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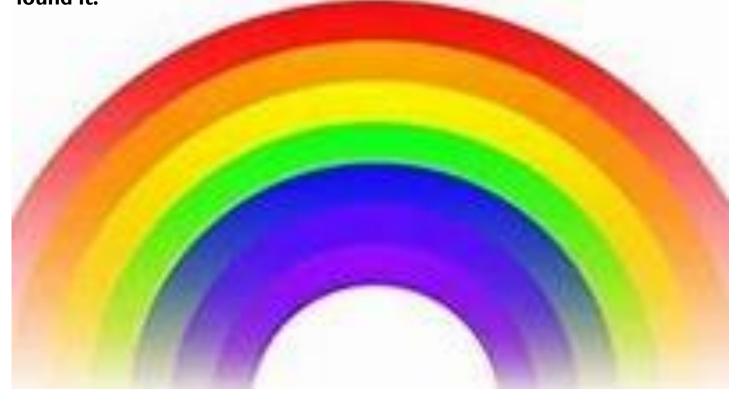
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### Want to have some fun while camping? Check these out!



Go on a Name Nature Hut! Find objects around the campsite and use them to spell your name!

Look around and find something in nature for every color of the rainbow! When you find something, jot it down below. Remember, don't pick anything that's still alive. We want to leave nature how we found it.



Sketch what you see! Use the back of this paper and a pencil or crayons to draw what you see around you while you are camping. You can hang this up when you get home to remember how much fun you had on your camping trip!

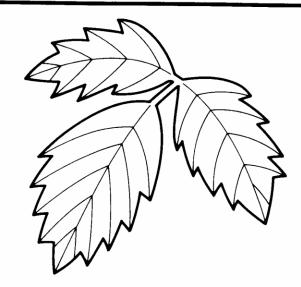
### Poison Ivy... COLOR IT ITCHYI

Nobody wants to get Poison Ivy. It makes your skin get red and break out in very, very itchy bumps.

What's the best way <u>not</u> to get Poison Ivy? By knowing what it looks like!

This is not always easy. Poison Ivy can have shiny leaves or dull leaves. It can grow close to the ground or up on trees and posts. Sometimes, it has tiny white flowers. Other times, it has pale green berries.

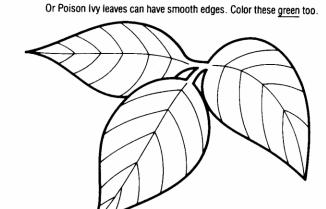
But one thing about Poison Ivy never changes. Its leaves <u>always</u> grow in groups of three!

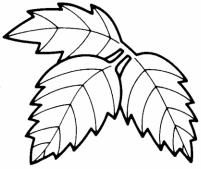


Poison Ivy leaves can have edges with teeth on them. Color these leaves green.



In the spring, Poison Ivy leaves are small and young. Color these leaves red.





In the summer, the leaves get bigger and turn green.



In the fall, Poison Ivy leaves can turn  $\underline{\text{yellow}}, \underline{\text{red}},$  or  $\underline{\text{orange}}.$ 



In the winter, Poison Ivy loses its leaves, but not its hair! That's how you can tell the stems of Poison Ivy in the winter. But be careful, it's still poisonous! Color these stems <u>brown</u>.

## ALPHABET SCAVENGER HUNT

A- Ant	N - Nest
B - Bark	O - Orange Leaf
C - Creek	P - Pinecone
D - Dew	🔲 Q – Quick Animal
E - Evergreen Tree	R - Rock
F - Flower	5 - Sunglasses
G - Green Leaf	T-Tree Stump
H - Hat	U - Unique Rock
I - Insect in a Web	∇ - "V" Shape in Tree
J – Jug of Water	
K - Kindling	
L - Lady Bug	Y - "Y" Shaped Stick
M - Map	Z - Zipper

### **HOW TO STAY SAFE WHILE CAMPING**

- Don't go near fire or water without a grown up with you
- Berries and mushrooms you find in nature could be poisonous.
   Never eat anything you find growing without a grown up saying it's okay first
- It is SO FUN to run around and play at the campground. Just be super careful on roads because cars can't always see you.
- Sometimes there are roots and sticks sticking up from the ground.
   Always wear shoes at the campsite and watch where you are walking
- Do not eat in your tent. Animals have SUPERPOWER sniffers and might try to come in your tent if they smell crumbs or wrappers.
- There is a plant called poison ivy that can give you a rash that hurts if you touch it. You can learn all about how to spot it on the worksheet in this activity packet
- Never hike or swim alone. We want you to have fun AND be safe on your camping trip.
- Cooking over a campfire can make some tasty treats. Just remember to get a grown ups help AND don't touch campfire cooking tools anywhere except the handle. They could be very hot.
- Use sunscreen and bug spray to protect yourself when camping
- Help keep the campsite clean. By throwing away trash, keeping your tent tidy and zipped up, and helping the grown-ups, you can keep your campsite safe and keep the unwanted critters away.

• Wash your hands often, especially after going to the bathroom and before you eat.

### THINGS TO DO AT THE CAMPGROUND

### (that don't involve your electronics)

- Read a book.
- Play the 5 senses game- sit for I minute and write down everything you can see. Then, sit another minute and write everything you hear. Do the same for smell and touch.
- Make s'mores.
- Collect leaves from the ground. Put them under a piece of paper and rub the side of the crayon on top of the paper to make a pretty art piece.
- Go for a hike.
- Tell campfire or ghost stories.
- Take a walk and see if you can find any animal tracks in the mud
- Look at the stars. Can you find the Big Dipper?
- Play charades.
- Play the game "I'm going camping". Sit in a circle. The first person says, "I'm going camping and am going to pack a \_\_\_\_\_" and names something starting with the letter "A". The next person says, "I'm going camping and am going to pack a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_", stating the letter "A" item and adding something that starts with "B". See how far you can get in the alphabet before someone forgets a word.
- Relax in the hammock for a while. A hard-working kid like you deserves a break.
- Ask a grown up to tell you about the "olden days" when they were kids. What did they like to do for fun? How were things different when they were young? How are things the same?

# LET'S GO CAMPING MAD LIBS

-	(noun) and (noun) wanted to go camping first they needed a tent.
	They decided to make a tent out of(noun) and(noun).
	Next they packed other things they would need for camping like (noun)
	and (noun). They were ready to go! They started (verb)
	into the woods. They got nervous when they saw a (noun).
	Then they realized it was just a silly (noun). When they found a campsite
	they unpacked the(noun) and then decided to go (verb).
	Now they were tired and asked their parents to help them make a campfire.
	They used (noun) and (noun) to build a fire.
<b>E</b>	It was very (adjective). They sat around the campfire
20	telling (adjective) stories. Finally it was time to go to sleep.
	They had a great camping trip! Next time they want to camp at the (noun, place)!

Use this page to doodle and write all about your camping trip.