Sparks Go Wild Out There! A day or overnight camp to go.



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INTRODUCTION

Sparks love to go on an adventure, and although camps and sleepovers can push them outside of their comfort zones, it isn't written anywhere that you can't take Sparks to camp. Often it can be Spark parents that are more nervous about Sparks camping than the girls. This package is written with the intention of using it as a one-night residential camp or a day camp, but these activities can certainly be adjusted to be used for a two-night camp, sleepover, or mother-daughter camp. This resource is here to share the excitement of nature, whether in your backyard, a local park or picnic area or a campsite. Nature is all around us, just waiting to be explored. Choose to spend a day out with your girls or take them on their first overnight adventure. Sparks love to sleep in tents, even if those tents are put up inside a building!

In this package, you will find the program outline, and a variety of activities, games, and crafts to choose from. As well, there are menu and recipe suggestions, a campfire, Guides Own, kit list, and a parent information notice. Build your camp to suit your time of year, location, and number of girls. Pick the activities that work for you and your girls and draw on the strengths and knowledge of your Guiders!

Remember to use the most recent <u>Safe Guide forms</u> and to have them assessed as appropriate. Be sure to inform your Camping Advisor and District Commissioner of your camping plans, and draw on the resources available to you within your district (Camping, Music, Program Advisers, local trainers, etc.)

In this camp, as in every camp, a vast amount of material has been covered, and learning has happened. Please, be sure you are adding activities completed to the girl's Girls First program.

The NB PEI Camping Committee has two rules in addition to Safe Guide that we ask you follow at each and every camp:

- 1. Be a No Trace Camper Take only pictures, leave only footprints
- 2. Have FUN!

PROGRAM SCHEDULE - OVERNIGHT CAMP

Saturday

9:00-9:30 Registration

- Divide girls into groups
- Hand out name tags and morning snack trail mix or ants on a log
- · Girls set up beds and colour backpack name tags

9:45 Opening

- Welcome & Introductions
- Safety, rules and boundaries, etc.

10:00 - 11:45 Round Robin Stations

- First three of six round robin stations (30 min each plus transition time)
- snack as girls are hungry
- Choose stations from pages to follow. Mix of crafts and games is recommended.
- Depending on the number of girls at this event, you can divide girls into three groups, and do two sets of three stations, or divide girls into six groups, and do a round robin of six stations all day.

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch & Lend a Hand Duties

1:00 – 2:45 Round Robin Stations

- Last three of six stations (30min each plus transition time)
- Snack at the end of station 3 edible campfire or trail mix

3:00 - 4:00 Free Time

4:00-4:30 Hat craft or game

4:30 Prepare for dinner

 Girls bring dress-up clothes for a wild dinner (remember to take a group photo!)

5:00 – 6:30 Dinner & Lend a Hand Duties

6:30	Campfire and sharing time of what has been found or made during the day
7:30	Mug-up
8:00	Ready for bed, Bedtime Story Lights out for girls

PROGRAM SCHEDULE - OVERNIGHT CAMP

Sunday	
7:00am	Girls allowed to get up; pack up before breakfast - Have a craft or quiet activity ready for girls who are ready quickly
8:30am	Breakfast & Lend a Hand Duties
9:45am	Wide game, Scavenger Hunt, and/or outdoor clean-up for girls while a few Guiders clean the cabin for check-out
10:45am	Closing ceremonies/Guides Own & Group Photo Hand out any Goodie Bags and/or crests (optional) Goodbyes & Thank Yous
11:00am	Depart Camp

PROGRAM SCHEDULE - DAY CAMP

Saturday

9:00-9:30 Registration

- Divide girls into jungle groups
- Hand out name tags and morning snacks (trail mix or ants on a log)
- Girls colour backpack name tags

9:45 Opening

- Welcome & Introductions
- Safety, rules and boundaries, etc.

10:00 - 11:45 Round Robin Stations

- First three of six round robin stations (30 min each plus transition time)
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- Snack at the end of station 3 edible campfire or trail mix

2:45 - 3:30 Campfire

3:30 Group Photo & Guide's Own (Closing)

4:00 Girls go home!

Program Worksheet – Overnight Camp

Saturday

Time	Activity	Responsible	Equipment
		guider	Needed
9:00am	Registration		
	AM Snack		
	Name Tags		
	Organize girls with beds		
9:45	Opening		
10:00 – 11:45	Station 1		
	Station 2		
	Station 3		
	Station 4		
	Station 5		
	Station 6		
12:00	Lunch		
1:00	Last Stations		
2:45	Snack		
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3:00	Free Time	
4:00	Hat Craft / Game	
4:30	Prep for Dinner	
5:00	Dinner	
6:30	Campfire	
7:30	Mug Up	
8:00	Get ready for bed & Story	

Sunday

Time	Activity	Responsible guider	Equipment Needed
7:00	Pack Up		
8:30	Breakfast		
9:45	Wide Game / Scavenger Hunt		
10:45	Guides Own		
11:00	Depart Camp		

Program Worksheet - Day Camp

Time	Activity	Responsible guider	Equipment Needed
9:00	Registration	5	
	AM Snack		
	Name Tags		
9:45	Opening		
10:00 – 11:45	Station 1		
	Station 2		
	Station 3		
	Station 4		
	Station 5		
	Station 6		
12:00	Lunch		
1:00	Last Stations		
2:45	Snack		
3:00 – 3:30	Campfire		
3:30	Group Photo		

4:00	Spark Departure	
4:15	Camp Cleanup	

Sample Name Tag

A printable name tag template can be found on the last page of this document.

Suggestions:

- Name tag background color denotes the program and chore group
- Add a blue circle for girls with allergies
- Add a red circle for girls without an Image release

Tips & Hints

Patrol Duties and Chores

Duties should include helping with meal preparation, setting and clearing the table, dishes, sweeping the floors, tidying the washroom, etc. You know your girls and your camp location best, so your team can decide how and where the girls can be most helpful.

NOTE: Often the girls aren't terribly helpful; but it is important for them to get used to helping with chores at camp. Try to find jobs at each station that the girls can help with; washing and cutting fruit or vegetables, flipping pancakes, ripping lettuce for a salad are all great ways the girls can help in the kitchen.

Sample Chore Chart

Time	Meal Prep / Setting Tables	Wiping Tables, Sweeping Floors	Dishes
Saturday Lunch	Group A	Group B	Group C
Saturday Dinner	Group C	Group A	Group B
Sunday Breakfast	Group B	Group C	Group A

Designating Boundaries

For Sparks and Embers, you can use "Mr. Happy" and "Mr. Grumpy" faces cut out of fluorescent poster board. Use a plate to trace then cut out 9 per page. Use bright pink and lime green colours. Draw happy faces on the pink ones and grumpy faces on the green ones then post them around the camp to establish boundaries. If you have Guides or Pathfinders attending the camp with Sparks and Embers, they may love to put these up for you. At the end of camp don't forget to take them down.

Program Notes

Please keep in mind that **Sparks Go Wild** can take place in a wide variety of venues at any time during the year with varying numbers of girls and adults at each camp. You may need to make adjustments for your specific situation. If something is included in this program that won't work for your Unit or location, please adapt it or replace it with something else. The important thing is to make it work for you and the Sparks. You may need more outdoor games than crafts if the weather is perfect. If you know it's going to be below freezing or a downpour all weekend, then plan for more craft time.

Name tags can be made in advance or made/decorated at camp. For day camps, preprinted name tags on peel and stick name tag labels are great. For an overnight camp, you will probably want name tags that are pinned onto girls' tops/jackets. You can use name tags to help identify girls with an Image Release "No", food allergies, or other health concerns. There is a sample name tag on page 27.

Program group suggestions:

Nature Themes:

Insects: Lady Bugs, Damsel Flies, June Bugs, Honeybees, Grasshoppers

Birds: Robins, Sparrows, Swallows, Wrens, Hummingbirds

Plants: Daisies, Dandelions, Wild Clovers, Twin Flowers

Decorations: check your local stores for ways to "GO Wild" for the day or night. Have tapes or CDs with nature/animal sounds. Hang up butterfly nets, kites, birds or butterflies. Decorate with plants (real or fabric) to make your own forest!

Ideas for Goodie Bags: mini notebooks, magnifying glasses, green wrapped candy or gummy worms or bugs, pencil or pen, mini compass, animal print mini duct tape, fake bugs or butterflies

To use this camp for Embers: it's fairly simple, have a weekend camp (2 nights)! You could give the girls time to make hobby horses, lots of flowers to decorate the area, as well as more elaborate jewelry. You can also expand the racecourse and add more deportment tasks, making it a little more challenging.

Craft Ideas

Paper Bag Owls

Materials

Small brown paper lunch bags
Construction paper in different colours
Glue
Scissors
Markers and/or crayons



Steps

- 1. The paper bag is the body of your owl with the flat as the face
- 2. Cut out eyes, beak, feet and feathers from construction paper.
- 3. Glue owl pieces onto the bag in the appropriate places
- 4. Add finishing touches with crayon or markers

Bandanas or Scarves

Materials

☐ dollar store bandanas or inexpensive cotton

Steps

- 1. cut into squares for scarves in different colour for each group
- 2. stitch or use pinking shears on the edges to prevent fraying if using material
- 3. Scissors
- 4. fabric paint or felts for girls to decorate and/or sign their scarf for a keepsake

Window Decoration

Materials



	nature objects found on a walk (leaves, grass, flower petals, ferns)
	clear contact paper
	tape
	scissors
	hole punch
П	ribbon

Steps

- 1. arrange the collection of nature objects on the sticky side of a piece of contact paper. (You may want the girls to arrange them first and then transfer). It also helps to have the contact paper taped down to keep it from moving.
- 2. Place a second piece of contact paper sticky side down on top of the objects and press to seal it.
- 3. trim the edges or cut into a circle or other desired shape
- 4. punch a hole in the top and hang it in a window with a short length of ribbon

Leaf Prints

These can be used to make pictures or nature stationery. For a painted picture, use several pieces of paper and several different leaves.



Materials

□ paper

☐ chalk ☐ paint

☐ green leaves

Steps

Paint method:

1. Lightly press the leaf into a paper covered in paint, then lightly press it again onto a blank sheet. The "leaf stamps" turn into a work of art.

Chalk rubbing method:

- 1. Spread a piece of newspaper on a flat surface. Sandwich a leaf between the newspaper and a sheet of white paper
- 2. With coloured chalk, rub lightly over the leaf and see the pattern appear in chalk

- 3. Make an outline on your favourite leaf. Hold a leaf on a blank paper and working from the inside out, use the side of a piece of chalk to colour the leaf and the paper over the edge.
- 4. After rubbing the chalk across the leaf and paper all the way around, remove the leaf and see the outline.

Games and Activities

How to Prepare for a Hike

Talk with your girls about what to take on a hike and why you would choose those items. Help them pack their day kits ready to go. Some ideas for Items to include:

- water bottle
- spare socks and pants
- a whistle
- a sit-upon
- an energy food bar or snack
- a large orange garbage bag

Nature Talk

Invite a Naturalist, Park Ranger or a local gardener to visit with your girls and tell them about what they can see and find in the location you have chosen for your camp. Nature is all around us, we only have to look.

Nature Hike

If your group is small enough, stay together, if larger, perhaps split into two groups. Take your time and look and listen to what can be found at your site. Having some plant, insect and bird books on hand is a great idea for identifying what you and your girls see.

Square Meter Search

Mark off a square meter area with flagging tape. One area for every two girls works well. Give the girls magnifying glasses and get them down on their knees to see what all they can find within their marked area. Bugs, flowers, leaves, rocks - it's all good!

Collections

Collect things such as leaves, flowers, bugs, acorns, pinecones - have the girls create pictures from what they have found or use them to decorate your dinner table (be sure there are no unexpected guests hidden inside anything!)

Photography

Take pictures of your girls and the things they find to make a collage of your camp. Have the girls take turns with the camera to see what is important to them. One suggestion is to put together a slide show to present at the end of camp. Be sure each girl is in at least one photo.

Scavenger Hunts

Create a list of items for the girls to find. Remind the girls not to pick living plants, to use only what is on the ground.

Eye Spy

To make it fun and "fair" for little ones, have them all sit down and take turns choosing an Eye Spy item to be guessed.

Kim's Game

Place 10 - 15 nature items on a tray (fir cone, little rock, dandelion leaf, daisy etc.) and let the girls look for a few minutes. Then give them paper and have them draw what they remember from the tray. (Most Sparks are not reading and writing well yet) Variation: have the girls look at the items on the tray, then take one item away and have them tell you what is missing.

Un-nature Walk

Set up a walk through the woods and ask the girls to be on the lookout for unusual objects that do not belong. Have a leader go out ahead and place "un-natural" objects in plain sight: i.e. brightly coloured hair barrette, small doll, plastic animals, anything you like.... choose something funny to see in the outdoors or at your location. After each girl has walked the "course", have them tell you the objects they saw that were out of place.

Menu and Recipes

Lunch	Bunwiches - ask the girls before camp what they like most in their sandwiches (deviled egg, tuna, sliced meats, cheese) • Forest Foliage (veggies and dip, cut up fruit) • Dirt and Worms (desert - see below) • juice and/or milk Dirt and Worms Makes 10 servings. • 2 cups cold milk • 1 package Jell-O chocolate pudding • 1 small container of Cool Whip – thawed • Chocolatey-mint Girl Guide cookies (one box) • Gummy worms and gummy frogs • 10 – 7oz (210mL) plastic cups 1. Crush the cookies until they look like dirt and set aside (or use store
	bought cookie crumbs) 2. Combine the pudding mix and milk and blend well. Fold the whipped topping into pudding. 3. Fill the plastic cups half full of
	pudding. Put on a layer of "cookie dirt," then more pudding mixture. Top with cookie crumbs. 4. Refrigerate for two hours and then decorate with gummy worms, etc.
Dinner	Bird's Nests (Pasta and Sauce) • Forest Vines (Salad – dressing on the side) • Hot dogs or Mac & Cheese • Forest Feast Cake (Decorate with animals, trees, river, etc) • Juice/milk
	Homemade Baked Mac & Cheese Serves 6-8 • 1/2 pound elbow macaroni • 3 tablespoons butter • 3 tablespoons flour • 3 cups milk

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	 1/2 cup yellow onion, finely diced 12 ounces sharp cheddar, shredded 1 teaspoon kosher salt Fresh black pepper Topping: 3 tablespoons butter 1 cup panko bread crumbs
	- 1 cup pariko breau ciumbs
	 Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. In a large pot of boiling, salted water cook the pasta to al dente. While the pasta is cooking, in a separate pot, melt the butter. Whisk in the flour and keep it moving for about five minutes. Make sure it's free of lumps. Stir in the milk and onion. Simmer for ten minutes.
	4. Stir in 3/4 of the cheese. Season with salt and pepper. Fold the macaroni into the mix and pour into a 2-quart casserole dish. Top with remaining cheese. 5. Melt the butter in a sauté pan and toss
	the bread crumbs to coat. Top the macaroni with the bread crumbs. Bake for 30 minutes. Remove from oven and rest for five minutes before serving.
Snacks	Ants on a log Celery filled with cheese whiz or cream cheese. Add raisins, cranberries or other dried fruit for "ants" Granola Bars Edible Campfire There are many ways to make this snack. Use oat o's or mini marshmallows for your fire ring. Create your logs from pretzels. Add
	corn candy or licorice strips for the fire Blueberry Muffins (makes about 12 muffins) • 1/2 cup butter, softened • 1 cup sugar • 2 eggs, beaten • 1/2 cup milk • 2 cups flour • 2 teaspoons baking powder
	1/2 teaspoon salt1 tsp. ground cinnamon

	 1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg
	 2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries
	 2 tablespoons sugar for topping
	Cream butter and sugar until light.
	Add eggs and beat well.
	2. Stir in the milk
	3. Combine the dry ingredients and
	add to the creamed mixture.
	4. Gently fold in the blueberries
	5. Fill greased muffin cups about 2/3
	full
	Sprinkle tops with a little sugar
	7. Bake in preheated 375 degree
	oven for about 20 minutes or until
	lightly browned
	lightly browned
	Banana Muffins
	(Makes about 12 muffins)
	• 3 or 4 large bananas, mashed
	• 1/2 cup white sugar
	 1 egg slightly beaten
	 1/3 c melted margarine or butter
	• 1 tsp. baking soda
	• 1 tsp. baking powder
	• 1/2 tsp. salt
	• 1 1/2 cups flour
	1 1/2 cups flour
	1. Mix mashed banana, sugar, egg and
	margarine together. Set aside
	In a separate bowl, mic together baking
	soda, baking powder, salt and flour
	Mix wet and dry ingredients together
	Pour into greased muffin tins
	5. Bake 350 degrees for approximately 20
	minutes
Breakfast	Yogurt, fruit, toast bar, cereal
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	Toast Bar: Toast can be an exciting
	breakfast for Sparks, with little clean-
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	up for adults!
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	Prepare slices of toast and let the
	girls choose their toppings. Topping
	suggestions: butter, a few different
	kinds of jam including something that
	the girls likely haven't tried
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	(strawberry rhubarb jam?), peanut butter (if the allergies of your group allows), nutella, cinnamon sugar, bananas, powdered sugar, cheese whiz, anything you think might be fun to try!
Mug Up	Cheese and crackers, popcorn, granola bars with hot apple cider, juice or water

Guides Own & Reflections

Guide's Own is a special ceremony. It can be used at a camp or any event for personal reflection. It can also be used as a time to give thanks for all we have and our special guiding friends. Guide's Own can be adapted for use with girls of all ages.

A Guide's Own ceremony can be as simple or as complex as you would like to make it – but keep in mind the age of your girls. Also keep in mind the dynamics of your group. Some are much more introspective than others. As the girls get older this is an activity that they can participate in and eventually plan, similar to a campfire. A Guide's Own can consist of a quiet time, some reflective poems depicting the theme of your camp, a reading of some sort, a song, a short story, or any combination of these.

Simple Thank you to Camp

Ask the campers, as they are helping to pack and clean up, to pick up a rock, twig, or other piece of nature (not living) that is special to them. At your Guide's Own ceremony, ask the campers to come forward, one at a time, and place their rock/twig/etc. in the middle of the circle, and think of something at camp that they are thankful for, or they will take away from camp. Campers don't need to share what it is they are thinking of or thankful for; it can be a silent reflection of camp, and a thank you to the camp itself.

A Star and a Wish

This is a good one to use for Sparks since it involves the girls but in a relatively easy way. Each girl and adult takes a turn to say one thing they really liked about the camp (the star) and something that they might not have liked so much or something that they would have liked to do but didn't or something similar to that (the wish). You can incorporate that into the closing and not have a formal Guide's Own scheduled for a separate time.

Guider Equipment List

Items not listed under Crafts, Games or Activities. Check with the camp to see what is provided.

	Tarps, blankets or tables to do crafts on
	Extra blankets for "cold" girls
	First Aid kit
	Whistle
	Watch or clock
	Camera for group photo & other pictures
	Camp Crests (Optional)
	Safe Guide forms: Girls' and Leaders' Health forms (H.1 & H.2), SG.3, SG.4, H.3 H.4
	Available phone if not provided (cell phone)
	Camp menus & food
	Camp tools- hatchet if needed for campfire, shovel for dirt for campfire safety
	Marshmallow sticks, if desired
	Matches, lighter, newspaper (for starting a fire)
	Duct tape
	Cooler
	Camp stove with extra fuel (propane canister if small or white gas if using this
_	type of stove)
	Lantern with necessary hoses
	Cooking utensils & cookware
	Hand sanitizer if using biffies – hand soap if not
	Water jug
	Buckets - water, fire safey

Suggested items: pots, fry pan, can opener, knives, spoons, spatula, juice jug, water jug, bowls, coffee pot, kettle, potholder, cutting boards, grater, measuring cups/spoons, toaster.

Other kitchen items: coffee, salt, pepper, baking soda (in case of grease fires), tin foil, paper towels, kitchen towel, wipes, non-stick cooking spray or oil, tablecloths, napkins, rubber gloves, garbage bags, food handling gloves, zip-lock bags, rope for clothesline & clothes pins

Dish washing: 3 pans, biodegradable soap, cloths and towels, bleach, scrubbies

Day Camp Kit List

CLOTHING:
 □ Spark t-shirt (girls should arrive wearing this) □ 1 pair of socks □ Warm sweater/sweatshirt □ Warm hat (toque) □ Gloves or mitts □ Rain gear (water-proof jacket & pants) □ Rain boots □ Outside shoes for dry weather □ Indoor shoes or slippers
OTHER:
☐ Sunscreen
☐ Sit-upon
☐ Water bottle
☐ Daypack (school sized backpack with belongings inside)
☐ Dishes (unbreakable plate, mug, bowl, fork, knife, spoon in a mesh bag)

REMINDERS:

- We will be going outside rain or shine, so please make sure you have the appropriate clothing for the weather.
- Girls are expected to wear hats at all times when outside at camp.
- Remember "a warm camper is a happy camper" and that wool, fleece and synthetic materials are warmer than cotton for ANY clothing items! Please ensure that ALL of your items are clearly labeled with names, especially sleeping bag bags!

Overnight Camp Kit List

BED ROLL:
☐ 1 warm sleeping bag☐ 1 sleeping mat – nothing that has to be blown up with a pump, please!
☐ 1 small pillow (or pillowcase to stuff with clothes)
☐ 1 small tarp
☐ Rope or straps for tying bed roll
☐ girls can bring a special stuffy for bedtime
CLOTHING:
☐ Spark t-shirt (girls should travel to camp in it)
☐ 1 pairs of long pants
☐ 1 long sleeved shirt
☐ 2 changes of underwear
☐ 2 pairs of socks
☐ Warm pajamas
☐ Warm sweater/sweatshirt
☐ Warm hat (toque)
☐ Gloves or mitts☐ Rain gear (water-proof jacket & pants)
☐ Rain boots
☐ Outside shoes for dry weather
☐ Indoor shoes or slippers
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OTHER:
☐ Flashlight & extra batteries
☐ Sunscreen
☐ Sit-upon
☐ Water bottle
☐ Toothbrush/paste, soap, and other toiletries
☐ Brush/comb
☐ Small towel & wash cloth
☐ Daypack (school sized backpack)
☐ Dishes (unbreakable plate, mug, bowl, fork, knife, spoon in a mesh bag)

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Name Tag Template

