



2020 Cub Scout Backyard Challenge



Backyard Camping

Category: Scout Skills

Difficulty: Intermediate

Description:

That's right! Turning your backyard into your own personal campsite, it's a fun and pretty easy way to experience the great outdoors.

Make a plan for activities and plan a menu that could be prepared ahead or cooked outside over a fire which adds to the experience. The more we make this like a real camping trip, the more of an adventure it will be. Once you've got a plan for activities and meals ...



Grab your tent and the rest of your family if they want to join you and head out the great backyard! Look around and pick the best spot in your yard.

If you have a fire pit of some sort having this near your campsite, adds to the fun, what's more fun than cooking over the fire on a camping trip.

Set up your site including a spot to prepare and eat your meals. Remember, just like camping anywhere else, having food in your tent is never a good idea unless you want uninvited guests to come through in the middle of the night looking for food.

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Once you have a site plan, set up your tent. If you have access to electricity at your site you could string some lights around your site or even inside your tent to add to the fun.

After your tent is up and your site is prepared you could enjoy **some outside activities**, like a scavenger hunt or Camping Bingo.

After a few outside games or activities, **start to prepare your meal**, enjoy it, and clean up. Let's not forget our **Leave No Trace** principals.

If you hadn't lit a fire to cook dinner now is a great time to light a fire, make some s'mores, **tell some stories or jokes**, **sing a few songs** and possibly even perform a simple **skit**.



Catch some fireflies and put them in a mason jar for a short time to observe the light show. Remember: Once the light show is over, it's time for the fireflies to return to the wild.

Time to settle in for a peaceful night sleep as you dream of the fun you had with Backyard Camping!

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