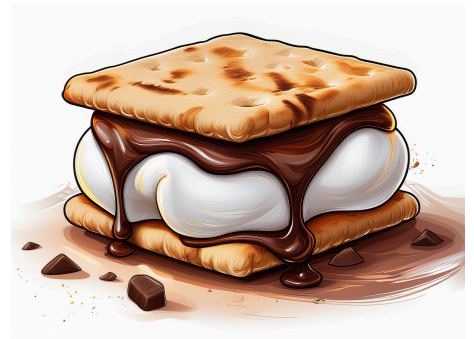


Directions: Print the backpack and laminate if desired. Print and cut out all photos. Have students “pack” the backpack with what is needed for camping.

Categorizing Camping Gear



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Additional Activity Ideas:

- **Discuss** reasons why certain items would not be useful for camping.
 - **Scavenger hunt:** Post the pictures around the room and have students locate ones that they would use for camping. Then, put them in the “backpack” to pack.
 - **Sentence starters:** When I go camping, I will bring...
 - To make camping gear **categorization** fun for kids, create a "camping store" with different categories like "Shelter" (tents, sleeping bags), "Food & Drink" (cookware, coolers), "Adventure" (hiking gear, games), and "Safety" (first aid, flashlights), then have kids sort items into the correct categories.
 - Set Up a "Camping Store":
 - **Create Categories:** Use large signs with headings like:
 - **Shelter:** (Tents, sleeping bags, sleeping pads, pillows)
 - **Food & Drink:** (Cookware, portable stove, plates/utensils, cooler, water bottles)
 - **Adventure:** (Hiking gear, games, flashlights, bug spray, sunscreen)
 - **Safety:** (First-aid kit, bug spray, sunscreen, fire starters)
 - **Gather Items:** Collect various camping gear items (or pictures of them) to represent each category.
 - **Designate Sorting Areas:** Use different colored bins or designated areas for each category.
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Expand the Activity:

"Packing for a Trip":

After sorting, have kids pretend they are packing for a camping trip and choose specific items from each category.

"What If?" Scenarios:

Pose questions like, "What would you do if you forgot your sleeping bag?" and discuss how the items in each category are essential.

Create a Camping Checklist:

Collaboratively create a checklist of essential camping gear based on the categories.