

Experience the great outdoors in the comfort of your own backyard!

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Create A Fun Family

BACKYARD CAMPOUT!

Tips and Tricks for backyard camping

SET UP EARLY. Get your tent pitched and sleeping arrangements set up as early as possible so you can spend the latter half of the day having fun!

NO INS AND OUTS! Remember, you're camping. If you keep going in and out of the house for things it's not going to feel like a real camping experience. Get everything you need out of the house, lock up and let the adventure begin!

LIGHTS OUT. Don't forget to turn off the lights in and around your house. Not only will you save on electricity you will discover just how different your backyard looks and feels when the sun goes down.

BATHROOM TIP. Okay, here's where you can make an exception for going in the house, but make it fun! If you need to make a bathroom run keep the lights out and use only a flashlight or lantern.

FUN & GAMES!

This is your time to play and explore. Get creative!
Here are some ways to get the camp party started:



TWILIGHT SCAVENGER HUNT - The sun is setting and you have hidden a bunch of interesting items around your backyard "forest." Share clues with your little ones to help them explore and discover. Tip - you may want to include a delicious treat out there somewhere.



GROUP STORY - Instead of everyone taking turns to tell their own spooky ghost story try making up your own "group story." One person starts a story, and then—after a few lines—passes the storytelling on to the next person. The story may end up being more silly than scary, that's the fun of it!



SING-ALONG - Camping is all about connecting and what better way to connect than through song. Start a sing-along with a song everyone knows or come up with a fun new song everyone can learn and sing together.

NO HASSLE CAMPFIRE. One of the greatest things about a backyard campout is the convenience. Take advantage! Use the barbecue you have as your campfire. It's safe, easy and it's already there! So why not?

UNPLUG! That's right, ditch all the electronics. It's time to unwind and get away. Keep your phones, tablets, TVs and gaming devices in the house where they belong. Now is the time for real human connection, the natural way. The ONLY electronic device you'll need are flashlights. That's it. Nothing more.



BACKYARD CAMPOUT CHECKLIST:

Use this handy checklist to help you make sure you have everything you will need.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tent(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Paper towels | <input type="checkbox"/> Treats |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bags | <input type="checkbox"/> Plates | <input type="checkbox"/> Sun block or Bug repellent if needed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pillows | <input type="checkbox"/> Cups | <input type="checkbox"/> Crafts, games and activity materials |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlights | <input type="checkbox"/> Water | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barbecue or fire pit | <input type="checkbox"/> Camp Food | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Matches | <input type="checkbox"/> Camp Drinks | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Firewood | <input type="checkbox"/> Wipes | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kindling (for fire) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pajamas | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camping chairs | <input type="checkbox"/> Tomorrow's clothes | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Trash bags | |