



Pathfinder Pathways...

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The Fence Story

A man who prided himself on his morality, and expected to be saved by it, was constantly saying, "I am doing pretty well on the whole. I sometimes get mad and swear, but then I am strictly honest. I work on Sabbath when I am particularly busy, but I give a good deal to the poor, and I never was drunk in my life." This man hired a canny Scotchman to build a fence around his lot. He gave him very particular directions.

In the evening, when the Scotchman came in from his work, the man said, "Well, Jock, is the fence built, and is it tight and strong?"

"I canna say that it is all tight and strong," replied Jock, "but it is a good average fence, anyhow. If some parts are a little weak, others are extra strong. I don't know but I may have left a gap here and there, a yard wide, or so; but then I made up for it by doubling the number of rails on each side of the gap. I dare say that the cattle will find it a very good fence, on the whole and will like it; though I canna just say that it's perfect in every part."

"What!" cried the man, not seeing the point. "Do you tell me that you have built a fence around my lot with weak places in it, and gaps in it? Why, you might as well have built no fence at all. If there is one opening, or a place where an opening can be made, the cattle will be sure to find it, and will go through. Don't you know, man, that a fence must be perfect, or it is worthless?"

"I used to think so," said the dry Scotchman, "but I hear you talk so much about averaging matters with the Lord it seems to me we might try it with the cattle. If an average fence won't do for them, I am afraid an average character won't do for you in the day of judgment. When I was on shipboard, and a storm was driving us on the rocks, the captain cried; 'let go the anchor!' but the mate shouted back: 'There is a broken link in the cable.' Did the captain say when he heard that: 'No matter, it's only one link. The rest of the chain is good. Ninety-nine of the hundred links are strong. Its average is high. It only lacks one percent of being perfect. Surely the anchor ought to respect so excellent a chain, and not break away from it?' No, indeed, he shouted, 'Get another chain!'"

"He knew that a chain with one broken link was no chain at all. That he might as well throw the anchor overboard without any cable, as with a defective one. So with the anchor of our souls. If there is the least flaw in the cable, it is not safe to trust it. We had better throw it away and try to get a new one that we know is perfect."

Outreach Activity Ideas

The NAD website has an article on Outreach ideas called *Love by the Month*. Here's the idea for March. Throw a baby shower for the local crisis pregnancy center.

The most dangerous thing is the world is to try to leap a chasm in two jumps.
--David Lloyd George

Camporee Information

As you all know, at the upcoming Camporee, campfire rings on the ground will no longer be allowed. There are several options available for you to still be able to have that warm glowing fire to toast marshmallows, Pathfinders, and friendships. There are outdoor fireplaces that can be purchased. Do a search on the Internet for "outdoor fireplaces". Here are a couple that I found.

Coleman Fireplace and Grill

Model No. 5065B700

Collapsible screen assembly for easy storage

- Holds logs up to 18"
- Hinged, easy-to-open doors
- • \$99 - \$120



Coleman Outdoor Hearth Large Fireplace

Model 5067B700

Porcelainized lid and base are water-resistant.

Easily removable screen assembly.

Hinged doors make it easy to add wood.

Heavy duty wood grate resists warping. 68 lbs.

~ \$130



Here are several web sites.

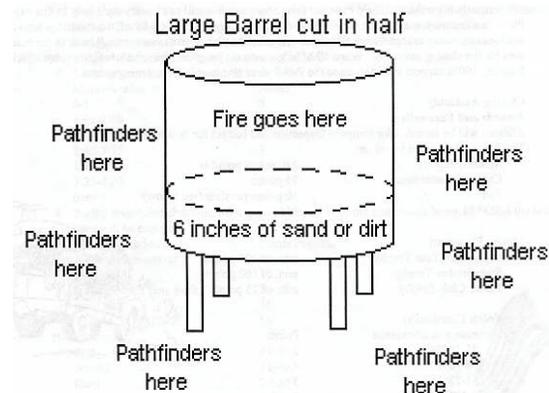
www.coleman.com

http://www.backyardstuff.com/bon_fire.htm

<http://www.avidoutdoors.com/>

<http://www.lowes.com>

Another option would be to construct your own campfire barrel that will keep your fires well off the ground. Below is a burning barrel-campfire designed by Darrell Janke.



There are a number of drawbacks to using this design. If not properly cut the edge could be very sharp, and also it will have a tendency to rust over time.

Whichever you decide to use for your outdoor fireplace remember to bring your own firewood because it may not be easy to find wood just lying around that will fit in your fireplace. Also be sure to clean up all debris.

Nature Nugget

Bark Weavings

Materials – Large blocks of bark, scissors, small nails, assorted yarns and strings.

Directions – Most camps with fireplaces have woodpiles with lots of tree bark that's fallen off the logs. Here's how it works:

1. On a piece of sturdy bark (pine, fir, poplar, oak and hickory work well), nail two rows of nails six to eight inches apart. Each row should be four inches long with nails about half inch apart.
2. Once nails are secure, string a single fine-cotton string up and down until you form the warp (lengthwise threads to weave between). Secure, tie and cut off the string ends. Make the cross-weavings from fine bark shreds, grasses, pine needles, yarn, animal fur, feathers and shedding plants. Insert the materials over and under the strings until they protrude from both sides.

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CPAP USERS

By Joe White

If you use a CPAP machine you probably think you need an electrical outlet to use your machine while camping, and there are no outlets in the camping area at Cohutta Springs. I have good news for you! You can bring your outlet with you. All you need is a 12-volt car battery and an **inverter**. I bought my inverter at the Northern Tool & Equipment Co. store. In Georgia-Cumberland they have stores at the following locations:

Duluth, GA
3455 Peachtree Industrial Blvd., Ste J
Duluth, GA 30096

Jonesboro, GA
6540 Tara Blvd.
Jonesboro, GA 30236-1228

Macon, GA
4755 Ivey Drive
Macon, GA 31206

Marietta, GA
White Water Plaza
220 Cobb Pkwy N
Marietta, GA 30062

Stone Mountain, GA
Stonemont Village
5211 Memorial Dr.
Stone Mountain, GA 30083-3112

Chattanooga, TN
7658 Lee Highway
Chattanooga, TN 37421

Johnson City, TN
2517 Knob Creek Rd, Bldg. E
Johnson City, TN 37604-2106

Knoxville, TN
4315 Clinton Hwy.
Knoxville, TN 37912-5651

Also, you can purchase one by phone at 1-800-533-5545 or on the Internet at: www.northerntool.com.

Below are pictures of three inverters:
175 Watt -- Item #45557 -- \$29.99
225 Watt -- Item # 45690 -- \$34.99
400 Watt -- Item # 45519 -- \$49.99



Honor Toolbox



Go Fly a Kite...

The artist wants to make a kite beautiful. The scientist asks, “What makes it fly?” During a session of kite making, you will be able to study both of these aspects with your children.

Earning the kite honor is a great way to spend a windy March Sunday with your Pathfinders. Here are some ideas to help plan your day.

- Have someone from your local kite club come in and do a demonstration.
- Go and watch a demonstration or competition put on by a local kite club.
- Set up a round robin format for the afternoon. Since each Pathfinder is supposed to make and fly two different types of kites. Have kite-making stations; kite flying stations, and learning stations.
- The NAD web site has a section on how to make a 20-minute kite.
- Here are a bunch of web sites that have simple kite plans.

Family Fun – Dragon Kite

<http://family.go.com/crafts/buildmodel/craft/dragonkite/>

Surfing the Net with Kids – Kites

<http://www.surfnetkids.com/kites.htm>

Kites 4 Kids

<http://www.kites4kids.com.au/>

The Virtual Kite Zoo

<http://www.kites.org/zoo/class.html>

Sugar Glider Kite

<http://members.ozemail.com.au/~ctech/sugkite.htm>

Clems Homemade Newspaper Kite Plans

<http://www.clem.freemove.co.uk/>

Kids and Kites in the Classroom

<http://www.ed.uri.edu/unitweb/dennis/KidsandKites.htm>

Family Crafts @ about.com – Kites

<http://familycrafts.about.com/cs/craftskites/>

Kids Crafts – Kites

<http://www.thebestkidsbooksite.com/craftdetails.cfm?TopicID=258>

Camping 101 -

Cooking for a group

Few things are more intimidating than the first time you're put in charge of cooking for a large group at a campout. You're not sure what they like, how much they will eat, or even how to work the stove.

Hopefully whoever did the cooking before you can give you some tips on what worked for them. If you are the director it's nice if you have a great cook that takes care of everything for you. But even if that is the case, sit down with them and outline what you expect from them. Cover details like camping schedule, cost, cooking utensils available, etc. When assigning someone to do the cooking, don't micromanage but do double check.

Some of the best cooks fly by the seat of their pants and will tell you that they don't like to write things down or they will tell you "it's real easy – just throw a little of this and a little of that in and it will be fine." For those of us that are "cooking or recipe challenged" that is just not enough information. And this can cause real problems if for some reason they can't go on a campout. Don't keep things a secret, share your knowledge, if others know what the menu is and what food is going to be used for each meal, it will be easier for others to pitch in and help. Also remember that the Pathfinders should be learning by watching and helping so that some day they can cook too.

Keep a notebook

Having a notebook is a great way to keep cooking information in one place. Include a section for each of the following:

Favorite menus

Recipes and amounts

Kids food allergies & medications

There may be times when the teens and juniors go on separate campouts, in which case it might be a good idea to have two notebooks. Have a page for each of the club's favorite meals. Include a chart with the items that are needed. Then figure out how much is needed for one unit, half the club, and the whole club or whatever.

Leave room to write notes about things such as whether the ingredient amounts were good on each page. Then after a couple of campouts make changes to the chart until the amounts are right. Here's an example of what a chart for haystacks might look like.

	4	12	24
Chips	8 oz	24 oz	3 lbs
Chili Hot Beans	16 oz	48 oz.	6 lbs.
Cheddar cheese	6 oz	18 oz	2 ¼ lbs.
Lettuce (head)	1/3	1	2
Tomatoes (each)	1 1/3	4	8
Sliced olives	¼ c.	12 Tbs.	1 ½ c.
Onion (each)	1/3	1	2
Sour cream	8 oz	24 oz	3 lbs.
Salsa	4 oz	12 oz	1 ½ lbs.

Use plastic page protectors to put each page in. That way you can take the page out when you need to make notes. Put in a few blank pages so that if you see something that another group is having that looks great you will have a place to make a note of it.

What's on the menu?

It's doubtful that you're going to see very many cookbooks being used when cooking on a campout. Meals are usually fairly easy to cook with plenty of food. We all (well most of us) know how to make haystacks or cook spaghetti. But it helps if you have a list of menus that includes the amounts needed for the entire meal. Also it's a lot easier at the grocery store if you know that one head of lettuce will serve about 12 people for haystacks.

Here are some ideas for menus that you could use. But no matter what ideas I include there will be many more that are not listed.

<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch or Dinner</u>
French Toast	Spaghetti
Pancakes	Haystacks
Hot or Cold Cereals	Hot dogs
Hash Browns	Vegebugers
Bagels	Mac & Cheese
Fruit	Stew Pack
Eggs	Beans and Rice
Veg. breakfast meats	Burritos
	Soup and Sandwiches
	Stews

Here's a chart showing what for a meal of: hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, chips and drink might look like.

	10	20	40
Vega Links (10/can)	1	2	4
Big Franks (8/can)	1	2	4
Buns (8/bag)	3	5	9
Mayonnaise	1	1	2
Mustard	1	1	2
Ketchup	1	1	1
Relish (dill)	1	1	1
Relish (sweet)	1	1	1
Onions (each)	1	2	4
Potatoes (lbs.)	2	4	8
Eggs (each)	4	8	16
Chips (bags)	2	4	8
Baked beans (cans)	2	4	8
Drink (gallons)	1	2	4

I have recipe software that will do the calculations for me. You can also use a spreadsheet.

Do you have some great ideas for food that your kids like to eat when you go camping? Send them to the editor and we'll include them in future Pathways.

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3. After every few layers, use an old comb to pack them tight by pulling them toward one end. The completed weaving can be used as a wall hanging or desk art piece.
4. Caution campers not to put living flowers in a weaving. Picking wildflowers not only destroys a temporary natural beauty for other campers, but it removes the seeds from their natural home and soon destroys the flowers completely.

- Youth Ministry Camping

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It is not a bad thing that children should occasionally, and politely, put parents in their place.

--Colette

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