

Let's go camping!

SAFE KID SURVIVORS

There's nothing cooler than camping out in the summer time. Sleeping in a tent under the stars is pretty awesome. Hearing the night sounds in the wilderness is sure different than sleeping in your bedroom at home.

The Kid has been invited on a campout and is packing for the outing.

The Kid wants to take the right equipment. The best way to make sure everything is packed is to make a checklist. These are some of the things on the Kid's list.

1. Sleeping bag
2. Change of clothes for each day (several extra pairs of socks)
3. Toothbrush and paste, soap, wash rag, towel, comb or brush.
4. Food
5. Water
6. Shelter (tent)
7. Insect repellant
8. First aid kit
9. Sunblock
10. Flashlight and extra batteries
11. Hat
12. Whistle
13. Shoes or boots
14. 25-foot piece of nylon ¼" rope

Now you are ready to hit the campsite. Once you are there, safety is a must. Stay close to the adults. Don't go off on your own!

Watch where you walk and never run. Use a flashlight at night.

Remember the wilderness is home to many creatures and you are a guest. Do not disturb nesting sites or pester the animals.

Hiking

Let someone know where your group is going and when you expect to return.



Bears

If you are camping in bear country, take extra care.

You probably won't spot a bear, but don't take risks. Go to a ranger station to get an update on bear activity in the area.

In bear country, never carry food with you on a hike. Don't take food inside your tent. You don't want a midnight visitor looking for a snack.

Make noise on the trail. Bears don't like surprises. They will usually move out of your way.

Campfires

The Kid thinks the campfire is the best part of camping.

Check to make sure campfires are allowed in your camping area.

Never bend over a campfire. Squat down to add wood, cook or tend to the fire.

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Crossword

Across

1. Natural light
7. Preposition
8. Used to row a boat
9. Emergency Care
10. An alien
11. Something boring
16. Expression
18. Place for a tent
20. For _ _ _ _

Down

1. Free from harm
2. Oneness
3. Distress call
4. Head wear
5. Angry
6. Finish
12. Point toward
13. Used to smell
14. Evaluate
15. Frozen substance
17. Pronoun
19. Intravenous



Newspaper in Education activity

Look through your newspaper to find someone you would like to have along on a camping trip. You might pick someone you would like to get to know better, or someone who has useful skills for a camping trip. Tell your classmates why you selected this person.