

Great Games to Play at Camp!

Liars Game

Get enough index cards for every player. Write lie on half of them and truth on the other half. Have everyone draw a card and not show anyone else.

Now think of different topics, for example: embarrassing moment. Go around the group and have everyone tell an embarrassing story about themselves. If your card said lie you have to make one up. After each person's story the group must guess whether that person is lying or telling the truth.

Night Hunt

Purchase tons of glow sticks, necklaces, and bracelets. You can find these really cheap at Wal-Mart. Hide them all over the woods. Split into pairs and set a time limit for the players to find as many glow items as they can. Winner is the team that collects the most. Everyone gets to keep all the glow items they find!

Remember to count the number of items you hide. You might need to send the girls back out to find the ones they missed! Also, you may want to give each girl a necklace to wear before the game begins. This makes it easier to spot them in the woods!

Glow In the Dark Games

Give everyone a glow stick necklace. Toss out a glow in the dark volleyball, soccer ball, or Frisbee and "listen" to the fun!

Snakes, Bugs, Oh My!!

Purchase rubber snakes, bugs or spiders. They should be larger in size. After the girls arrive at camp and are settled in, secretly pick a victim. When everyone is busy, hide a snake, bug, or spider in their belongings. You may also surprise anyone at random by placing a "surprise" in the bathroom or perhaps near the fire. The girls always love it when a leader is surprised. Let the screams begin!

Water-based Pinecone Fire Starters

These fire starters make colored flames when you burn them in the fireplace, and make a great party trick. They also look cute in a basket until it's time to do the burning.

Shopping List

- Pinecones
- A big bucket
- Tongs
- A chemical (see below)
- Newspaper

Choosing the Chemical

Each of these chemicals makes a different colored flame, and different chemicals cost more than others. You should only make one color of cone at one time, and should never burn different colors together, so there's no need to buy every chemical.

- Table salt – Yellow flame – The grocery store. You can use the same stuff you fill your salt shaker with.
- Borax (sodium tetraborate) – Yellow-green flame – 20 mule team borax, in the laundry aisle. ~5\$ for much more than 1 cup.
- Salt substitute (potassium) – Violet flame – The grocery store.
- Epsom salts (magnesium sulphate) – White flame – A pharmacy
- Bright green flame – Allum (thallium) – Try the pharmacy. It's for food processing (mostly, pickle making), but natural food stores charge a ton for it. ~5\$ for 8oz/1 cup.
- Bright red flame – Strontium chloride – Used in aquarium keeping somehow, so check a specialty aquarium store. ~10\$ for 8oz/1 cup.
- Boric acid – Deep red flame – Try the pharmacy. I think it's used in soap making? ~5\$ for 8oz/1 cup.

Fill the bucket with half of a gallon of hot water. Add a cup of your chemical of choice (ONE chemical). Soak your pinecones for about 8 hours, then fish them out with the tongs and set them aside to dry (some of these chemicals will lightly stain a countertop, so be sure to use lots of newspaper). The pinecones need to dry for at least 3 days before they can be burnt, and will need to dry for at least a day before you can stick them in a basket or wrap them.

Only burn one fire starter at a time. Never mix the chemicals, and make sure the first pinecone is completely burnt and gone before you add another.

Anti-Mosquito Fire Starters

Shopping List

- Pinecones
- Dried Lavender
- Catnip
- Newspaper
- Raffia or Cotton Twine

Simply wrap pinecones and catnip or lavender in newspaper. Tie both ends with raffia or twine. Light the newspaper and say goodbye to mosquitos!