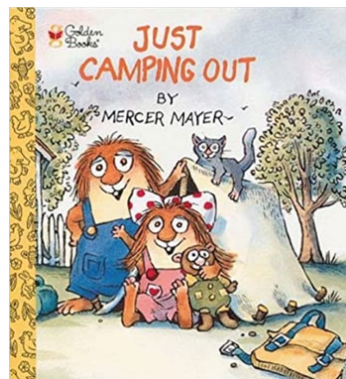


## CLOVERBUD READING ADVENTURES

# Just Camping Out

By Mercer Mayer

Little Critter and his sister have a camping adventure.



## ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS

### Handprint Campfire



**Materials:** Yellow, red, and orange paint, piece of construction paper, brown paint or brown construction paper for logs

**What to do:**

1. Paint fingertips yellow, the bottom of the palm red, and the rest of the hand orange. Be sure not to use too much paint.
2. Press down the hand onto a piece of paper.
3. Paint 2 logs with the brown paint or use pieces of brown construction paper to make logs.



### Camping Lantern

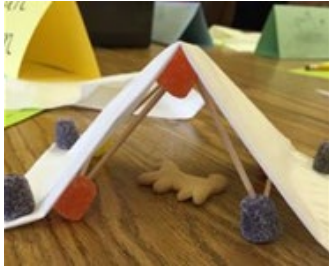
**Materials:** Water bottle with label removed, Yellow Paint, two small strips of green (or whatever color you choose) construction paper (3 inches tall), Pipe cleaner, Hole punch, Tape, Scissors, Marker, battery tealight, if desired

**What to do:**

1. If you are going to use the tea light, cut the top of the bottle off first so that you have access to drop in the tealight.
2. Paint water bottle yellow,
3. After paint dries, tape 3" tall green strips on top and bottom of "lantern".
4. Hole punch or make a slit on each side of the lantern and thread the pipe cleaner through to make a handle.
5. If you want to be more creative, allow the Cloverbuds to decorate with stickers, beads, or other embellishments.
6. Draw on the main "dimmer" knob and any additional buttons or decor you want on the camping lantern.
7. Drop the tea light into the lantern to make it glow.



## GAME



### STEM Tent Challenge

**Supplies:** gumdrops, toothpicks, tissues, animal crackers

**How to play:**

1. Provide each Cloverbud with a variety of supplies. You can give each child a few supplies or have the supplies on a table and the Cloverbuds come up and get what is needed.
2. Ask the Cloverbuds to create a tent that will shade an animal (the animal cracker) using the supplies provided.

## Camping Story Cards

**Supplies:** Camping Story Cards

**How to play:**

1. Print the camping story cards found at the end of this Reading Adventure on heavy cardstock and laminate. You can print multiple copies if you have a lot of participants.
2. Have each Cloverbud choose 3 or more cards they want to tell a story about.
3. Have an adult model how to tell a story using the cards.
4. Let each child tell a story using the cards.

## SNACK

### S'mores Snack Mix

**Ingredients:** 10 oz. box honey flavored Teddy Grahams, 12 oz. bag semi sweet chocolate chips, 5 oz. mini marshmallows, 8 oz. bag yogurt covered raisins, 11 oz. box Chocolate Cheerios , large bowl, snack size zipper bags

**What to do:**

1. Combine all ingredients in a large bowl
2. Distribute and store the snack mix into snack baggies or plastic containers until ready to eat

You can adapt the ingredients to your taste. Try golden graham cereal, add pretzels,



## S'mores on a Stick



from [fun-a-day.com](http://fun-a-day.com)

**Ingredients:** Large marshmallows, Stick (lollipop sticks, bamboo skewers, straws), chocolate chips, graham crackers

### What to do:

1. Place the marshmallows on a stick of your choosing. If using bamboo skewers, be careful of the sharp points.
2. Place some graham crackers in a zipper bag and crush.
3. Melt the chocolate—you could use a fondue pot or a microwave cup (microwave for about 20 seconds and stir until smooth).
4. Dip a marshmallow on a stick into the chocolate. Let some of the excess chocolate drip off, then dip it into graham cracker crumbs.
5. Enjoy!

## Campfire Snack

from [skiptomylou.org](http://skiptomylou.org)

**Ingredients:** round crackers (ground), purple grapes (rocks), pretzel sticks (wood), yellow cheese (fire)



### What to do:

1. Cut grapes in half and place in a ring along the outer edge of cracker.
2. Take a piece of cheese and cut flames on one end. Then place in the middle of the rocks (grapes)
3. Break pretzels in half and pile them on the campfire to finish the snack.

## OTHER BOOKS TO READ ALOUD

*Goodnight Campsite*, by Loretta Sponsler

*Llama, Llama Loves Camping*, by Anna Dewdney

*Curious George Goes Camping*, by Margret Ray

*Amelia Bedilia Goes Camping*, by Peggy Parish

*Toasting Marshmallows: Camping Poems*, by Kristine O'Connell George

*What Camping Can Teach Us: Life's Lessons Learned from the Great Outdoors*, by Willow Creek Press



## EVALUATION

We value your input! After completing a Reading Adventure with your Cloverbuds, please tell us what you think. Your feedback will be used to improve the Reading Adventure program. Type the link in your browser and navigate to the evaluation site:

<https://go.osu.edu/evaladventures>

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### 4-H CLOVERBUD READING ADVENTURES

Reading Adventures are part of the Ohio 4-H Cloverbud Program. This adventure was developed by Christy Millhouse, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development, Ohio State University Extension. It contains well-known activities, games, and snacks. Sources are indicated where appropriate. Find more reading adventures online at [ohio4h.org/cloverbudresources](https://ohio4h.org/cloverbudresources).

#### TIP:

This 4-H Cloverbud Reading Adventure works well with Chapter 19 'Nature Fun' in *The Big Book of 4-H Cloverbud Activities* available through OSU Extension offices or online at [extensionpubs.osu.edu](https://extensionpubs.osu.edu). Ohio residents get the best price when they order and pick up their purchases through local Extension offices.





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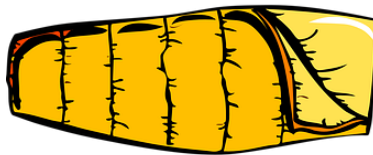
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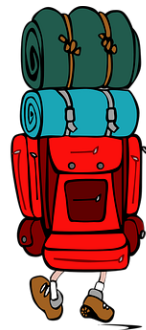
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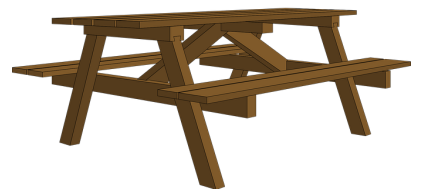
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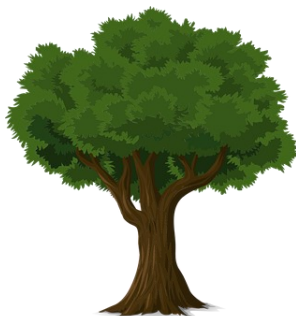
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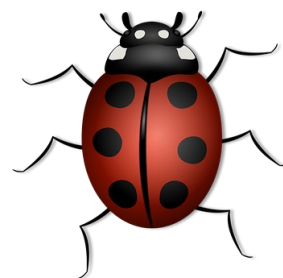
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