Yukon Winter Skit

(Every place that Counselor #1 is listed also include that counselor's cabin group. Every place that Counselor #2 is listed also include that counselor's cabin group.)

Narrator says:

One day Counselor _____ (cabin counselor from cabin doing this skit) and Counselor _____ (cabin counselor from other cabin doing this skit) decide to get away from it all with their Outdoor School cabin groups and move to the Yukon. The story goes , they sell everything and pack up for a long trip to the Yukon by canoe (get in and row) finally arriving in a sheltered valley they decide that this is the place for them.

Counselor #1: "Nice place , lets build a log cabin"

Counselor #2: Yeah.

So they build a cabin after all that work, and they have a nice log cabin to survive the harsh weather of the north. Now fall is at the door.

Counselor #1: "Winter is coming and we need to cut firewood"

Counselor #2: "Yeah".

So they start cutting wood with ax and saw -- cut and saw and saw and cut 5 cords, 10 cords, 15 cords (neatly piled as good scouts know how).

Counselor #1: "Hey _____ think we have enough for the winter?"

Counselor #2: "Yeah, I don't know."

Counselor #1: "I heard that there is an old Indian on top the mountain that can tell what winter is like here. Lets go and see him."

Counselor #2: "Yeah, OK".

So they pack up and start the long trek to the top of the mountain, through the woods. (Demonstrate going through rivers, mud, climbing a cliff, rain, encountering bears, mountain lions, cats, chickens (wild variety demonstrate the trip). They finally arrive at the top of the mountain where they find an old Indian sitting on a rock.

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Counselor #1, going up to the Indian and says, "Oh Great One I was told that you can tell us how the winter will be. Please help us. We are from the south and we had warm winters and oil heaters!"

Counselor #2: "Yeah"

The Indian gets up and goes to the edge of the mountain, looks around putting his hand to his brow looks straight in front of him and says, "Cold winter, long winter. He goes back to his rock.

Kent: "Thank you wise Indian"

Jason:" Yeah , thanks".

So they turn back to their cabin. (Demonstrate trek in reverse).

Kent: "I do not think that we have enough wood for the winter let's cut more."

Jason: "Yeah , yeah"

So for the next two weeks , they cut wood -- 20 more cords. Now they had 35 cords and the snow started falling in the valley and it was cold.

Kent: "Now we have 35 cords, this should be good for winter".

Jason: Yeah

Kent: "We should go and see the Indian to ask him how the winter will be."

Jason: "Yeah"

REPEAT THE TREK to find the Indian on his rock on the top of the mountain.

Kent: "Oh Great One how will the winter be?"

The Indian gets up goes to the edge of the mountain looks around puts both hands to his brow and says: "Cold winter , cold winter, long winter!"

Jason: "Oh yeah"

Kent: "Thank you Great One."

So back to camp they go. Snow is falling more and more now it is November. Again they cut wood , day and night now they have cut 25 more cords 60 cords in all.

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Kent: "I think this should be plenty for the winter. But we should see the Indian to be safe."

Jason: "Yeah" (Jason should be getting a laugh by now)

So again they trek up the mountain for the third time. (Demonstrate trek again) All tired and sore from their encounters, finally, 5 days later, they got to top of the mountain where the old Indian covered with snow sitting on his rock as usual.

Kent: "Oh Great One , tell us one more time what will the winter be like?"

Jason: "Yeah."

Again the Indian gets up goes to the edge of the mountain and putting his hand to his brow and says: "Big winter , very big winter."

Kent: "Oh Great One tell me how you know this. Is it because of the mountains? Is it because of the animals? We want to learn how to read signs of nature".

Jason: "Yeah"

The Indian turning to Kent and Jason he says, "Easy! I look down in the valley and from here, I can see two big men and many little men cutting and piling wood like crazy!"