

BLINK AT HOME

Campfire Cooking

What do we do while camping?

Skills to Develop

- + Social emotional skills
- + Verbal communication
- + Creative thinking

Materials

- + Blankets
- + Play food and cookware
- + Toilet paper tubes
- + Construction paper or tissue paper

WHAT TO DO

During the Learning Activity

1. **Shop for supplies:** Discuss what things you need to bring with you and pack for your pretend camping adventure. Ask: *what do we need to eat? What do we need to sleep? What do we need to stay warm?*
2. **Pitch a tent:** Invite your child to use the blankets to create a tent for sleeping and shelter.
3. **Build a campfire:** Invite your child to create a campfire using the toilet paper tubes as logs and balling up the paper to create flames. Encourage your child to build their campfire following the campfire rules and safety outlined by [Smokey the Bear and the US Forest Service](#).
4. **Campfire cooking:** Invite your child to cook their pretend meal over the campfire using play food and cookware. Use play time to reinforce fire safety rules and pack up the food and cookware to be stored in a bear safe location before bedtime. Ensure your campfire is safely extinguished before going to sleep in your tent.

Extend the Fun

- + Create trail mix or s'mores as a camping snack
- + Include other camping related activities in your pretend play, such as hiking and fishing.