

CAMPSITE GAMES

Have fun without leaving the campsite

It's always good to bring a few games with you to the campsite. Kids and adults of all ages enjoy a game of cards around the picnic table after dinner. It's a nice break from the routine of nighttime television viewing or Internet surfing, one that you even may take home with you.

At other times, bad weather may keep you in the campsite. It's a good idea to always have a deck of cards or a board

Cards



- Card games appeal to all ages, from matching games (pictures) to complicated Pinochle for adults. Go Fish is one everyone can play: Each player gets five cards; the remaining deck is turned face down.
- Starting to the left, players ask each other for cards in order to get all four of each rank (a "book").
- If the player asked doesn't have the card, he or she says, "Go fish," and the requester picks one card from the pile.
- The winner is the one with the most matches or books.

game in your gear tub.

Small children will be delighted with the rocks, plants and other natural features right in your site.

The campsite and even the tent itself can become objects in a game of Easter egg hunt. Hide small colorful rocks, shells, or acorns in tent pockets, in sleeping bags, and under the picnic table.

Travel Games



- Look for travel versions of your favorite board games
- The Style pictured here comes in its own zippered case.
- Scrabble is a timeless game that also tests verbal skills. Don't forget to bring a pocket dictionary for challenges.
- Electronic hand-held games are very portable. Be sure to have extra batteries.

Games of the imagination are unlimited and require no special equipment. Search the recesses of your childhood memory, do an Internet search, or purchase a book of games. You'll be amazed how long a game of Telephone or charades can keep the entire campsite entertained.

Magnetic pieces are great for car or tent.

Board Games



- Complicated games like Monopoly may have too many pieces that can get lost and money that can blow away.
- Consider a magnetic checker/chess board that keeps pieces from falling off.
- Backgammon sets come in a handy carrying case. This is a good adult game.
- The game pictured here is three games in one: checkers, chess, and backgammon

ZOOM

Imagination games: One camper says, "I'm going camping, and I'm bringing Apples." The next camper says, "I'm bringing Apples and Bananas." Proceed through the alphabet, repeating each of the items.

Name That Tune

Twenty Questions

I Spy

Other Good Campsite Games

- Yahtzee is a lively dice game in which you try to build poker hands.
- Charades
- Solitaire (card game for one person)
- Hot Potato
- Cat's Cradle (All you need is string.)