



Camp Skills Tents



Who is it for:



It will take:

45-60 minutes.

You will need:

A variety of tents
popups; lightweight;
ridge etc
Blankets,
groundsheets;
poles etc
Mallet; pegs; dolly

What to do:

Rainbows could use Popup tents and have a pj night with stories, hot chocolate and toast.

Brownies could make dens or erect smaller lightweight tents and have a sleepover camp indoors or a night like that suggested for the Rainbows. Even have a campfire sing along!

Guides and Senior Section pitch and strike a lightweight tent indoors, highlighting good practice and care of tents. This would be good preparation for their outdoor camp!

Senior Section could teach / instruct younger girls.

Take it further

Make a quiz identifying different types of tents or parts of a tent
Pitch and strike a ridge tent





Camp Skills

Bedding Rolls



Who is it for:



It will take:
30-60 minutes.

You will need:

Groundsheet, sleeping bag, blanket, pillow, rope
Plastic bag, string, pieces of material
Mini rolls, wraps
Various types of material, spray bottle

What to do:

Rainbows could examine a mini roll, discussing shape then progress to making wraps with their favourite filling.

Brownies could make a mini bedding roll for a doll using the plastic bag, pieces of material and string.

Guides and Senior Section discuss the use and purpose of bedding rolls at camp. Lay out and construct the bedding roll. Test it by throwing around the hall to see if it stays intact.

Take it further:

Experiment with different types of material to test which materials are waterproof and would make the best outer layer for the bedding roll.

Complete the camper badge.





Camp Skills Knots



Who is it for:



It will take:

15 - 45 minutes.

You will need:

Shoe laces, string,
cord, rope,
Shoebboxes, other
packages.

What to do:

Rainbows could learn to tie their shoelaces.

Brownies could wrap a parcel / shoebox and tie string or ribbon around it.

Guides and Senior Section use string, cord, rope to make the following knots: - reef, clove hitch, slip, sheet bend. They should also know what each knot is used for. Once practiced the girls could have races tying the different knots.

Take it further:

Use a blank tile and coloured string to make a display of knots. Make each knot and stick to the tile, label each knot to finish. Senior Section could learn more complicated knots eg Round turn and two half-hitches, Marlinspike Hitch etc
Tie scarf in a friendship knot.
Make a dog collar using a repeated flat knot pattern.

<https://www.animatedknots.com/indexscouting.php>





Camp Skills

Camp Craft



Who is it for:



It will take:

45-60 minutes.

You will need:

Rugs groundsheet
tea towels strong
plastic material
needle thread string
Decorate own bag
kits from Baker Ross
Crafty Crocs etc

What to do:

Rainbows have a teddy bear picnic, use groundsheet or picnic rugs to sit on.

Brownies could make a cutlery bag using kits purchased from Baker Ross, Crafty Crocs etc. Decorate and personalise using fabric pens.

Guides could use a tea towel and thick plastic or oil cloth for a waterproof back. Stitch together and add their name.

Senior Section could make a drawstring bag for holding their cutlery. They could learn embroidery to add their initials to it.

Take it further:

Use Camp Out Go For It - sitter



Camp Skills Trekking



Who is it for:



It will take:
45-60 minutes.

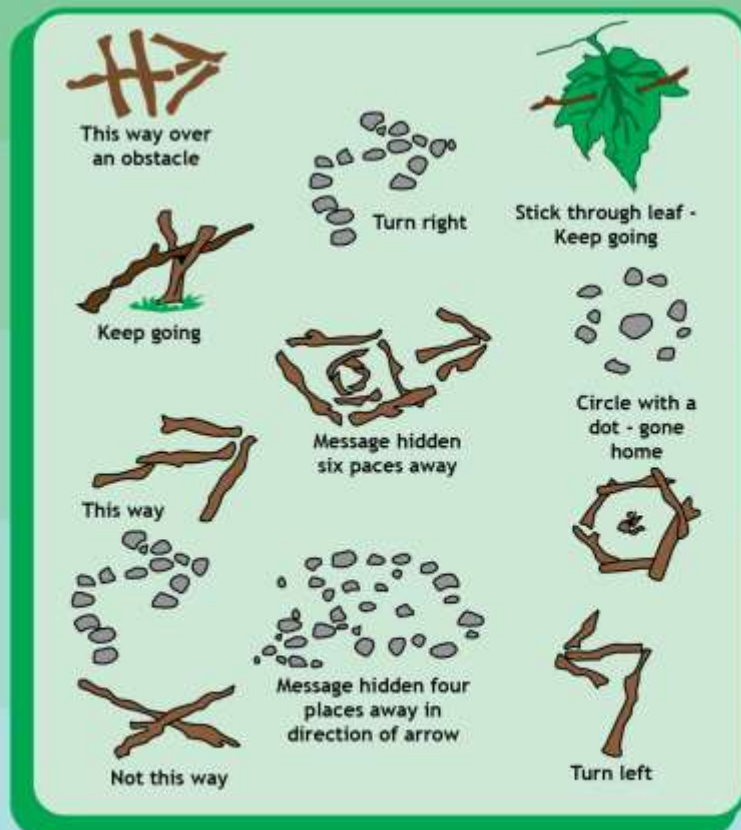
You will need:
Selection of stones,
twigs etc.
Picture clues with
arrows.

What to do:

Rainbows could follow a picture trail around the hall indoors or out.

Brownies could discuss and make signs that they could use in making or following a trail within their meeting place surroundings or local park

Guides and Senior Section could use nature symbols to follow a trek through a local park or forest area. Patrols could set trails for each other to follow. (See page for signs)





Camp Skills Trekking



Trail Signs

	straight ahead	turn right	turn left	DO NOT go this way
Rocks				
Pebbles				
Sticks				
Long Grass				
Number of paces in direction indicated				
I have gone home.				



Camp Skills Pioneering



Who is it for:



It will take:

45-90 minutes.

You will need:

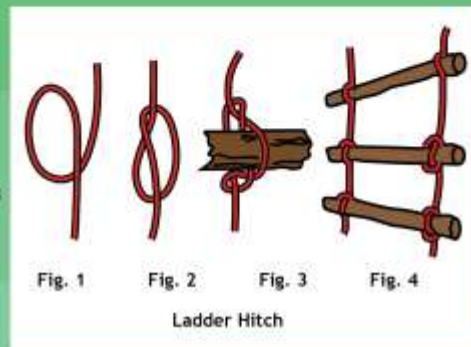
Broom handles or cane will do if unable to find suitable sticks for Brownies
Various lengths and thickness of rope
Some spars and pickets

What to do:

Brownies could make the projects in a smaller version out of broom handles or canes.

It is best to work in groups with a minimum of 4. Plan the project and gather all the required materials before starting.

A quick revision of knots and lashes at this stage may be of benefit too! See next page with pioneering photos.



Take it further:

Design and make a gate as an entrance to your campsite.
Make other useful equipment for camp that can be used throughout your stay e.g. table, swing





Camp Skills

Pioneering





Camp Skills

Cardboard Box/ Shelter Sleepover



*(Can also be used as
Bring The Outdoors In section)*

Who is it for:



It will take:

30 minutes to
overnight.

You will need:

Cardboard boxes
Tape/String
Sleeping bags

What to do:

Divide the girls into small groups.

Girls should make a shelter suitable for sleeping in from cardboard boxes. Rainbows could have a pretend sleepover during a unit meeting whilst Brownies could have an indoor sleepover, Guides and The Senior Section could have an outdoor sleepover in their cardboard box shelters.

Learn about and take action to support a charity which supports those who sleep on the streets in Northern Ireland.

Such charities include:-

The Welcome Organisation:- <http://www.homelessbelfast.org/>

Simon Community:- <http://www.simoncommunity.org/>

Shelter NI:- <http://www.shelterni.org/>



Camp Skills Gadgets



Who is it for:



It will take:

45-90 minutes.

You will need:

A selection of straight sticks and fork sticks (broom handles or cane will do if unable to find suitable sticks)
A large ball of cotton string (not too thin!)
A penknife or scissors



Camp Skills:

These skills can be used and developed throughout the year whether in a meeting in the hall or during camp itself.

What to do:

Towel Rack



Before making any of the gadgets it is advisable to practice or revise basic types of lashing – square, snake, tripod.

Decide on which item you wish to make. Select the appropriate number of sticks ensuring they are all the same length. For example

- * Pot stand – 4 sticks approx. 20cms in length
- * Tripod – 3 sticks approx. 1m in length
- * Table – 2 long sticks approx. 1½m and 15 – 20 sticks 50cms in length

It is best to work in groups of 2 or 3 to make the gadgets. 1 or 2 can hold sticks in place while the other completes the lashing. Turns can also be taken to ensure everyone gets a turn at lashing.

If made correctly, then these should last for a few years!

Take it further:

Brownies could use bamboo cane and create a chopping board, mini tripods.

Girls could design their own gadget.

Make a flag pole, washing line, towel racks.

A washing stand with a towel rail.

