Duck and Penguin Sleepover Party!



An Activity Sheet

Do you love sleepovers? We do, too! Read *Duck and Penguin Do NOT Like Sleepovers*, then explore some of these entertaining activities with your little ones, using your imagination to create a memorable night of fun!

HOST A BACKYARD CAMPOUT. Set up your camping tent or create one by tying a rope or clothesline between two trees and hanging a large blanket or sheet over the top. Make a dry place to sleep with a waterproof tarp underneath, then add blankets, pillows, and your beloved stuffed animals. You can also simply put sleeping bags out under the stars. And if you have a fire pit, don't forget to make s'mores and roast hot dogs!

HAVE A BACKYARD SCAVENGER HUNT. Make a checklist of things you would see and strange noises you might hear during a backyard campout. They could include "creepie crawlies" (or worms), leaves and sticks, pinecones and flowers, owls hooting, frogs croaking, dogs barking, birds tweeting, critters rustling, crickets chirping, leaves crunching. Whoever finds them all first wins!

CATCH FIREFLIES. Turn off the exterior lights, take a flashlight outside, and flicker the light. Then catch fireflies in a jar with a moist paper towel and a lid that's been pierced with holes. Apple slices can help keep them alive; although, you can release them back into the wild after looking at them. For more detailed information, visit Firefly.org!

MAKE A FLASHLIGHT PICTURE SHOW. Grab your flashlight, turn it on in your darkened tent, and shine it up against the wall. Then create fun shadows with your hands and fingers! Click here for some inspiration!

COLLABORATE ON A CAMPFIRE STORY. Set the mood by waiting until it's darker outside and the background is full of mysterious nature sounds. Sit close together in a circle around a fire, lantern, or flashlight. Have one person start the story with something like "It was a long, dark night..." or "One night, in a dark forest..." That person then tosses the story to the person next to them, and they continue the story with an additional sentence, scene, or event. Then on to the next person and so on until the story is over. Make the tale fun, positive, and relatable for young ones by including common details like recognizable sounds, animals, and safe nighttime experiences.

