

COLORFUL CAMPFIRES

Don't you enjoy sitting around a campfire at night! It is especially relaxing to sit in a circle, talking with friends, staring at the flames, adding wood when necessary, and moving closer to the fire as the night progresses and the temperature drops. It must be something that we have inherited from our forefathers who spent many hours doing just that.

Wouldn't you like to add green and blue colors to the flames? If so, try a hint from Stuart Blakeney, WBCCI #6688. Get 18 inches of Copper pipe of sufficient diameter to allow $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$ inch diameter **plastic** garden hose to be inserted through it. Find some old **plastic** garden hose around the house, cut it to the same length as the pipe, and insert it into the pipe. When the fire has burned long enough for some embers, place the pipe containing the hose on the embers in a relatively horizontal position. Somehow the chemistry of the two combined with the intense heat of the fire produce beautiful flames and add immeasurably to the enjoyment of the fire. Stuart says that the copper pipe can be used about four times if a shifting block of firewood does not crush it.