

Lesson plan for Monday — Camp Out

(Here's how the Daily Format looks in the lesson plan for Monday. Follow the same format for the rest of the week using additional material as scheduled on page 9.)

Explore, Build-a-Snack, and Discover. Continue the day

Exploration Stations (60 minutes)

Add one or more of the following activities to your usual independent play stations:

1. Build a big bear cave using a card table covered with a blanket and shoe boxes or other small boxes to stack around the cave entrance. Provide a few stuffed bears to add to the fun.
2. Small paper bag bear caves: Crumple lunch bags into a cave shape. Make a bear from play dough balls, like a snowman.
3. Camping gear dress up: Provide such items as hiking boots, hats, plaid flannel shirts, play binoculars, day packs, and canteens or water bottles.
4. Small tent: Add some flashlights and a few blankets and pillows and watch the fun!
5. Campfire: Make a pretend campfire with paper towel tube logs and orange and yellow tissue paper. Supply cooking items such as a large pot and a wooden spoon.

Build-a-Snack snack time (15 minutes)

Make and Take Trail Mix: Place an assortment of dried fruits, nuts, seeds, pretzel sticks, chocolate chips or M&M's, and Cheerios or other simple cereals in bowls with spoons. Give children each a resealable baggie and invite them to create their own unique snack mix from their favorites. Take a little hike before settling down to sample their creations. Zip up bags to save the leftovers for home. **Materials: Assortment of dry foods, spoons, and resealable bags.**

Discovery Corner (15 minutes)

Camper Kid Dioramas.

Monday: Divide the children into teams of four and give each child a camper kid from Lesson Activity sheets on pages 13 and 14. Have them look at the shape of their camper kid's head and use red to color the matching shape on the back and print their name. Each team colors one fire circle and gathers pebbles and twigs for the fire.

Tuesday: Fold the camper kids so they stand up, add toothpicks with mini-marshmallows, glue the pebbles on the fire circles and add the twigs. Have each team of four children arrange their camper kids as a diorama on a piece of cardboard or in a shoebox lid. Tape or glue the camper kids in place.

Wednesday: Each child describes the shape of his camper kid's head and tells about his favorite camping trip.

Thursday: Place the Forest Habitat Display as a background on the back of a table. Place all of the dioramas in front of the forest background. Teams gather around and sing, "Did You Ever Go A-camping?" to the tune of "Did You Ever See a Lassie?"

Did you ever go A-camping?
A-camping, A-camping?
Did you ever go A-camping?
And have a campfire?

Materials: 4 camper kids and one fire circle for each team from Lesson Activity sheets on pages 13 and 14, crayons, glue, tape, toothpicks, mini-marshmallows, pebbles, twigs, and construction paper or box lids.