

SUMMER SKILLS

JUNIOR SCOUTS

Incorporate reading and writing into daily life through play.
Find the fun in every day items and connect them to literacy opportunities.

INSIDE PLAY MATERIALS



Cardboard Box

Use for building forts, cars, or canvases for drawing.



Plastic Container

Use for stacking, drumming, or water play in the sink.



Paper Roll

Use for marble runs or making puppets.



Muffin Tins

Use for sorting by color, shape, size, and fine motor pinching.



Socks

Use for sorting by matching pairs, or for making sock puppets.



Flour, Salt, Sand, or Shaving cream

Spread on a tray. Use to practice forming letters or numbers with a finger.



Old Magazines

Use for letter hunts or cutting out pictures to make a story.

OUTSIDE PLAY MATERIALS



Chalk

Use for drawing shapes, writing letters, or creating hopscotch for number recognition.



Buckets and Brushes

Use paint brushes to write or draw with water on the sidewalk.



Rocks and Sticks

Use for nature counting, building small structures, or drawing letters and words in the dirt.



Dish Soap and String

Use to make homemade bubble solution and DIY bubble wands.



Plastic Bottles

Fill with a little dirt or water to use as bowling pins, count how many are knocked down.



Leaves and Petals

Spread on a tray to practice forming letters or numbers with a finger.



Mirror

Have children watch how their mouth moves when they makes sounds. Share individual letters and blends of letters.

NAME _____



READING LOG



BOOK TITLE

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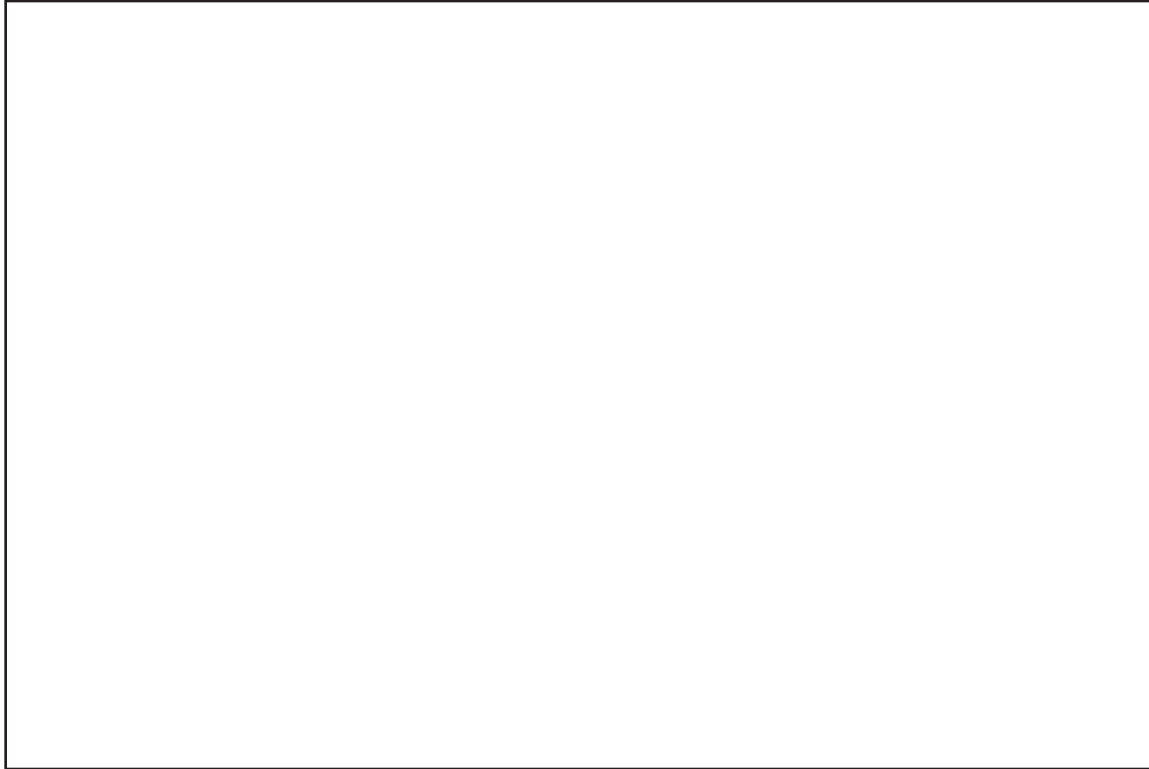
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RIF READING SUMMER CAMP

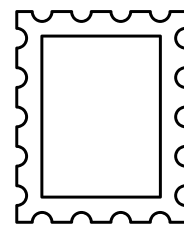
A postcard is a great way to show others how much fun you are having while visiting a new location! After reading about the exciting things you can do (or have done) at summer camp, create a postcard for a family member or friend describing your experience.

On one side of the postcard, draw a picture of your favorite part about camp or even just being outside. On the lined side of the postcard, write at least two things you learned from the books you have read at RIF's summer reading camp.



Dear _____,

From,

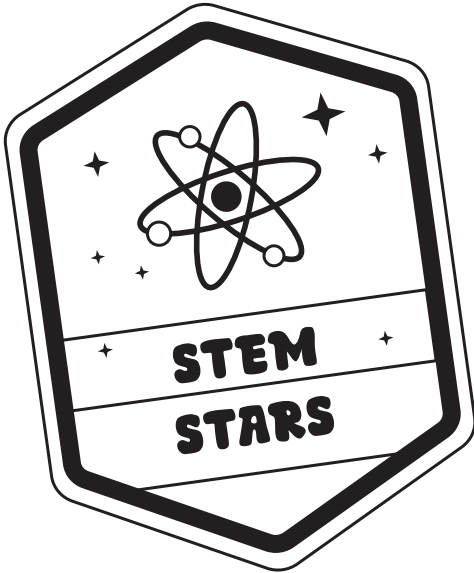


To:





RIF READING SUMMER CAMP



HOW TO MAKE A S'MORE



Step 1: Gather graham crackers, marshmallows, and chocolate, along with a roasting stick and a heating source.



Step 2: Carefully hold the marshmallow over the fire until it turns golden brown.



Step 3: Place chocolate on a graham cracker and add the roasted marshmallow along with another graham cracker on top gently pressing it together.



Step 4: Take a big bite and enjoy!

Use extra caution when cooking over a heat source, especially a campfire. Be sure to have an adult supervise and help you.

GO FISH

Directions: Print and cut out cards.

Optional: Print on cardstock and laminate.

Players: 2-3

How to Play: Each player gets 4 cards. Each player takes a turn to ask another player for a specific card to make a pair. If the player doesn't have the card, they say, "Go Fish!" to draw from the deck.

campfire



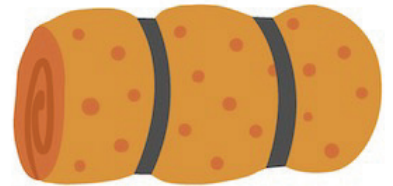
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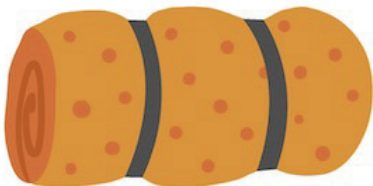
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sleeping bag



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GO FISH

Optional Extension:

- Sort words by sound into the appropriate category.
- Play memory.
- Play war (first one to read their card wins both cards).

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lantern



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fish



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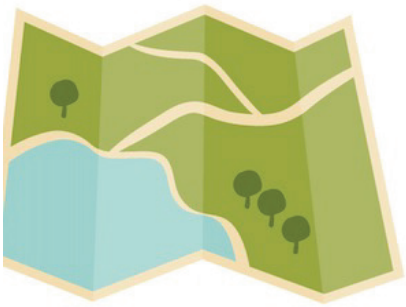
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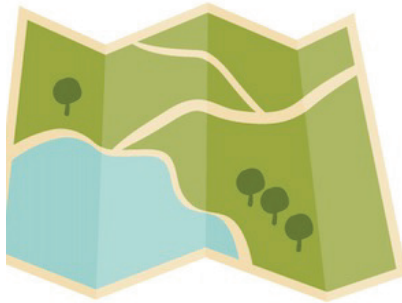
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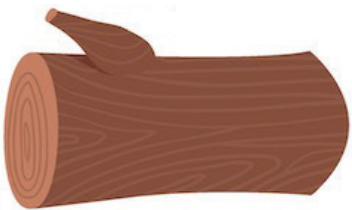
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