

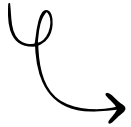
# THE CAMP CONNECTION

ENJOYING SOME GREYSTONE FUN AT HOME. WE ♥ AND MISS OUR AUGUST CAMPERS!

## JOIN US FOR A GREYSTONE OVERNIGHT!

No matter where you live or what the weather is like, you can experience the magic of a camp overnight. Check out the overview below and choose a few of the ideas for your overnight fun. We hope to see you under the stars!

### SET-UP



#### CAMP-OUT:

- Set up a tent or put down a tarp for a dry sleeping place
- Lay down a sleeping bag to get cozy
- Use hammocks or Enos for sleeping

#### CAMP-IN:

- Make a blanket fort
- Hang up twinkle lights or light candles
- Put down some blankets, padding, etc. for comfortable sleeping

### ACTIVITY IDEAS

Most of these ideas can be adapted for inside or outside camping, so choose a few for your family overnight:

- Start a **CAMPFIRE** outside or use candles inside your house
- Make **SHADOW PUPPETS** on a wall or on the side of your tent
- Try a flashlight **SCAVENGER HUNT**
- Use your flashlight as the **LIMBO** pole and get low
- **FLASHLIGHT TAG**: the best!
- Listen for **NATURE SOUNDS** or open your windows to hear them; you can even play nature sounds if you live in the city
- **LOOK AT THE STARS** - check out our suggestions on our Stargazing info page!
- Pull out some **GLOW STICKS** for lots of fun; stick them in clear empty plastic bottles to make a glow bowling set
- Pull out the **SPARKLERS**, and try taking some cool pictures
- **CATCH FIREFLIES!**
- Have a flashlight **DANCE PARTY**
- Play **FUN GAMES**: Uno or Go Fish

### MEAL IDEAS



#### DINNER:

**TACO IN A BAG:** keep it simple by making this classic Greystone meal. Take individual Fritos bags and fill with your favorite taco toppings. Give it a good shake and eat with a fork. You can cook the meat over the fire or reheat in foil near the fire.

**WEINER DOG SOCIAL:** roast a hot dog over the fire and try a combo of some of these camp-favorite toppings: ketchup, mustard, diced onions, relish, cheddar cheese, guacamole, salsa, black beans, sauerkraut, baked beans, bacon, or ranch.

**FOIL PACKET MEALS:** mix and match your favorite foods and heat them in foil over the fire. Check out some fun recipes online.

#### S'MORES:

Try a classic s'mores or one of these great variations:

- **INSTEAD OF THE GRAHAM CRACKER:** fudge striped cookies, sugar cookies, flavored graham crackers, rice krispie treats, Oreos
- **INSTEAD OF THE CHOCOLATE:** candy bar, peanut butter cup, melted caramel, chocolate covered pretzels
- **ADDITIONS TO THE S'MORE:** bananas, peanut butter, jelly, candied bacon, coconut, nutella

#### BREAKFAST:

**BREAKFAST BURRITOS:** make everyone happy with this make-your-own breakfast idea that you can make ahead of time and reheat over a fire or in your microwave. Throw in a mix of potatoes, meat, eggs, cheese, and even onions or peppers. Wrap and heat!

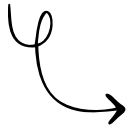
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## JOIN US FOR STARGAZING!

No matter where you live, you can experience the magic of a stargazing with us (if weather is bad, plan for later this week). Whether you want the full Overnight experience or just want to check out the stars, we hope you'll join us!

### SET-UP



#### SUPPLIES:

Hunt through your house to see if you can find some of these supplies:

- Blanket
- Crazy Creek
- Camping chairs
- Eno or other hammock
- Sleeping bag
- Stargazing Snack

#### SNACK IDEAS:

If you have a fireplace:

- S'mores (see our ideas from our Overnight s'mores ideas)
- Banana Boats

If you don't have a fire:

- Frittles or another frozen candy
- Popsicle

## SET THE MOOD

Nothing says "let's chill and explore the night sky" like some good music. Check out [this curated playlist](#) we've added to our Spotify channel.

## VIEW THE STARS

Now it's time to actually see the stars! Here's some suggestions on how to make the most of your star-viewing experience:

- To get started, **TURN OFF ALL THE LIGHTS** in your area. House lights, outside lights, and more. The very best place to view stars would be about 30 minutes outside of a city, but your backyard can work!
- Try using a **STAR FINDING APP**. Some great choices are [SkyView Lite](#) or [Stellarium Plus](#).
- If you want to stay unplugged, try [printing out this image](#) of the **STARS YOU CAN SEE IN THE SKY** during this time of year.

## TAKE IT TO THE NEXT LEVEL

#### READ A BOOK:

If you're interested in finding out more about the stars, check out one of these cool books:

- [GLOW IN THE DARK CONSTELLATIONS](#): The constellations on the pages actually glow in this cool book!
- [WHAT WE SEE IN THE STARS](#): Some really cool images of the constellations to help you recognize them.
- [LEFT TURN AT ORION](#): Take it to the next level with this resource guide for budding astronomers.

#### TRY OUT A STAR ACTIVITY:

Take your star fun even further by trying out one of these star activities:

- **MAKE A STAR WHEEL**: You can make your own star wheel so that you can find stars throughout the year. This is [a great tutorial](#)!
- **MAKE A CONSTELLATION PROJECTOR**: For our younger astronomers, [make your own constellations](#) to project on the wall! This is a cool project, and you should have everything you need at home.

**AND REMEMBER, TONIGHT WHEN YOU ARE LOOKING AT THE STARS, YOUR GREYSTONE FRIENDS ARE LOOKING AT THE SAME STARS RIGHT ALONG WITH YOU!**