

Preschool/Headstart: Let's Go Camping

SIOUX COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD PRAIRIE WOODS NATURE CENTER

What students should bring:

Tennis shoes or hiking boots

Water bottle for drinking water (optional)

Weather-appropriate clothing

What teachers should bring:

First aid kit, Kleenex, hand sanitizer

One or more adult for every 5-6 children

Sunscreen/bug spray (optional)

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Field Trip Overview

Setting up a tent, singing songs, walking trails, and counting marshmallows will give students a taste of what camping is like!

Suggested Field Trip Itinerary Half Day

9:30am Arrive at Prairie Woods Nature Center, welcome from Naturalist, tour exhibits

10:00am-11:15 Put up tent, make pretend fire, listen to nature sounds, play in campground playground

11:15-11:45 lunch at picnic tables in campground

Suggested Field Trip Itinerary Full Day

9:30am Arrive at Prairie Woods Nature Center, gather outdoors **OR** Use east student entrance and head to basement classroom to get organized.

9:30am-11:00 Set up tent, make pretend fire, listen to nature sounds, play in campground playground.

11:00-11:45 Lunch at picnic tables in campground.

12:00 Gather in basement classroom, divide into 20-minute stations.

Station ideas are: Foil Paint Campfire Craft, Marshmallow Counting with Tweezers, Exhibits, Fishing with Magnets and Bobber Floating

2:00-2:30 live animals or game and clean classroom



Gold Standards met for Preschool/Headstart

Activity: Camping

Put up tent, make pretend fire, listen to nature sounds, play in campground playground.

Objective 3 Group participation

Objective 7 Fine-motor strength/coordination

Objective 28 Uses of tools and technology

Objective 36 Drama through actions and language

Activity: Foil Paint Campfire Paint

Students will make a campfire painting using tin foil and paint.

Objective 7 Fine-motor strength/coordination

Objective 28 Uses of tools and technology

Activity: Marshmallow counting with tweezers

Students will use tweezers to make pretend S'mores and count cotton ball marshmallows.

Objective 7 Fine-motor strength

Objective 20 Number concepts and operations

Objective 28 Uses of tools and technology

Activity: Fishing with magnets

A baby pool with magnetic fish is a great way to try catch and release! Kids fishing poles are sticks with string and magnets on end. They will also have bobbers, plastic fish, and other items to discover if items sink or float.

Objective 6 Fine motor strength/coordination

Objective 25 Living things

Objective 26 Physical properties

Objective 28 Use of tools and technology

Objective 36 Drama through actions and language

Note: this does not include the many standards met in the professionally designed exhibits, which were designed around NGSS.