

## Calvert County Great American Campout Daytime Activities

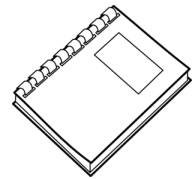
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### Woodland Animal Masks

- Materials: paper plates, crayons, glue, construction paper, hole punch, elastic or ribbon for strap.
- Camp out with adorable woodland creature paper plate masks. Hold an animal parade, perform a play, or hang out with your family of woodland animals.
- Instructions for making masks can be found [here](#).

### Nature Journaling

- Materials: sketch pad or journal, pencil, pen, markers, or paint and paintbrush.
- Nature journaling is a time for meditative reflection and taking a break from technology. Let the sights, sounds, and smells of nature inspire you.
- Journaling can take place at the same place every day or in a different spot every time. Journal as often as you'd like. Weekly, daily, or multiple times per day. Some people enjoy sitting in the same spot every day, noting changes in their surroundings.
- Poetry, drawings, songs, and observational descriptions are all great material for journaling.
- Check out this [website](#) for nature journaling ideas. Weekly journal prompts are provided if you'd like some help getting started.



### Chickadee Game

- Materials: ping pong balls or poker chips, buckets to store poker chips
- Chickadees can only carry a small amount of food in their beaks. In this game, you'll use your hands as beaks to collect and carry 'food.'
- As the game progresses, predators will slow down food collection, so be ready!
- Game instructions can be found [here](#).

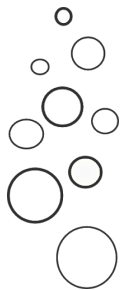
### Ephemeral Art

- Materials: natural items collected from your camping area.
- Ephemeral means temporary. In this activity, you'll use items from nature to create temporary artwork. Try not to disturb the natural environment when collecting and arranging objects to make your artwork.
- Arranging pinecones and leaves, rock stacking, and flower petal designs are all ephemeral artworks.
- Watch this [video](#) for more ephemeral art information and ideas.



## Bubble Snakes

- Materials: flimsy water bottle, sock, rubber band, shallow dish, bubble solution (or dish soap and water), optional food coloring.



- Cut the bottom off the water bottle.
- Stretch the sock over the cut end of the water bottle. Fold over the sock or attach to the bottle with a rubber band.
- Fill the shallow dish with bubble solution.
- Dip the sock into the bubble solution to fully saturate the sock.
- Blow into the water bottle from the end you'd normally drink from. Watch the bubble snake grow as you blow.
- For a colorful snake, add food coloring to the bubble solution.
- Detailed, illustrated instructions can be found [here](#).

## Mouth Mixup

- Materials: small pieces of paper, water, food coloring, long-necked vase, plastic wrap, cut, crushed oats, drink box straw with a pointed end, blunt-ended piece of thin flexible tubing, small piece of sponge, scissors.
- Different types of insects have different mouth parts. Their mouth parts can be used for piercing, sucking, siphoning, cutting, and chewing. [Learn more](#) about insect mouths.
- Enjoy trying out different pretend insect mouthparts in this [activity](#). Some setup is required, so read the instructions beforehand. Don't peek at the answer key!

## Alphabet Search

- Get up and move with a search around your camping area. Look for something that begins with each letter of the alphabet. For example:
  - A: ant
  - B: back yard
  - C: clover
  - D: dogwood tree



## Nature Bracelet

- Materials: wide tape, such as masking tape or duct tape, treasures collected while exploring outdoors.
- First, tear off a piece of wide tape and loosely wrap it around your wrist. The tape should be sticky-side out.
- Then go explore, attaching all the trinkets you find to the bracelet. Create cool patterns or decorate with wild abandon.



## Who Dung It?

- Materials: one copy each of [scat ID cards](#), [scat flow chart](#), [Who Dung It instructions](#), [Who Dung It quiz clues](#), and [Who Dung It answer key](#). One copy per participant of the [Who Dung It quiz sheet](#). Black jellybeans, chocolate covered raisins, O’Henry or Baby Ruth candy bar, Tootsie Roll, M&Ms, chocolate sprinkles, Clif bar or soft fruit / nut granola bar.



- Scat (animal feces) gives us information about animals' diets and where they live. It also provides energy for microorganisms and spreads seeds in the ecosystem.
- In this activity, you’ll examine pretend scat (candy), using ID cards and a scat ID flow chart to determine which animal it came from.
- Test your ID skills with a scat ID quiz - then snack on ‘scat’ (really candy)!

## Paper Plate Snake

- Materials: paper plates, scrap of red paper, scissors, glue, markers, crayons, or colored pencils
- Make a paper plate snake to play with at your campsite!
  - Draw a spiral on your paper plate. Cut along the line so you have one continuous piece for your snake.
  - Decorate your snake.
  - Cut a tongue out of red paper. Glue it on your snake’s face.
  - Don’t forget to name your snake!
- For a visual demonstration, watch this [video](#) of paper plate snake making.

## Animal Track Stamps

- Materials: sponge, scissors, ink/paint, something to stamp on, optional cardboard and hot glue
- Follow these [instructions](#) to make your own set of animal track stamps out of sponges.
- Looking for inspiration? Check out these [animal tracks flashcards](#).



## Hand Clapping Games

- Materials: optional cups and table
- Have some family fun with classic clapping games such as ‘Miss Mary Mack’ and ‘Say, Say, Oh Playmate,’ or try a new cup clapping game. Ideas and videos [here](#).

