



Skill-a-Thon

Outdoor Adventures

Building a Safe Campfire

Supplies Needed

A jug of water (with spigot for younger children), small cups, napkins, jelly beans, shredded coconut, small pretzels sticks, large pretzel sticks (broken into 1 or 2 inch pieces), candy corn.

Situation

Your 4-H club is on a camping trip and wants to roast hot dogs and make s'mores over a camp fire.

Task

Build a basic camp fire.

Directions

1. Bucket of water ready in case the fire gets out of hand (water and cups)
Where would you get water if you were at a camp site?
2. Build a fire ring of stones (napkin and jelly beans)
Why would you use a ring of stones?
3. Add tinder (shredded coconut)
What would you use for tinder if you were building a real campfire?
4. Add small twigs (small pretzels)
Why are small twigs added with the tinder?
5. Start the fire (candy corn)
What would you use to start the fire?
6. Add larger pieces of wood or logs (large pretzels)
How much wood or logs do you think should be added to the campfire?
7. You are ready to leave the camp (wrap paper around snack and take with you)
What do you do with the camp fire?

