

Travel Badge Camp

We started out by having the girls choose a destination (our group chose Australia).

We then spent the next few meetings making our travel arrangements.

- The girls filled our passport applications and I took their passport photos with a digital camera.
- These photos and the info from the applications were turned into passports.
- I went to the travel agent and borrowed travel brochures and the girls used these and info we got off the internet to map out their itinerary, including the cost and travel time.
- They made luggage tags and were instructed to be sure to pack their carry on bag wisely in case some luggage became lost in transit.
- We also did skits where the girls had to solve different traveler problems (i.e., lost, missing wallet, forgotten plane tickets, etc.)
- Upon arrival at camp, the girls had to present their passports and go through airport security into the waiting room.
- They were allowed 2 pieces of luggage (including their bedroll) and one carry on bag.
- One girl left her luggage unattended while she ran to the bathroom, and when she went through security, she found that someone had planted a knife in her carry on bag - lesson learned!
- The girls boarded the "plane" where they received camp orientation.
- They then had to check their itineraries to find out which "hostel" they were booked into.
- One girl's suitcase was "lost", but thankfully returned by the airline after she went to bed.
- From there we had a lovely Australian camp complete with Vegemite and didgeridoo making and playing, and a beach party after a day of snowshoeing and tobogganing.

I really think my Guide unit now has a better understanding of what it takes to plan a trip!

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