



Camp at Home!

Backyard Camping Tips



1. PITCH THAT TENT!

Whether you have an actual camping tent or work on making a homemade tent with some sheets and sticks set it up. This is a great opportunity to either teach your kids to set up a tent or use their imagination in finding things to make a tent. Either way, it gets the whole family involved.

2. LIGHT IT UP!

If you have tiki torches or patio lights, bring them out and light them up. Even if you don't have those, but you have some holiday lights, those are a great alternative to add some light around your backyard campsite.

3. BUILD A FIRE PIT

If you already have an outdoor fire pit, this is perfect to roast those hot dogs and marshmallows. However, if you don't have some flagstones to build one and can't get some, that's ok! You can still have the outdoor backyard camping experience without the fire. You can make S'mores and hot dogs inside and eat them outside.

4. BRING OUT THE SLEEPING BAGS

Once you have your tent and lights set up, go ahead and make the inside for sleeping cozy and comfortable. You can choose to use sleeping bags if you have them, or (since you're at home) grab some blankets you don't mind being outside and bring them into your tent.

5. AIR UP THE AIR MATTRESS

If you plan on sleeping outside go ahead and get out the air mattress so everyone can sleep comfortably.

6. MAKE SOME YUMMY TREATS

These treats of course involve S'MORES!!! The ultimate camping trip sweet treat that almost every kid loves to enjoy.

7. POP SOME POPCORN OVER THE FIRE

Popping popcorn over a fire can be a great and fun experience. You do have to have a special kind of popcorn maker in order to do it.

8. GRILL SOME BURGERS AND HOT DOGS

Make your backyard camping adventure also a dinner experience. Kids love to roast hot dogs on the fire, and the adults can grill up some burgers.

11. SET UP AN OUTDOOR MOVIE

Having movie time outside is a great thing to do with kids that will bring wonderful memories they will cherish forever. If you don't have a projector, now is the time to invest in one. You will also need a screen or a large white sheet.