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ONLY **YOU** CAN PREVENT WILDFIRES!

- DO NOT build a fire at a site in hazardous, dry conditions.
- DO NOT build a fire if the campground, area, or event rules prohibit campfires.
- Use present fire ring/pit if it exists.
- If there is no existing fire ring/pit, locate new pit at least 15' downwind from tent walls, shrubs, trees or other flammable objects. Verify digging new pits is not prohibited by local rules/ laws.
- Clear a 10' diameter around the site; removing grass, twigs, leaves, firewood and any low hanging branches or flammable objects.
- Dig your pit approximately 1' deep and circle the pit with rocks or bricks.
- Gather tinder (twigs, leaves, etc), kindling (sticks smaller than 1" diameter) and larger pieces of wood
- Loosely pile tinder in the center of the fire ring/pit. Add kindling in 1 of these methods: Tipi or Lean-To (good for cooking), Cross or Log Cabin (for long lasting fires).
- Ignite the tinder with a match or lighter, discarding spent match in the fire.
- Carefully add more tinder as the fire grows.
- Blow lightly at the base of the fire, maintaining a safe distance.
- Add kindling and larger pieces of firewood to keep the fire going, allowing spacing for ventilation.

- Keep the fire to a manageable (smallest necessary) size and under control.
- Make sure children and pets are supervised when near the fire.
- Never leave the fire unattended.
- When done with your campfire, allow all wood to burn to ash.
- Pour ample water on the fire, drowning ALL embers, not just the red ones, until hissing sound stops.
- Stir campfire ashes and embers, scraping all embers from sticks and logs. Douse with additional water if necessary, until everything is wet and cool.
- If you do not have water, use dirt to extinguish your fire. Mix dirt with the embers, adding dirt and stirring until all material is cool. DO NOT bury the fire, as it will continue to smolder and could catch roots on fire, eventually surfacing and starting a wildfire.

NOTE: The Hot Stick is intended to be used as an assistive device for stoking/maintaining campfires. It is not intended for use by children or to be used as a weapon. Keep handle out of fire. Do not touch metal shaft, as it may become HOT. To improve longevity, wipe down poker after use, once cool. Store out of reach of children/pets.

