



# Grand Camp guide

**Also known as Cousins Camp, or Grandkids Camp...  
whatever you call it, the kids will call it FUN!**

Bring together the grandkids for a fun camping experience filled with activities, laughs, and great family time.

Make memories that will last a lifetime!

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# Why Grand Camp?

Just a few reasons to consider planning your own:

- Deepen relationships with younger generations
- Provide time for cousins to get to know each other and form friendships
- Provide experiences the parents may not have time or resources for
- Enjoy experiences that will become fond memories for all

## Nearby outings



### Cavern Tours

Marengo Cave & Indiana Caverns



### Canoeing & Kayaking

Cave Country Canoes/Milltown



### Nature Centers & Programs

Nearby State Parks

We offer discounted weekday rates Sunday through Thursday, allowing for one to five night camps! PLUS Planning and activity suggestions with starter pages.

## Helpful hints

- Plan & share a schedule daily
- Use a responsibility chart to involve everyone
- An outdoor handwashing & water station is convenient
- Pre-camp tips for parents
- Packing list (starter list included)
- Suggest labeling everything
- Info on medicines & special dietary needs



# Making it easy

Sycamore Springs Park is perfect for your first Grand Camp. Our easily accessible park and campground offer a variety of activities fit for any kind of outing you're looking for! Getting the kids together in the outdoors is ideal and we can make it easy with:

- Spacious campsites (RV to tent)
- Lots of open space
- 20 Playgrounds for all ages – one within sight of each campsite
- Free firewood
- River for wading, exploring, and fishing
- Ponds for fishing and relaxing by
- Trails for walking and exploring
- The village – two playhouses and a furnished one room schoolhouse
- Low weekday camping rates
- Free shelter houses for “under roof” activities





# Packing List ideas

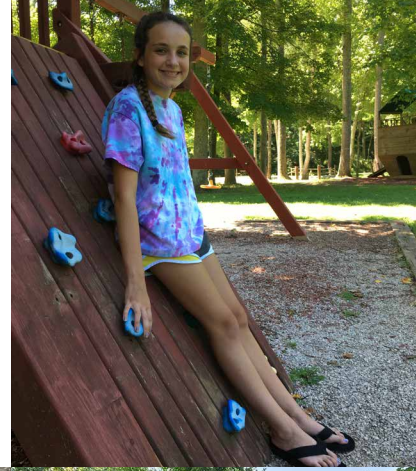
- ☐ Comfy walking shoes and socks
- ☐ Creek shoes that cover the toes
- ☐ Basic flashlight (with name on it and new batteries)
- ☐ Bug spray and sunscreen
- ☐ Sleeping bag and pillow
- ☐ Pj's, underwear, simple clothing
- ☐ A card or board game to share
- ☐ Water bottle with name

**NO ELECTRONICS**  
ENJOY THE OUTDOORS!



# First Day suggestions

- Create and bring a fun camp banner
- Welcoming activities or ceremony
- Define the camp rules & guidelines
- Decorate drawstring bag or camp shirt



## Activity ideas

There's so much to see and do at Sycamore Springs Park! It might be tempting to schedule every last second of your trip, but we recommend a balance of scheduled activities and free time. Here are some of our favorite activities to spark your imagination!

- Bike riding
- Nature hikes (trees, flowers etc)
- Scavenger hunt
- Fishing
- Orienteering\*

**Bring some outdoor games. Possible ones to make include:**

- Tic-Tac-Toe
- Giant Jenga
- Beanbag ladder toss
- Chalk/chalk board
- Bowling with recycled bottles
- Ring Toss
- Ice block treasure hunt

## Learn a new skill



fire building



stars »



campfire cooking

# Free Time suggestions

**HAMMOCK TIME**

**BOARD GAMES**

**PLAYING IN DIRT**

**COLLECT BUGS**

**READING**

**BIKE RIDING**

**PRESS LEAVES**

**OBSERVE NATURE**

## Craft starters

- Decorate a t-shirt, bandana, drawstring bag
- Make marshmallow shooters
- Make star charts
- Paint rocks to put around campground
- Make/Decorate a walking stick
- Leaf painting
- Nature art creations & creatures
- Bead necklaces with outdoor themes





# Menu planning

- Bring some food pre cooked (beef stew, soup, BBQ etc)
- Campfire meals like foil dinners, hotdogs on a stick, etc
- Involve older kids in planning as well as cooking
- Plan menu a month or more in advance to take advantage of sales



**KEEP IT  
SIMPLE!**

## extra resources:

BW map  
Topo map  
Planning Tips

Enjoy precious time with your grandkids, spending a week camping out in nature. As you hike, play games, and roast marshmallows, take time to savor all the fun and joy a week spent together can create.

**ABOVE ALL  
HAVE FUN!**



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