



## Required Challenges (start here)

- Each is worth 25 points
- **CLICK HERE AND TURN IN THESE THREE CHALLENGES BY 11:59PM ET FRIDAY NIGHT!**

Team Name	Team Flag/Banner	Team Cheer/Chant
Come up with a name for your team. It can be anything, but everyone must agree!	Create a flag or banner for your team. Anything goes. Take a picture of your team members with their flag.	Come up with a rhyming phrase that captures the spirit and style of your team! Record yourselves exclaiming it!

## Level 1 Challenges

- Each worth 25 points
- Estimated challenge time: 15-45 minutes

<p><b>1. Nature Bracelet</b> Create a bracelet out of tape (duct tape works best, masking tape will work as well) with the sticky side facing away from your wrist. Go on a scavenger hunt outside to find as many different colors, shapes or textures as you can stick onto your bracelet. <u>Submission:</u> photo of a team member wearing a finished bracelet.</p>	<p><b>2. Climb a Tree</b> Climbing trees can be great fun, and can give you a whole new perspective on a place that you see every day. Of course, safety is very important, so please be very careful. Kids, you should get permission from your guardian before attempting this challenge. <u>Submission:</u> photo of a team member in a tree.</p>	<p><b>3. Bubble Party</b> Bubbles are just too fun to not include here! You can do this one indoors or outdoors. One fun option is to have the whole team cram into the bathroom and just let it rain bubbles all over the place! Or head outside and let the kiddos chase the bubbles and see how many they can pop before they hit the ground. <a href="#">Here are a couple of homemade bubble recipes.</a> And some <a href="#">fun ideas for homemade bubble wands.</a> <u>Submission:</u> your team engaged in a bubble party.</p>
<p><b>4. Nature Charades</b></p>	<p><b>5. Create A Coloring</b></p>	<p><b>6. Color and Chill!</b></p>

<p>Have a team leader create several scenarios and scenes for the game, writing them on slips of paper. Examples: “black bear digging in log for insects, hits a hive of bees and gets excited.” Or “squirrel jumping from branch to branch with a mouthful of acorns.” Then team members draw the slips from a hat and act out the scene while the others guess. <u>Submission</u>: a photo or short video of your team member in the act of performing a charade.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Page</b></p> <p>Find something interesting in nature near your home and create a coloring page by drawing it with black marker on white paper. We'll share everyone's pages as a PDF Camp-In Coloring Book! <a href="#">Here are some examples</a>. <u>Submission</u>: a photo or scan of your coloring page.</p>	<p>Print out one or more of <a href="#">Tremont's nature coloring pages</a> for some good ol' fashioned coloring time. It's good for the soul. <u>Submission</u>: a photo or scan of your colored-in page.</p>
<p><b>7. Dress it Up!</b> Every awesome explorer or adventurer has a great outfit. Dig deep into your closets and come up with your best outfit for the camp-in adventure. Pose with your team exploring something around the house, like the refrigerator or under the bed. <u>Submission</u>: a photo of your team posing.</p>	<p><b>8. Google 3D Animals</b> Use the <a href="#">Google 3D animal program</a> on a smartphone or tablet to take a photo of a 3D digital animal with at least one of your group members in the photo. <u>Submission</u>: photo of 3D animal and at least one team member.</p>	<p><b>9. Flower Power</b> Try your hand at making paper flowers! This is a fun, mindful hobby. Build your skill and enjoy year-round bouquets in the house for a few pennies! <a href="#">Here's a guide to a few flower designs</a> - tons of great video tutorials on YouTube. <u>Submission</u>: a photo of at least one flower you created.</p>
<p><b>10. Call/Video Chat A Friend</b> that lives somewhere far away from you, and ask them to share a story about an adventure in nature they've had where they live. How is the nature around their home different than yours? How is it the same? What would you do together outside the next time you visit one another? <u>Submission</u>: share a highlight of your conversation.</p>	<p><b>11. Tongue Twister Time</b> Create the hardest tongue-twister you can about the nature around your home. <u>Submission</u>: share your tongue twister in writing.</p>	<p><b>12. Butterfly Eyes</b> Create your own butterfly and paint it on a teammate's face with their eyes as eyespots on the wings. Use face paint, makeup, rock paint, or any other non-toxic drawing material you have onhand. <u>Submission</u>: a photo of a team member's painted face.</p>
<p><b>13. Meet a Tree</b></p>	<p><b>14. Unnatural Trail</b></p>	<p><b>15. Zoom!</b></p>

<p>Find a spot on your property or local park that has plenty of trees. Pair up with a teammate. One person is blindfolded and led (someone should guide them and always have a hand on them - safety first) on a meandering walk to a tree that they are then instructed to get to know through senses other than sight. Reach high, reach low, wrap around it, notice the texture of the bark, notice any limbs or odd shapes to the trunk. Then the blindfolded person is lead back to the starting position. Take the blindfold off and see if you can find your tree. Extra fun: bring a tree ID book or use a tree ID app on your phone to try and identify your tree. <u>Submission</u>: a photo of a team member meeting their tree.</p>	<p>This is a great way to sharpen your observation skills! Designate a path through an area that is "natural" - maybe through a woods or meadow. Even the yard will work. Collect several "unnatural" items (manmade) and have one team member place them along and to the sides of the designated trail (up high, down low, all around). Then have other team members walk the trail silently and alone, and see how many "unnatural" items they can identify. <u>Submission</u>: a photo of a team member walking your unnatural trail.</p>	<p>Find an object outside of a window in your house. It can be big, small, anything, but make sure it's at least 20 feet away from the window. Spend a few minutes recording on paper everything you can about the object from the window position - what you do you notice, wonder, feel? Go outside and position yourself halfway between the window and object. Repeat the observation routine. Get within 1 foot of your object, repeat. Get within 1 inch of your object, repeat. What did you discover? How did your perspective and questions change as you got closer to your object? <u>Submission</u>: a photo of your Zoom observations on paper.</p>
<p><b>16. Shadow Puppets</b> Turn out the lights in a room and use a high powered flashlight or lamp to project light horizontally onto a wall. How many different shadow puppet animals can you make? <a href="#">Here's a guide to a few different shadow puppets</a>. Make a play using your new shadow puppets. <u>Submission</u>: a photo of your shadow puppets in action.</p>	<p><b>17. Portray a Naturalist</b> Many of our most beloved places would not be around today without the conservationists and naturalists who stood up to defend them and help others understand their significance and value. Have each team member research a famous naturalist/conservationist and find a quote that they really enjoy from that person. Come back together and share quotes with one another after giving a brief bio of who the person was. Extra Fun: try to dress up like the person you are quoting. <u>Submission</u>: a</p>	<p><b>18. Blind Taste Test</b> What would a camping adventure be without trying a new food? Allow each team member to select 3-5 foods from around the house or store. Take turns sampling each team member's foods while blindfolded and see how many you can correctly identify. <u>Submission</u>: a photo of a team member blind taste-testing.</p>

	<p><i>short video of one team member reading their chosen quote.</i></p>	
<p><b>19. Wrap it Up!</b>          Create a short video detailing your experience with the Great American Camp-In. What were your favorite activities? What were the biggest challenges? What was the funniest thing that happened during the weekend? What did you learn? What will you always remember? <u>Submission:</u> a short video reflecting on your camp-in!</p>	<p><b>20. Create a Constellation</b>  <i>Get a glimpse of the stars, and create a new picture by “connecting the dots” between some of the stars you can see. What pattern or creature can you make in your mind? Draw out your new constellation and come up with a backstory or myth or legend for you constellation. Show your constellation in the night sky to your teammates and tell all about it! <u>Submission:</u> a photo of your constellation drawing, or a short video of you describing your constellation and its backstory.</i></p>	<p><b>21. Create a Critter</b>          Gather natural materials that you can find outside, or raid your recycling bin for some items that you can reuse. Decide as a group what kind of critters you will be creating. Insects? Flying creatures? Lizards? Crawling creatures? Cave creatures? Then, use your materials to create your critter, including at least two unique adaptations that will help the critter survive. <u>Submission:</u> a photo of your completed critters.</p>