



# THE GREAT CAMP OUT/IN

• SCHOOL-AGE KIDS •



## Invite friends to the Great Camp Out!

Invite friends and family to join in and “camp out” (or in) too on Saturday, Aug 15th. Send them to [tinkergarten.com/camp](https://tinkergarten.com/camp) to download this schedule.

### MON Set up a Shelter/Campsite

If you have a tent and can keep it up, pitch it today! If not, give kids the challenge of creating their own shelter using a bed sheet, sticks, tape and bungee cords (or leverage the couch cushions in the living room). Kids can decorate their campsite, build a habitat for an animal, enjoy picnics, flashlight play and all kinds of pretending in the new shelter.

[Click here to see lanterns, books and flashlights in the store.](#)

### TUES Build a Campfire

Wonder, what do we need to make a pretend campfire? Challenge your kiddo to gather and arrange sticks and nature treasures to build a fire. (For families comfortable with their school-age kiddos helping to build a real fire, go for it!)

Place balls of [forest putty](#) on one end of a stick to roast pretend s'mores. Visit your campfire at night and sing songs.

### WED Cook Out

It's off to the mud kitchen to whip up some camping food. What dishes are kid or family favorites? Kids can use dirt, water and kitchen items, or just “cook” over yesterday's pretend campfire. Learn how to set up a simple mud kitchen [here](#).

[Click here to see mud kitchen supplies in the store.](#)

### THURS Paint the Stars

Learn about the night sky together or take a nighttime walk. Then, make your own night sky! Place a light bed sheet or piece of paper on the ground, and kids can use frozen berries, spices and water or ice paint (i.e. ice and food coloring on a stick). Put out chalk and water for kids to use to mark a dark sheet. Kids can enjoy adding “stars” to a pretend sky, then hide out under it!

[Click here to see sheets and chalk in the store.](#)

### FRI Going Fishing

Freeze one end of a piece of twine into an ice cube, then tie the other end to a stick. Voila! Your fishing pole is ready for action. Tie magnets instead of ice and kids can fish for jar lids or other magnetic objects. Design your own fishing game or take on the challenge of creating boats to float in your pond.

[Click here to see twine, ice trays and magnets in the store.](#)

### SAT The Great Camp Out!

Gather friends and family to camp out with you tonight (in person or virtually). Kick off your campout by watching a read aloud of [Flashlight](#) by Lizi Boyd. Revisit play activities your child enjoyed throughout the week and enjoy some of the special camping rituals like eating in your campsite, singing and building a fire, too.

Share photos of your camp out experiences using [#tinkergarten](#) and [#greatcampout](#) on [Facebook](#) and [IG](#) to be part of the largest virtual camp out ever!



For additional activity ideas to fill up your week, [click here](#). For fun supplies and materials you can use throughout the week, visit [our store](#).