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## Camping tips

- Visit the campsite you have booked to determine facilities and types of activities that will be suitable to run, and any unique features of the local area.
- Make best use of the outdoors and plan your activities for the outdoors and local environment.
- Ask your Joeys for ideas of what they want to do on their camp, and where possible incorporate them in the camping program.
- Keep indoor activities for evening and in case of inclement or hot weather. Camping is an outdoor activity.
- Ensure well in advance that all equipment is ready and preparations for activities are finalised to make best use of the time available for the camp.
- Offer the Joeys and parents new experiences, and avoid games and activities that are done at normal Mob meetings.
- Have additional activities available in case of equipment failure or changes in the weather.
- When you are setting up camp have activities available for Joeys who have erected their tent and are waiting for others to finish or arrive at the campsite. Joeys will be excited and this will avoid them “running wild”.
- Always use extra people as cooks and as a first aider. This enables the Leaders to concentrate on running the program only.
- Never program “free time” as Leaders are always on duty and this could be a time when accidents may occur. Offer things like puzzles, stories and costume making if Joeys need “quiet time”.
- Ensure Joeys and parents have name tags and if necessary are in teams for the activities.