

# CAMPING IN THE BACKYARD CHECKLIST

to give it that 'real camping' feel

Get the kids to help you pack the items and bring them to the backyard to set up. The more a part of the process they are - the more invested they become in the experience.

- ☐ **Tent.**
- ☐ **Bedding.** Mattresses / sleeping bags / pillows.
- ☐ **Comfort items.** Even though you're only in the backyard - to try and encourage them to stay there and not go back inside. Bring their favourite blanket, stuffed animal or toy or whatever item may bring them comfort.
- ☐ **Snacks.** Eg. Peanut butter and crackers, sliced veggies and fruit, nuts, sunflower seeds, muesli bars, and pretzels.
- ☐ **Baby wipes.** Handy when the kids need a quick clean up.
- ☐ **Games.** Pack a deck of cards, colouring books and pencils/ crayons etc. A bat and ball is also fun for some backyard cricket.
- ☐ **Stories.** Tell everyone to think of a story / bring a story to share around the campfire.
- ☐ **Kid-friendly lighting.** Nighttime can feel a little scary for kids, so providing a torch or headlamp for each child can help create that sense of security. A small light in the tent (like a battery powered night light) can also help.
- ☐ **First aid kit.** You can always venture inside if first aid is required, but if you have a small travel kit, bring it along.
- ☐ **Water bottles.**
- ☐ **Food!!!! Plus other items to cook / eat with.** Decide on what foods you will cook either on the backyard bbq or the fire. Don't forget the marshmallows and sticks either!
  - ☐ BBQ Camp stove & propane/butane
  - ☐ Plates, cups & utensils (plastic utensils help to keep it simple)
  - ☐ Cooking utensils, pots & pans
  - ☐ Esky with ice
  - ☐ Reusable water bottles for everyone
  - ☐ Water & other drinks of choice
  - ☐ Paper towel
  - ☐ Garbage bags

