Alice, she cleaned all the toilets so her sound effect is [farting noise]. Alice\* was very smart, but where she lived there weren't any good schools and so she'd grown up without any qualifications, so the best job she'd been able to get was castle toilet cleaner.

But Alice had a plan, so she went down to the kitchen to borrow something, and then she took a donkey from the stables, and she rode out to find the... Dragon\*...

She rode past the eaten cows\*

She rode past the eaten sheep\*

She rode past the eaten knights\*

And eventually, she found the Dragon's\* lair.

But Alice was very brave, so she left her donkey outside (but didn't tie it up, so that it could run away if necessary) and walked into the lair.

The Dragon\* was slightly surprised to see breakfast walking boldly in, but was polite enough that she waited to see what Alice\* wanted before eating her.

Now Alice was very smart\*, she knew she couldn't fight the Dragon\*, so instead she offered to trade with her.

"Oh mighty and brave Dragon\*, oh great and powerful Dragon\*, oh beautiful and strong Dragon\*... have you ever had... chocolate?"

And the Dragon\* replied... "no, what is this chocolate of which you speak?"

And Alice\* reached into her pocket and pulled out the bar of chocolate she'd brought from the kitchen and said "I have some right here, if I give you this and you like it will you let me take the Very Useless Prince\* home?"

And the Dragon\*, who didn't think anything could possibly taste as nice as chargrilled knight, agreed.

She bit the chocolate.

She chewed on the chocolate.

She went a little cross eyed...

And then she fell to the floor and shouted "I LOVE CHOCOLATE!"

"ALICE\* IF YOU BRING ME A BAR OF CHOCOLATE EVERY WEEK I WILL NEVER ATTACK THE KINGDOM AGAIN!"

So Alice\* returned to the castle as a hero, with the Very Useless Prince\* riding (falling off) her donkey behind her.

The King was very impressed and made Alice the heir to the throne so that when he was no longer King she would be the next ruler.

This did mean that the Very Useless Prince\* was out of a job, but fortunately the castle needed a new toilet cleaner.

So Alice\* became queen; the Dragon\* ate lots of chocolate, watched Netflix and never attacked anyone again; and the Very Useless Prince\* became the castle toilet cleaner and eventually he even learned how to pee without getting it everywhere.

**The end!**

## Chant: Ham and Eggs

This is a simple warm up chant. Divide the group into roughly two teams; one team is Team Ham and must shout "Ham" every time you point at them, the other is Team Eggs and must shout "eggs" every time you point at them. Go back and forth between the two teams getting them as loud and riled up as possible!

## Song: Button Factory/My Name is Joe

*A repeat after me song and one with actions (each time Joe is asked to start pushing a button that action gets added in until everyone is jigging crazily)*

Hello!  
My name is Joe  
And I work in a button factory  
I've got a wife and a dog and a family  
One day the boss came up to me and said  
Hey Joe, Are you busy?  
I said NO!  
He said push this button with your left hand

[Repeat the above and keep adding more actions

- Right Hand
- Left Foot
- Right Foot
- Bum
- Tongue]

## Song: I Climbed Aboard a Pirate Ship the Day I Went to Sea

*This is a singalong song with actions. For each of the ages the students shout out rhyming words and the instructor picks one:*

When I was one I **[rhyming word shouted by students]**  
The day I went to sea.  
I climbed aboard a pirate ship  
And the Captain said to me:  
We're going this way, that way  
Forwards backwards  
Over the Irish sea  
A bottle of rum to fill my tum  
And that's the life for me

When I was two **[rhyming word shouted by students]**  
*[Repeats]*



## Song: Crazy Moose

*A popular repeat after me song*

There was a crazy moose  
Who liked to drink a lot of juice  
There was a crazy moose  
Who liked to drink a lot of juice

Chorus

Singing way-oh, way oh  
Way-oh, way-oh, way-oh way-oh  
Way oh, way oh  
Way-oh, way-oh, way-oh, way-oh

The moose's name was Fred  
And he drank his juice in bed  
The moose's name was Fred  
And he drank his juice in bed

Chorus

He drank his juice with care  
But he spilled some in his hair  
He drank his juice with care  
But he spilled some in his hair

Chorus

All his hair went stiff  
So he combed it in a quiff  
All his hair went stiff  
So he combed it in a quiff

Chorus

His friends began to laugh  
So he had to take a bath  
His friends began to laugh  
So he had to take a bath

Chorus

As the water went down  
Fred the moose began to drown  
As the water went down  
Fred the moose began to drown

[The chorus is now done with "glug" noises]

Now let's all count to five  
Fred the moose is back alive

## Song: Alice the Camel

*A simple singalong that can include actions.*

Alice the camel has five humps.  
Alice the camel has five humps.  
Alice the camel has five humps.  
So go, Alice, go.

Alice the camel has four humps.  
Alice the camel has four humps.  
Alice the camel has four humps.  
So go, Alice, go.

Alice the camel has three humps.  
Alice the camel has three humps.  
Alice the camel has three humps.  
So go, Alice, go.

Alice the camel has two humps.  
Alice the camel has two humps.  
Alice the camel has two humps.  
So go, Alice, go.

Alice the camel has one hump.  
Alice the camel has one hump.  
Alice the camel has one hump.  
So go, Alice, go.

Alice the camel has no humps.  
Alice the camel has no humps.  
Alice the camel has no humps.  
Now Alice is a horse

## Song: Peel Banana

*A repeat-after-me song with actions and audience interaction*

Bananas of the world UNITE! [Everyone makes a banana shape above their head using their arms]  
Peel banana. Peel peel banana.  
Peel banana. Peel peel banana.

Banana Unite!

[Get group to shout other things that can be done to bananas i.e. "Chop banana. Chop chop banana."  
'Bunch banana. Bunch Bunch banana.'" sing the song based on these and then repeat]

Last verse:

Go bananas. Go go bananas [everyone does crazy dancing]

## Song: Penguins Attention

*A simple sing along with fun actions*

Penguins attention  
Penguins salute!

Have you ever seen  
A penguin come to tea?  
Take a look at me  
A penguin you will see

Penguins attention  
Penguins Salute!  
Right flipper [start flapping right arm]

Repeat the above adding increasingly more actions each round i.e. Right flipper, left flipper, right foot, left foot, bums out, tongues out, nod your head.

## Song: Lion Hunt

*A simple repeat after me song with actions. Can be made shorter, or longer by adding or removing things to go through/over/round.*

*Chorus*

We're going on a lion hunt.  
We're going to catch a big one.  
We're not scared.  
We've got guns.  
And bullets too.  
Look, what's up ahead?!

Chorus

Mud!  
Can't go over it.  
Can't go under it.  
Can't go around it.  
Gotta go through it. **[Make sloshing sounds and move hands as if pulling through mud]**

Chorus

Sticks!  
Can't go over it. **[etc.]**

Trees!

Chorus

River!

Chorus

Grass!

Chorus

Cave!

[act like you are feeling your way in a dark cave]

Feel yourself along the wall.

Oh, oh What's this?

Something funny.

With a long soft thing on it's end!

With two sharp things on the other end!

Two big gleaming sharp things!

A LION!

Run for your life!

Run out of the cave!

Crawl through the grass!

Swim across the river!

Run around the trees!

Jump over the sticks!

Slosh through the mud!

Run into the house!

Close the door!

Run up the front stairs!

Hide under mums bed!



## Song: Little Green Frog

*A singalong song that can take a couple of verses for a group to pick up. Actions and loud sound effects!*

Chorus

Mip mip went the little green frog one day  
Mip mip when the little green frog  
Mip mip went the little green frog one day  
Mip mip went the little green frog

But we all know frogs go SQUISH when you step on them  
SQUISH when you step on them  
SQUISH when you step on them  
We all know frogs go SQUISH when you step on them  
They don't go mip mip aaaaaaaah!

Chorus

But we all know frogs go POP in the microwave  
POP in the microwave  
POP in the microwave  
We all know frogs go POP in the microwave  
They don't go mip mip aaaaaaaah!

Chorus

[The frog can also go "ZZZZZP in the blender", "SPLAT when you run them down" and "HAH when they get you back" amongst any other things you can think of]



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