

IGGCampAtHome

Irish Girl Guides (IGG) is inviting all our members, young and old, to get involved in our big IGGCampAtHome on **Saturday 18 April, 2020**. What does the IGGCampAtHome involve? We have created some fun camp challenges for you to do, all from the comfort of your own home. Camping is an important part of the Guiding experience, no matter your age. We begin to teach the skills of camping as soon as your girl joins when they are five years old and throughout their time with us. Skills including independent livings skills - resilience, confidence, hard work, teamwork and many more, which all support our girls' growth and development. We also have great fun doing it!

We hope you will join us this weekend. Please share pictures and videos on your social media with the hashtag **#IGGCampAtHome** and/or PM us on Facebook **@irishgirlguides** and/or email your photos and videos to communications@irishgirlguides.ie.

Don't forget to join us at 7.00pm on Saturday around your campfire as we sing songs and eat marshmallows with our Guiding sisters across Ireland.

So How Do You Take Part?

First things first – Uniform

- Dig out the uniform from the wardrobe, put it on and you are good to go!

Then Complete all or part of the activities below. In fact, do any activity that everyone in the family will enjoy. Allow your girls to take the lead. They might have a favourite game from their meetings they want to share with you and have you all play together. They may have a favourite song, learn it with them. One of the greatest things about Guiding is that it allows us all to find our inner child and have fun, so let the fun commence!

Food and Drink

- What's on your camp menu?

Don't forget to include having s'mores at your campfire later, possibly the most delicious camp food! Toast some marshmallows and when soft and squishy place it between two chocolate digestive biscuits and enjoy. Don't like the biscuits – toast your marshmallow any way. If you don't have a campfire, you can toast your marshmallows over a tea light. The end of a camping day always includes hot chocolate so plan to have some at your campfire.

Not sure how to make a s'more? Watch this link to find out:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4rCkLADCEjw>

Don't forget to send us pictures of what you make!

Scavenger Hunt – Choose to complete one or even all 3

1. *Spring Scavenger Hunt*

Go outside and see how many of the following you can see: a rock, a daffodil, a feather, a bud on a tree, your breath, an ant and a worm

We would love to see a photo of you on your Scavenger hunt!

2. *Indoor Scavenger Hunt*

Lets find the following - A toy with wheels, a pair of matching socks, a book with the first letter of your name in the title, 4 things that are green, something very soft, something round, 5 Lego pieces that are different, an item that makes you feel cosy, and your snuggliest stuffed animal.

Don't forget to put everything back where you found it! Collect it all together and send us a photo!

3. *Alphabet Scavenger Hunt*

Can you find 26 objects in your house that correspond to the letters of the alphabet? Sounds tricky, but we know you can do it! Grab them all, lay them out alphabetically and send us a picture.

Don't forget to put everything back where you found it!

Build a Shelter

- Where are you sleeping tonight?

Time to plan for where you are sleeping tonight. Are you going to build a den in your bedroom? Are you going to camp in a den in your sitting room? If you have a tent, do you know how to put it up? Is the tent going inside or outside? There are lots of decisions to make. We can't wait to see what you come up with! What else will you need for your shelter? A sleeping bag / pillow / torch and teddy bear.

Campfire Song

Campfire is a very special time at any overnight trip for our members. It is great fun, allows all our members to join in and find their voice. There is no such thing as a 'bad singer' at campfire. Everyone uses their voice, and together a powerful sound is created. We have lots of campfire songs on our YouTube account. Our girls all know a number of those songs. Visit our YouTube page to learn some and sing along.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLHh62MS8DtoDP4KYVdqUZGZLQbRqH5S5->

Campfire

It would not be camp without a campfire. You can be as creative as you want. Depending on the situation we are in sometimes we have to be creative and this is no different.

- Can you make a campfire that you can eat
- Can you make a campfire using craft materials and recycled materials
- Make a real campfire

<https://www.pinterest.ie/IGGNWregion/indoor-camp-ideas/>

Fire Safety: Don't forget if you are having a real campfire you always need to be careful lighting a fire, camping stove or using a candle to make your s'more.

Don't forget to join in at 7.00pm in our Campfire with every other unit across the country as we sing our campfire songs. Whether you are joining in with your unit virtually or doing it in your own family unit, let your voice join in with the rest of our 11,000 Leaders and girls across Ireland

Let's get Crafty!

- *Ladybirds – My first Ladybird Camp*

Draw or paint a picture of their first Ladybird camp experience.

- *Brownies – Origami Bookmarks*

All you need is a piece a paper and some clever folding to create origami bookmarks. Follow this link to get some inspiration. <https://www.pinterest.ie/IGGNWregion/indoor-camp-ideas/>

- *Guides - Make a miniature campsite or some t-shirt bracelets*

Here's a guide to making t-shirt bracelets, a great way to recycle some old t-shirts
<https://www.instructables.com/id/How-to-Make-T-shirt-Bracelets/>

Camp Games

- *Weather Game "Sunshine & Showers"*

This game is perfect to play in your family where there are younger members of our organisation – Ladybirds or Brownies. It helps our girls to learn to listen, meet other Ladybirds, find their own space in the world while also working as a team.

One person calls out: sunshine – children stand still

 showers – children run about

 thunder – stamp feet loudly on the ground

 rainbow – come together to form a rainbow shape

 fog – grab hold of the nearest person to you, so you don't get lost in the fog

- *Shadow Puppets*

This game is perfect to play in your family with any of our age groups. The older the girls, the more difficult the shadows can be!

Grab a torch or lamp and see what shapes you can create! Can you make a reindeer, a camel, a dog or a Butterfly? What other animals can you create?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kz8wP2RYy64>

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Do take photos along the way. Share those photos either by:

- adding them to social media using the hashtag #IGGCampAtHome
- email them to communications@irishgirlguides.ie
- email / WhatsApp or share them with your Leaders

Thank you for getting involved and supporting your daughter in Guiding.

All resources were prepared by the Regional Development Officers in IGG for this event.

