Camping Activity Pack
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Used by generations of campers, you can trust Coleman® to perform on any adventure.

This pack contains challenges, games and camping tips to add some extra fun to your camping adventures.
Before you go...

Before you decide to go camping it is important to make sure you have carefully planned your trip so that you can be prepared for any outcome.

Suggested Kit List

- Tent
- Groundsheet
- Mallet
- Spare pegs
- Sleeping bag
- Roll mat / airbed
- Pillow
- Plate / cutlery / cup
- Camping stove
- Gas cylinder or cartridge
- Matches / lighter
- Frying pan
- Cooking pots
- Cooking utensils
- Coolbox
- Can opener
- Knife
- Foil
- Cloths
- Kitchen roll
- Bin bags
- Washing up bowl
- Washing up liquid
- Table
- Camping chair
- Torch
- Lantern
- Spare batteries
- Wash bag (toothbrush / toothpaste / soap etc.)
- Toilet roll
- Sun cream
- First aid kit
- Book
- Note pad
- Fire extinguisher / sand bucket

The clothes you will need to take with you will depend on where you are going and what the weather will be like. Although, it is always a good idea to take warm and waterproof clothing that you won’t mind getting dirty!

Catch and Guess Game

Play this game by all forming a circle with family and friends, with one person standing in the middle. The person in the centre then throws a ball, as each of you catches it, you have to shout out an item that you will need for camp. If you can’t think of an item within five seconds you are eliminated from the game, the last person standing is the winner.
When you arrive at the campsite the first thing you need to do is set up your camp. Discuss with your family where would be the best location to pitch your tent.

Use the below sheet to identify why it might be a problem to set up camp in certain locations:

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Once you have chosen your site, use the map provided below to mark where you think would be a good or bad place to pitch your tent and why:

**ACTIVITY 2**

Why have you chosen your pitch?

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**KEY**

- Hills
- Woodland
- Stony ground
1. Practice pitching the tent at home. As well as making it easier to pitch once you reach the great outdoors – it is also handy to double check that you aren’t missing anything before you leave.

2. If you can, take a camping mallet with you as it will make bashing tent pegs into hard ground much easier!

3. Before pitching, clear away any sticks, stones or other debris that might damage the groundsheet of your tent.

4. Place an additional groundsheet or plastic sheeting on the floor before pitching your tent, this not only protects your tent groundsheet from damage but will keep it clean and dry, making it much quicker to pack away.

5. Always ensure that the tent doors are closed before pegging out, this prevents unnecessary pressure being put on the doors when pitched or being unable to close the doors properly and potentially having to re-pitch the tent!

6. In windy conditions, loosely peg-out the flysheet before inserting poles into the pole sleeves, this will stop the tent from flapping or blowing away, reducing the risk of tent damage.

7. Always push rather than pull poles through the pole sleeves, you do not want pole sections to pull apart in the pole sleeves as this could rip the tent and snap the shock-cord.

8. If your tent is wet or damp when you pack it away, take it out as soon as you get home and allow it to dry thoroughly before storing. This will help prevent mould and mildew, as well as prolonging the lifespan of your tent.
ACTIVITY 3

Using the tent diagram below, label the key features of the tent:
Help to pitch and strike a tent

Once you have chosen your site, it is time to get started and pitch the tent.

Think about what hazards you should think about whilst pitching or striking a tent. Write down a list of the hazards you need to consider in the boxes below.

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Top Tips:

**STOP THE ROT!**

- Keep the inner fabric away from the wet or muddy groundsheets.
- Ensure everything is as dry as possible before you pack it away – wet or muddy fabric can cause rotting, reducing the tent’s waterproof properties.

**STOP THE RUST!**

- Clean any mud off the pegs before storing them safely inside the peg bag.

Signed: _______________________ Date: _______________
Caring for your tent

**Stop the rot...**
Always ensure your tent is completely dry before packing it away. It is a good idea to unpack it as soon as you get home and leave it in a dry place to air thoroughly.

**Broken poles...**
Bent or broken poles are the most common problems you might face when spending time under “canvas”. Many tents come with a spare pole section or you can often buy spare poles at camping shops. If you are miles from anywhere, a small roll of duct tape is useful for carrying out temporary repairs.

**Rips and tears...**
Stony terrain or sharp items can cause small holes in the groundsheet. Placing an extra groundsheet underneath can help to reduce the chance of this happening, however, if you do find a small hole in the groundsheet, duct tape can be used to carry out a quick temporary repair.

At home, you can mend the tear properly using either a spare piece of tent fabric (many tents come with this) or a self-adhesive repair patch. For best results, ask a friend to hold something flat against the tear from inside the tent for a seamless finish. Afterwards, spray the area with a waterproofing spray and you are ready for your next outdoor adventure.
Pole repair technique - splintered pole & broken pole

1. Remove the broken pole from the tent.

2. Lay the broken pole assembly on the floor.

3. Identify the snapped pole section.

4. Check the area that is broken and if necessary carefully remove any loose parts of the broken pole and dispose of the broken bits safely.

5. Ensure that the pole is extended to its correct length.

6. Slide the metal repair pole sleeve (from the pole repair kit) over the broken/splintered area.

7. Neatly wrap duct tape around the metal repair pole to secure it in position.

8. Slide the repaired pole back carefully into the tent pole sleeve.

**Remember!** if the elasticated cord in a pole assembly breaks you can still assemble the pole sections together and use the pole without the cord.

**Approximate time for activity:** 30 minutes

**Equipment needed:** Tape, repair-kit and knife
Using a Camping Stove
This section provides information and advice about the different types of stove as well as some fun recipe ideas for you to try out during the camp.

Gas Stoves
Gas stoves offer a convenient and easy way to cook hot meals when camping. Gas stoves operate off gas cylinders or gas cartridges. Choose a gas cylinder stove, if you are cooking for large groups or extended periods of time. Choose a gas cartridge stove, if you are backpacking or cooking for smaller groups; they are perfect if weight is a priority. From lightweight, backpacking stoves to larger double burners - gas offers instant power and consistent heat. Usually a butane / propane mix, gas cylinders and cartridges are widely available.

Liquid Fuel Stoves
A very reliable and economical fuel source, liquid fuel stoves are perfect for cooking for larger groups when weight isn’t so much of a priority. There are a variety of liquid fuels available and unlike butane gas stoves, liquid fuel stoves are generally unaffected by drops in the temperature - making it an ideal solution when camping in the winter months.

Remember!
Always depressurise the liquid fuel stove before storing it.

Remember!
If your cartridge is a valve cartridge – you can remove it before packing away. If it is a pierceable cartridge it must remain attached to the appliance until empty.

Stove Features
Pan supports help to keep your pan balanced - their size varies depending on the type of stove you are using.
Apply common sense before assembling your stove - always think safety first and carefully follow instructions.
Many stoves feature a convenient, instant ignition – however, it is always advisable to carry matches in case the ignition gets damaged in transit.

Most stoves offer adjustable heat, helping you to use gas / fuel economically.
The fuel you are using will affect what you need to do to set up the stove and start cooking. Make sure you read any instructions before you begin.
Always try and find a stable and sheltered spot to use your stove. High winds will increase the amount of time your food takes to cook. An uneven surface could cause the stove to topple over.
Best practice whilst using gas or fuel

Whichever fuel you choose, care must be taken when using camping stoves. Ensure that you are aware of the following guidelines before you start cooking:

1. **NEVER** use a gas stove (or lantern) inside a tent.

2. Carefully read manufacturer’s instructions before use.

3. Make sure you are outdoors before you start to connect the appliance to the fuel source.

4. **ALWAYS** ensure you are outdoors in a ventilated area before you start cooking with the appliance.

5. Select the correct fuel source for your stove and before connecting it, check that the appliance you are about to use is completely turned off.

6. Make sure that your fuel source is kept away from heat and direct sunlight. Do not allow time for a gas cartridge to get hot, this will cause the pressure inside to increase and exceed its safe limit.

7. During use, always keep your fuel source in the correct position. Always follow the cartridge and stove’s instructions.

8. Remember, using gas or other types of fuel is easy as long as you follow the instructions and handle the products correctly.

9. Always ensure that your cooking area can be seen and is a safe distance from any tent.

10. Keep a fire extinguisher, bucket of sand or water close by. Ask an adult for instructions on how to use these appropriately.

11. Always check the stoves are switched off and safe before going to bed.
Set-up a suitable stove and prepare a meal using a stove.

Once you know how to correctly set-up and use a camping stove it is time to crack on with preparing and cooking a tasty meal. Whether breakfast, lunch or dinner there are loads of simple yet delicious campsite recipes around; try asking your friends and family for some ideas or use one of the recipes below.

One Pan Fry-Up
A delicious filling breakfast and only one pan to wash up afterwards!

What you will need... (Serves four)
- 4 sausages
- 4 rashers of bacon
- 4 eggs
- A large handful of mushrooms
- 4 slices of bread
- Butter
- Oil

Cooking instructions...
1. Place the frying pan over the heat and add a large splash of oil.
2. Once the oil is hot, add the sausages and fry them for 5 minutes.
3. Add the bacon and fry for a further 3 minutes.
4. Once the sausages and bacon are fully cooked, (ask your leader to check if you aren’t sure) remove them from the pan and add the eggs and mushrooms.
5. Leave the eggs and mushrooms to cook for a few minutes whilst you butter the bread and place one piece on each plate.
6. Divide the sausages, bacon, mushrooms and eggs between the four plates.

Campsite Donuts
A tasty campsite treat that everyone will enjoy.

What you will need... (Per person)
- 2 slices of white bread
- Jam
- 1 beaten egg
- A large spoonful of sugar
- Oil

Cooking instructions...
1. Spread each slice of bread with jam and sandwich them together.
2. Cut the sandwich into four triangles.
3. Pour a glug of oil into a frying pan and place it on the stove to heat up.
4. Place the triangle into the beaten egg and then transfer quickly into the pan.
5. Cook the triangle for a couple of minutes on each side until golden brown.
6. Carefully transfer the triangle onto a plate and dip it in the sugar.

Be careful as the jam can get very hot.
One-Pot Chilli
Spicy and substantial, chilli is the perfect dinner after a long day in the great outdoors.

What you will need... (Serves four)
- 1 onion
- 500g pack of beef mince
- 1 tin of kidney beans
- 1 tin of chopped tomatoes
- A squeeze of tomato puree
- Chilli powder
- Oil

Cooking instructions...
1. Chop the onion.
2. Pour a splash of oil into a large saucepan and gently fry the onion.
3. Add the mince and fry it with the onion until browned.
4. Add the kidney beans.
5. Pour in the tomato puree, chopped tomatoes and a teaspoon of chilli powder.
6. Leave to simmer for at least 15 minutes (Remember, the longer you leave it the tastier it will be!).

Camp Carbonara
Incredibly quick and easy to make.

What you will need... (Serves four)
- 500g bag of pasta
- 1 onion
- 1 tin of sweetcorn
- 1 tin of garden peas
- 1 tub of cream cheese
- 1 pack of ham (chopped small)
- A splash of water
- Oil

Cooking instructions...
1. Cook the pasta according to the packet’s instructions and then set aside.
2. Chop up the onion and add to a pan with some oil.
3. Once the onion has started to soften, put all of the cheese into the pan together with a splash of water.
4. Keep stirring until the cheese has become a creamy sauce.
5. Stir in the peas, sweetcorn and chopped ham.
6. Pour the pasta back into the sauce and heat through before serving.

Approximate time for activity:
1 hour per meal (plus 10 minutes discussion before)

Equipment needed:
Pots and pans, Camping Stove, utensils, recipe, ingredients

Remember!
Check your cooking equipment is in good working order before you leave for camp.
Using an Open Fire

In this section you will find lots of advice on how to build a campfire as well as some important safety tips you should bear in mind. There are also some tasty recipes that are sure to go down whilst you are sitting around the campfire.

How to build and light an open fire

1. If there isn’t already a designated area, choose a suitable spot for your campfire and make sure it is at least 3 metres away from tents, trees and bushes. Placing a ring of stones around it will stop the fire from spreading.

2. Get everything ready before you start building the fire. You will need thin twigs and sticks to use as kindling, as well as larger sticks to add once the fire is established.

3. If it has rained recently and everything seems wet or damp, look under bushes or trees for drier wood.

4. Once you have collected everything you need, build a small pile of kindling. Try and allow space for air to circulate within and include any dry bracken or paper scraps that will help the fire to get going once lit.

5. Build a pyramid of twigs and sticks around the kindling and once stable, light the kindling.

6. Continue to add larger sticks and then logs as the fire grows – remembering to leave enough space for the fire to breathe.

7. NEVER leave the fire unattended.

8. Extinguish fire before going to bed.
Top tips and campfire best practice

Great care must be taken when building or cooking on a campfire. The following top tips will help to ensure that it is a fun and safe experience for everyone.

1. **NEVER** build a fire too close to tents or other flammable items.

2. Never use flammable fluids to start a fire.

3. Do not play around a campfire.

4. **NEVER** leave your campfire unattended.

5. Ensure you have a bucket of water close to hand.

6. Make sure you completely extinguish the fire.
   - Scatter ashes or embers out.
   - Sprinkle with water. Stir with a stick. Repeat.
   - Drench charred logs.
   - Repeat until everything is cold.

7. If you want to cook on a campfire, wait until the flames have died down and cook on the hot embers – this provides a consistent heat that is perfect for cooking.

8. Allow plenty of time – cooking on a campfire isn’t particularly quick so remember to start building your fire well in advance of when you want to cook.

9. Always build the fire outside.

10. Always extinguish fire before going to bed.
COOKING AND HEATING

Light a fire and cook at least one meal using an open fire

Once you have a roaring campfire it is time to prepare and cook a meal – remember the embers provide a more consistent heat than the initial flame so start building your fire well before you want to start cooking!

Bananas with chocolate buttons
Simple yet delicious – perfect for sitting around the campfire!

What you need:... (Per person)
• 1 banana
• Roughly 10 chocolate buttons
• Foil

Cooking instructions...
1. Very carefully make a slit all the way down the length of the banana.
2. Squash the chocolate buttons into the slit.
3. Wrap the banana in foil, leaving a bit spare at both ends for you to hold on to.
4. Carefully place the wrapped banana onto the fire’s embers and let it cook for around 5 minutes until the banana is gooey and the chocolate has melted.

Baked potatoes
Top with your favourite filling for a tasty campfire dinner.

What you need:... (Per person)
• 1 potato
• Your favourite topping - butter, cheese, ham, beans, chilli, tuna etc...
• Foil

Cooking instructions...
1. Wash your potato in cold water.
2. Carefully prick it several times with a fork.
3. Wrap the potato tightly in foil.
4. Place the potato in the campfire’s embers for around 50 minutes to an hour (or until you can easily pierce the potato with a fork).
5. Once the potatoes are cooked, simply add your favourite topping and enjoy!
**Pizza Pocket**
A super speedy and tasty campfire treat.

**What you need: (Per person)**
- 1 pitta bread
- A large spoonful of tomato puree or pizza topping
- Grated cheese - cheddar or mozzarella work really well
- Any other toppings you like – perhaps ham, mushrooms, tuna, salami or olives

**Cooking Instructions**
1. Carefully open the pitta bread.
2. Spread one side with the tomato sauce.
3. Sprinkle in the cheese and add any of your chosen fillings.
4. Wrap the pizza pocket carefully in tin foil and place it onto the fire’s embers for around 10 minutes or until the cheese is melted and gooey.

**Campfire Popcorn**
Perfect for munching on whilst listening to ghost stories.

**What you need: (Per person)**
- 1 tablespoon of popcorn kernels
- Sunflower oil
- Foil
- String
- Butter and salt or icing sugar for seasoning

**Cooking Instructions**
1. Tear off a 45cm square of tin foil.
2. In the centre of each square add 1 teaspoon of oil and 1 tablespoon of popcorn.
3. Bring the corners of the foil together and tie with damp string.
4. Place the parcel on hot coals and shake it gently with a long stick until the popcorn is popped.
5. Season with butter and salt or icing sugar if desired.

**Approximate time for activity:**
2 hours plus recipe cooking time (plus 10 minutes discussion before)

**Equipment needed:**
Pots and pans, campfire, utensils, recipe, ingredients
Now it’s your turn!

Create your own recipe

Think of your own camp stove or campfire recipe, fill in the form below and then explain to your family and friends how to make it.

Recipe name:

What you need...

Cooking instructions...

Approximate time for activity:
1 hour plus recipe cooking

Equipment needed:
Pots and pans, campfire or camp stove, utensils, ingredients

Signed: ______________________ Date: _______________
Demonstrate organisation and personal hygiene

Camping and spending time outdoors is lots of fun; however it is important to make sure you maintain a neat and orderly site. Not only keeping your personal belongings tidy but also storing equipment in the appropriate place.

Follow as many of the tips below as you can during the trip, then ask a family member or friend to sign your booklet.

1. **Always wash your hands** – It is very important to remember to wash your hands with soap and warm water every time you go to the toilet, before cooking and before eating.

2. **Be careful when handling food** – Raw food can contain bacteria so always remember to wash your hands after touching it.

3. **Banish bacteria** – Wipe all surfaces and equipment with antibacterial spray before and after cooking.

4. **Keep different types of food separate** – Use plastic tupperware boxes to store different types of food separately and use different knives and chopping boards for each type e.g. one for meat and one for vegetables.

5. **Take meat items frozen so that they can defrost slowly in a cool box** – However make sure they are thoroughly defrosted before cooking.

6. **Always put food away** – Leaving food out can attract animals and insects so always put it away after using it.

7. **Try to avoid handling food** – Try and touch food as little as possible, as this will limit the amount of germs that are passed around.

8. **Always check meat is thoroughly cooked** – Before serving food check that all meat is piping hot throughout and not pink.

You could also help with some of the activities listed below on your trip:

Collecting firewood / washing / drying up / tidying the tent / collecting fresh water

Signed: ______________________ Date: _______________
Clean machine Game
Parents’ Question Sheet
Grown-ups ask a selection of hygiene based questions, as each team or child gets a question correct they add a body-part to their clean machine (see next page for activity sheet), the first team to finish drawing their clean machine wins.

Examples of some questions that you could ask:

Q: How often should you wash your hands whilst camping?
A: Remember to wash your hands after going to the toilet, before and after cooking or preparing food, and before eating.

Q: Why is it important to wash your hands?
A: Washing your hands regularly helps to prevent germs and bacteria from spreading.

Q: Why is it important to regularly clean the cooking area with antibacterial spray?
A: Regularly cleaning the cooking area helps to reduce the risk of harmful bacteria coming into contact with your food.

Q: How often should you brush your teeth when camping?
A: Just as many times as when you are at home – twice a day in the morning and before you go to bed.

Q: How should you store food whilst camping?
A: Raw meat, ready to eat foods, fruits and vegetables should be kept separately – coolers are ideal for helping to keep food fresh whilst camping.

Q: Why should you handle food as little as possible?
A: Handling food too much can spread bacteria so keep it to a minimum. Always remember to wash your hands before and afterwards.

Q: Does meat need to be cooked all the way through?
A: Yes, uncooked meat can still harbour some bacteria which could make you ill so make sure it is piping hot throughout and not pink.

Q: Why is it important to keep the campsite clean and tidy?
A: As well as making it a nicer environment for everybody else, keeping the campsite neat and tidy reduces the risk of germs spreading as well as helping to avoid attracting wild animals.
Keeping the campsite clean and tidy doesn’t have to be a chore, try testing your knowledge with one of the fun games below...

**Clean Machine**

Get a parent or friend to ask you a series of questions that relate to cleanliness or hygiene around the campsite, either individually or in small groups answer the questions and for each correct answer, draw one part of your clean machine.

The first person / team to finish drawing their clean machine wins the game!

Try and be as creative as possible but each Clean Machine must include the following:

- Body
- Left leg or wheel
- Right leg or wheel
- Right arm
- Left arm
Race to Hygiene game

Alternatively, the Race to Hygiene game is perfect when relaxing inside your tent - all you need is a dice and something to use as a counter.

Congratulations! You have a clean and hygienic campsite!
Capture the Flag

1. Divide the players into two teams. Each team should have its own territory with a boundary designated between the two and a spot in each area that will serve as a jail (this could be a rock or tree).

2. Each team must then decide where to place their flag, and also, how large the safety zone around the flag will be.

3. Once placed, the flag cannot be moved, however, it can be guarded – remember those guarding their own flag cannot enter the safety zone unless in pursuit of an opposing team member.

4. As a team, decide who will guard the flag and who will enter enemy territory to try and capture the opposition's flag.

5. Any player who enters the other team's territory can be caught and put in jail – to catch an enemy player, hold on to them and repeat the word “caught’’ three times.

6. Imprisoned players can be released by being tagged by a team mate but only one prisoner can be rescued at a time.

7. To win the game you must capture the other team’s flag and bring it back to your team’s territory.

8. If the flag is recaptured before it is taken to the opponent’s territory, it must be set-up where it was recaptured and the game continues.

9. If the game must end before either team have captured the opposition’s flag, the team with the most prisoners wins the game.
The Secret Code:

• When it gets dark, split into 2 groups and move to opposite sides of the campsite.

• Each team will need a powerful flashlight - Coleman® has a great range of flashlights that would be ideal for this game but any good flashlight will do the job.

• You will be given two message sheets, one for you to write down the messages you want to send over to the other team, and one for recording the messages you receive.

• Both teams must think of five short messages (ideally each message to be no longer than four words).

• Agree which team will start transmitting their message first and then record their received message on the second sheet.

• At the end of the game compare the team’s answer sheet with the opposing team’s message sheet to establish the winners.

If you are struggling to think of a secret phrase why not give one of the suggestions below a try?

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Caution
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Storm approaching
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Be Prepared
__ / _ _ / -pause- _ / _ _ / _ _ / _ _ / _ _ / _ _ / _ _ /...

My name is
__ / _ _ / -pause- _ / _ / _ _ / -pause- .. /...

Take part in a campfire or other entertainment

Campfires are lots of fun, not only can you cook delicious meals on them but they are perfect for sitting around during the evenings whilst on your camping trip. Whether you tell ghost stories or enjoy a group song or two, around the campfire is the perfect place to enjoy some evening entertainment. There are some ideas and activities below but ask around for any songs, stories or games you could share with the group.

ACTIVITY 12

ENTERTAINMENT AND GAMES

ACTIVITY 12
**Shadow Puppets:**
- On the campsite, where you won’t have access to solid walls, the most effective way to achieve clear shadows is to position the Shadow Puppeteer inside the tent with a bright battery light behind them. Coleman® has a range of battery lanterns that would be perfect for this game.
- With the Shadow Puppet Guide in this pack, you can each create a hand shadow puppet.

**Shadow Charades:**
- Why not also try Shadow Charades, using the same set-up as hand Shadow Puppets but use your whole body to act out a book/film/play titles and get others to guess the title.

**Sleeping Bag Races:**
- If the weather has been dry (as you do not want to make your sleeping bag wet or muddy), choose an area clear of stones/twigs/branches and other sharp objects.
- Mark out a starting and finish line (a length of tent guy rope is ideal for this).
- Split into groups to have heats. The winner from each heat enters the final.
Build a simple pioneering project
Practice your outdoor survival skills, build both a simple pioneering project and a handy camping gadget using twigs, sticks and any other natural resources you find around the campsite.

Acid rain approaching!!
A terrible explosion at a nearby power plant has caused the rain to turn into a lethal acid. Dark clouds are approaching and together with your team mates you must create a shelter that will help protect you from the rain.

What you will need:
• Plenty of sticks and twigs or bamboo poles
• String for lashing the sticks together

What to do:
Look at the diagram below and choose your pitch – remember you want your shelter to face away from the wind and rain for greater protection.

Lean-to shelter:
1. Firmly plant two upright poles into the ground and lash a crosspiece across the top.
2. Lash a sloping roof on one side - remember to face away from the wind.
3. Strengthen the frame by lashing on a rectangular base.
4. Begin to fill in the sides and roof of the shelter by lashing sticks or poles to the frame - these will need to vary in size as the roof slopes down.
5. If time allows, make the shelter more wind and/or waterproof with a tarpaulin or by weaving branches or leaves through the frame.

Remember… speed is of the essence here and the team that builds their shelter the fastest will win the task.

Approximate time for activity:
1 hour 30 minutes

Equipment needed:
String, twigs and sticks.

Signed: __________________ Date: ____________
Build a useful camping gadget

If you are camping for a long time, building some handy campsite gadgets can help to significantly increase your comfort. The possibilities of what you could make are endless but if you are stuck there are a couple of ideas below.

Washing up bowl
1. Take three sticks or poles of a similar length.
2. Form a tripod and use a tripod lashing to tie all three sticks together about one third of the way down (ask your leader if you are not sure how to do this).
3. Once the sticks or poles have been tied together, carefully adjust them so that the stand is stable when placed on the ground.
4. Place your washing bowl on the top of the stand so that it rests inside the three sticks.

Clothes line
1. Take two strong sticks or poles and drive them into the ground about 2 metres apart.
2. Using another pole, lash them at the top of each pole to form a crosspiece.
3. If it is windy, you could lash on an angled pole at each end to form a stable ‘A’ frame.
4. Once your frame is sturdy, attach a guy rope at each end and peg it out securely.
5. Simply lash string across the two uprights and hang wet towels or clothes over them to dry.

Equipment needed:
- Sticks and string for lashing

Approximate time for activity: 1 hour

Signed: ____________________ Date: ____________
Explore the environment of your camp

When spending time outdoors, it is important to get to know the environment of your campsite.

Explore the campsite and then use the information you gather to draw a detailed map. When you are drawing your map, consider the following things...

- **Which direction is north?**
  A map should always be drawn with north pointing to the top of the paper.

- **Title of map**
  Write the title of your map at the top of the page.

- **Scale**
  Add a scale for example 1cm equals 1m.

- **Key / legend to describe markings**
  Include a key or legend at the side of your map to describe any markings you have included.

- **Vegetation**
  Are there any trees or shrubs that should be included?

- **Water**
  Don’t forget to add any rivers, lakes or ponds into your map.

- **Roads, buildings and paths**
  Try and include any roads, buildings or footpaths as accurately as possible.

- **Topography**
  Are there any hills around the campsite you should include on your map?

**Approximate time for activity:**
2 hours

**Equipment needed:**
Paper / pens and pencils / compass / prize

Once you have finished your map you should show it to a parent or friend and ask them to sign and tick the box below to show that you have completed the task.

Signed: ___________________ Date: ____________