



CAMPING WITH THE FAMILY *SUMMER VENTURE*

This SUMMER VENTURE inspired by the Howell family.

A general description of the Venture and its intended outcome

Camping is a great opportunity to build memories and get to know people in a very short period of time. Think about this, in an average month you might be able to get together with friends once or twice a month for 3-4 hours at a time. But, in a two night camping trip you will spend 36 hours together, laughing, eating, biking, hiking and playing games together. Basically, what might take you months to build in friendships can be accomplished in one camping trip!

5 Tips for Making your Summer Camping Venture a Success

1. **Choose a campground with a variety of ways to camp.** By selecting a campground that has tent, RV, cabins and camper sites you are making your trip available to all types of people, from first time campers who want to try tent camping, to the glampers who want a cabin. Also, check the amenities. Make sure your campground has clean shower houses and restrooms. A campground with these amenities will make your camping venture more comfortable and accessible for new campers.
2. **Don't try and book sites for your family.** Chasing down deposits, organizing arrival times and leading the details group trip can be exhausting and drain the fun out of your experience. Simply choose the campground, book your site then send your site number with the contact information and dates of your trip to your family! Tell them you hope they can join and to book their spot close to you.
3. **Love your Lists.** Getting ready to camp can be a bit frustrating with so many details to remember and things to pack. Did I remember bug spray? Do we have band aids? What is for lunch? Did we bring trash bags? The list goes on and on, literally. Make sure you make a list and check it off. We have attached a great list of possible things you might need. Don't have something on the list? Borrow it!
4. **Pinterest is your camping mentor.** Make sure to check Pinterest and other sites for camping tips and tricks. Don't reinvent the wheel. The camping community is one of the friendliest communities out there. They love to share their ideas and hear your ideas.
5. **Plan your meals before you leave.** About a week before your trip, make a simple chart of your meals for while you are camping. Laying them out ahead of time on paper will give you a great grocery list. We don't like to spend too much time prepping food while camping, so we prep most of our meals ahead of time. So, when the time comes to eat that favorite foil meal, it is already prepped and ready to be put on the grill.

Sample List

Bedding:

- Kids Sleeping Bags
- Master Bedding
- All Pillows

Clothes:

- Sneakers
- Sandals
- WaterShoes
- Sweatshirts
- Extra Socks
- Raincoat
- PJs
- Swimsuits & Towels
- Laundry Bag/Basket

Toiletries:

- Towels
- Brush
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Lotion
- Hand Sanitizer
- Medicines
- Glasses/Contacts
- Clorox Wipes
- Chapstick
- Band-aids

Cooking:

- Cooler/Ice
- Propane
- Matches/Lighter
- Tablecloth
- Plates/Cups/Silverware
- Paper Towels
- Trash Bags and Bin
- Measuring Cups
- Aluminum Foil
- Dish Soap
- Cooking Spray
- Potholders
- Mixing Bowls
- Cooking Utensils
- Spatula/Tongs
- Steak Knives
- Can Opener
- Cutting Board
- Plastic Grocery Bags
- Gallon/Sandwich Bags
- Dish sponge/Towels
- Scrub pads
- Condiments
- S'Mores Stuff
- Coffee Pot
- Marshmallow sticks

Other Necessities:

- Camping Chairs
- Citronella Oil
- Citronella Candle
- Flashlights
- Extra Batteries
- Backpack
- Sunscreen
- Bug Repellent
- Sunglasses
- First Aid Kit
- Tissues
- Games
- Pocket Knife
- Paper/Pen
- Cellphone Charger/Cords
- Umbrella
- Scissors
- Folding Clothes hanger (to dry)
- LED string lights

Dog:

- Crate
- Leash
- Dog Bowls
- Food
- Blankets
- Toys

What can you do while camping?

Hiking, fishing, board games, yard Games, eat, eat more, eat S'Mores, bike riding, talk around campfire, paddle boarding, swimming, tubing

How long should we camp?

We suggest doing at-least a two-night camping summer venture. Check in to your campsite is usually early afternoon and check-out is usually late morning. By staying two nights you will have one full day of fun in the sun with your Framily. Since packing up the kids, food prep, travel and gathering your gear can be somewhat of a time investment, two nights makes sure it is worth all the effort!

Where should we go?

Glen Echo Resort

31503 Poudre Canyon Rd, Bellvue, CO 80512

<http://www.glenechoresort.com/>

Nature's beauty is captured at this rustic vacation resort. It sits in the peaceful heart of Roosevelt National Forest and is located forty-one miles northwest of Ft. Collins, Colorado in Larimer County.

Glen Echo's amenities include; a convenience store, restaurant, lounge, and liquor store. There are 17 camping cabins, 2 mobile homes and 1 penthouse. The resort offers 80 RV sites and 16 basic tent sites, some are accessed by crossing a bridge ato an island that is a part of the resort. There is a bath house centrally located amongst these sites on the mainland. There is an outdoor events pavilion and playground. This all sits along the scenic Cache La Poudre River.

How has COVID-19 effected camping?

Each campground will have their own regulations regarding public safety and COVID-19. Most campgrounds will require a mask when in the store and some of their amenities may not be available. Make sure to call and ask lots of questions.