

Dramatic Play Plan

Camping

MATERIALS

- ✓ Blankets and a table (for the tent)
- ✓ Backpacks
- ✓ Sleeping bags
- ✓ Flashlights
- ✓ Maps
- ✓ Bug spray
- ✓ S'mores supplies
- ✓ Cotton balls (for marshmallows)
- ✓ Sticks
- ✓ Inflatable fire
- ✓ *Tote Bag
- ✓ Fake food
- ✓ Bandanas
- ✓ Leaves

*= Not provided. Use your imagination

SETUP

1. Designate an area for the fire and roasting marshmallows
2. Designate a campsite area to set up the tent, read the trail maps and set up the picnic table for dinner

STATIONS:

- Rangers
- Campers

Intro: *"Once upon a time there was family that wanted to go on a camping trip. They packed up the car full of all their camping supplies. They brought sleeping bags and a tent to sleep in, marshmallows, graham crackers and chocolate to make s'mores, and flashlights so that they could see in the dark and on nature hikes. The family drove into the woods where the rangers helped them find a camp site and gave them a map of all the hiking trails in the woods. The family built a fire and made dinner and told scary stories around the fire."*

"Today we're going camping! We can do a bunch of fun activities outside in the woods like build a fire and roast marshmallows, go on a nature hike, set up a tent, and sleep under the stars. The ranger will lead the campers on hikes and the campers will set up the campsite and make a fire."

ACTIVITY 1 - DISCUSSION & PACKING FOR CAMPING

Discuss some of the things that you need to pack for a camping trip.

- Has anyone been camping before?
- Let's pack up all of our stuff in these backpacks to bring with us to the campsite.
- What kind of food should we bring for dinner while we're camping?

ACTIVITY 2 - AT THE CAMPSITE

- Rangers help the campers find a campsite
- Campers set up the tent and make a fire
- Rangers lead the campers on nature hikes
- Campers roast marshmallows and make s'mores
- Campers make a picnic for dinner over the fire
- Campers tell scary stories around the campfire

ACTIVITY 3 - EXPANSIONS

- "Oh no, I think I hear a bear outside of the tent!"
- "I don't know how to read this map. I think I am lost in the woods!"
- "How do I make a s'more?"