



*Make it a...*  
**Backyard  
Camping  
Adventure**



Explore "The Great Outdoors"  
*right outside your own  
backdoor!*



## Activities & Ideas

- Pack just like you would for a regular camping trip: tent, sleeping bags, flashlight, backpack, food, binoculars, compass, etc.
- Ditch the technology! Instead of using phones, tablets, or computers, spend quality time as a family around the campfire.
- Build a fire pit to use for roasting hot dogs and marshmallows, or making mountain pies.
- Play Games!
  - Story-telling games: Telephone, Twenty Questions, team story-telling, "Guess That Tune," etc.
  - Board games or card games
  - Yard games: bean bag toss, bocce ball, tug-of-war, three-legged race
- Plan a backyard scavenger/treasure hunt or bingo and try to locate various nature items.
- Make nature rubbings with crayon on paper, or press leaves and flowers into a keepsake book.
- Take a hike around your neighborhood, using a map to chart out your course.
- Sing songs or tell ghost stories around the campfire.
- Go stargazing at night; use a book or another resource to identify specific constellations.
- Tip: if you don't have a big enough backyard, you may be able to find a local state park or campground where you can camp.

## Money-Saving Tip

Camping gear is a one-time investment; you can use it every year, or keep adding new items to your collection over time





## Recipes



### S'mores Mountain Pie

Martin's Potato Bread, Marshmallows, Chocolate-Hazelnut Spread or Chocolate Chips, and Coconut Flakes

Get the recipe at: [potatorolls.com](http://potatorolls.com)

### Pie Iron Pizza

Mozzarella, Pepperoni, Sausage, Mushrooms, and Pizza Sauce on Martin's Potato Bread

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## Themed Outing



If your backyard is a bit small or you just prefer a mini-vacation to a "staycation," look for a local campground where you can pitch a tent.

Check websites like [koa.com](http://koa.com) or [gocampingamerica.com](http://gocampingamerica.com) to find campgrounds near you.

- ▶ If you are local to **Chambersburg, PA**; try *Twin Bridges Campground* or *Gettysburg Battlefield KOA*.

OR – If you're just looking for a fun day trip, search on [nps.gov](http://nps.gov) to find historical sites, scenic trails, or other national parks in your area.