



When you tell someone you are going to summer camp, I bet they have a pretty clear picture of what “camp” might look like...and I bet a lot of that image comes from a movie like the Parent Trap or from Camp Chippewa from the Addams Family Values movie. So tonight, for Theme Night, we are going to live up the Ultimate Camper experience by going all-in on what everyone assumes you look like and eat like during your session at camp each summer.

HERE'S YOUR GUIDE ON HOW TO CREATE THE ULTIMATE CAMPER THEME NIGHT:

OUTFIT:

Key to the experience is the outfit. When you're planning for your Ultimate Camper theme, think about the stereotypical picture of a camper. See how many of these things you have at your house, and then dress for your theme night:



- Chacos with socks (or even better, Crocs with socks)
- T-shirt tucked into your shorts OR all khaki OR tie-dye
- Pigtails with a bucket hat or visor
- Lots of sunscreen that is most definitely not rubbed in
- Bug spray in your pocket
- Bandana or scarf tied around your neck
- Life jacket worn at all times (if you have one)



FOOD:

What do people assume you eat at camp? Pre-packaged, pre-made frozen food. Do we eat that at Greystone? Absolutely not, but for tonight, let's live it up! Here are some suggestions on things you could make. Or, order in some delivery for tonight and have fun!

- Hamburger or hot dog: Zinger! What could be more “camp” than a hamburger or hot dog? Spice up your hot dog with some chili, and you've got that classic camp meal. Want to get really saucy? Make it a corndog for the win!
- Sloppy Joe: When I think about camp food, I think about a Sloppy Joe. Nothing can beat this mystery meat on a bun. Yummy.
- Grilled cheese: Bet you already have ingredients for this at home. Heat up that stove-top and get toasting.
- Square pizza: You don't just have pre-cut square pizza at school - camp is where this type of pizza thrives! Order some take-out pizza from a local chain and ask for the square cut.
- Chicken nuggets: Order out from McDonalds, and you've got your main dish taken care of for the night.
- Sides: You can't forget your sides to go along with your main meal! How about tater tots, jello, apple sauce, French fries, or even a boxed chocolate milk. The possibilities are endless!



MUSIC AND DECORATIONS:

At all of our theme meals, we like to play some fun music and have some great table decorations. Try one of these things:



- Plates: Find Styrofoam to make it great; see if you have any in the pantry.
- Lighting: What says camp like a flashlight? Turn off the lights and light up your table by putting flashlights all over the place.
- Condiments: Have these ready to go on the table for easy use: ketchup, mustard, sugar, salt, pepper, honey, mayo, hot sauce, and more.
- Serving bowls, platters, and pitcher: No camp table would be complete without communal bowls and platters of food. Don't forget your pitcher of water or tea!
- Music: Find some classic camp tunes to play while eating. Need some suggestions? How about the YMCA, the Macarena, the Cupid Shuffle, or Cotton Eyed Joe.