Camp Wasiu II Summer 2020

Campcraft Patch Program

Each summer Camp Wasiu II has so many activities to offer! This summer, we have picked activities in five areas that our campers usually experience at camp and put them in our Camp Wasiu II Summer 2020 Campcraft Patch Program. To earn the Campcraft Patch, you must complete one of the three listed activities for each of the five essential campcraft areas. Some of these activities will require you to do some online research or ask someone for help. Don’t forget to get your parent/guardian’s permission for the activities you choose to do!

Once the requirements are completed, please have your parent/guardian visit this website to order your patch no later than August 14, 2020. ([https://gssn.formstack.com/forms/campcraft](https://gssn.formstack.com/forms/campcraft))

1. **Fire Building:** Fire building is an important skill when camping. It can help you cook food, stay warm, and be used as signal. Learning about fire safety can help keep you, others, and the environment safe. Complete one of the following activities to fulfill the requirement for this section.

   - **Build a campfire:** Within an established fire ring/circle/pit, with a parent's/guardian’s supervision, build a campfire and light it. Start with tinder and kindling before adding “fuel”. Be mindful of fire safety. Be sure to properly extinguish a fire and dispose of the ashes.
   - **Create an Edible Campfire:** If you cannot build a real campfire create an [edible campfire](#).
   - **Research more campfire building/lighting methods:** Sometimes, you don’t always have a lighter or matches to start a fire. Research three alternative ways to start a fire and how to do so safely, then try one!
2. **Shelter Building:** When camping, having, finding, or building shelter is really important! It helps protect you from the elements and other possible environmental hazards. (For an added challenge, after building one of the following shelters, sleep in it over night!)

- **Build a shelter using natural materials found outside:** You can use sticks, rocks, and leaves. Make sure to use things you found ONLY on the ground that are not living. Please do not pull branches and leaves off live trees.
- **Pitch a tent:** Research how to choose the best location for setting up camp and hazards to be aware of when placing your tent. Then, pitch a tent inside or outside. (For more fun, time how long it takes you to finish pitching a tent by yourself!)
- **Build a blanket fort:** Using blankets, boxes, and anything else you can find at home, construct a blanket fort. (Make sure you get your parent/guardians permission before picking a location and gathering materials!)

3. **Outdoor Cooking:** At Camp Wasiu II, we do at least one cookout a week in which our campers get to vote on what meal their unit will prepare and cook over their campfire. There are many different methods for cooking over a fire, please feel free to adapt these if you do not have access to a fire pit or camp stove. Find a recipe online that looks good and give it a try!

- **Foil Meal:** One of the easiest outdoor cooking methods is making a foil meal. Gather your ingredients, pack a serving size into foil and place it in or on your heat source.
  - **Dutch Oven:** Use a Dutch oven or other cast iron pot/pan to create an entrée, side dish, or dessert. (For an added challenge, learn how to appropriately clean and season cast iron after use.)
  - **Dessert:** Make a tasty outdoor desert! There are so many to choose from! S’mores are a classic, but why not switch it up and make s’macos, a banana boat, fairy cakes in half an orange, or something else fun, creative, and delicious!

4. **Tie Dying:** There are several different ways to tie dye. There are many different patterns you can try, such as the classic spiral, stripes, chevron, bullseyes, bursts, hearts, and more. Grab a white article of clothing, pick an awesome pattern or create your own, and dye it! There is tons of information online on how to tie dye. Be sure to ask a parent/guardian for permission before tie-dying!

- **Tie Dye:** Traditional tie dye coloring packs can be found in stores, and can be used in spray bottles, squirt bottles, and/or dip dye.
- **Natural Dye:** Create your own dye using natural materials such as berries, plants, fire pit ashes, or other natural materials.
• **Ice Dye or Reverse Tie Dye:** These are two examples of non-traditional tie dying. For ice dye, you need ice, powder dye, a basin that will allow the ice to melt and drain without pooling all the dye in the shirt. For reverse tie dye, you need a dark colored shirt and a spray bottle of bleach (Ask a parent/guardian for help!).

5. **Best of Camp:** At camp we get to do all sorts of amazing and creative activities, including some that we just can’t categorize! For this category, select one of the following activities.

• **Stargaze:** At night, lay out under the stars and see how many constellations, individual stars, and planets that you can identify. (For added fun, research the next celestial event in your area and watch it. Some options might include meteor showers, comet flybys, lunar eclipses, and more.)

• **Polar Bear Plunge:** Polar bear plunge is when you get up before breakfast at camp and jump into the (as yet warmed up) pool! Feel free to swim in whatever body of water is accessible to you, but make sure to go early morning or it isn't a polar bear plunge. Remember, you MUST have a parent/guardian with you when you do the polar bear plunge!!!

• **Pen Pal Connection:** Handwrite a letter to a friend or family member that lives far away from you that you don’t see very often, and mail it! (For extra fun, write to a few different people and see how long you can keep writing back and forth with your pen pal!)

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The deadline for submission is August 14, 2020.

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