

LET'S GO CAMPING!

Let's pull on your Scout shirt and **lace up** your hiking boots. **Grab your grub and gear.** You're a Scout now, and that means you're going camping! You can bet there's nothing better than **swinging** a pack on your shoulders and spending a night in the great (1) _____.

What will you find on a (2) _____? Just about the finest adventures you could ever want. You can use your **Scouting skills** to follow hiking **trails** deep into forests and across rugged land. **Keep your eyes peeled** for deer, beaver, and maybe even a bear. Climb to the (3) _____ top of a real mountain. Swim in (4) _____ lakes and **catch fish** from cold, rushing streams.

Late in the day you'll **make camp** and cook your dinner. How about **fixing** a tasty pot of stew, or spaghetti with your own special sauce? Campfire smoke mixes with the **rich smell of hot biscuits dripping with jam.** Later you can bake a peach cobbler for dessert.

After dark, gather around the fire with your friends. As the **flames die down,** you'll sing songs and laugh at each other's stories. Firelight dancing in the **embers** will spark your (5) _____, just as it has for every Scout sitting by a (6) _____ in **years gone by.**

Then crawl into your warm sleeping bag. You're tired from a day **full of fun,** but before you fall asleep, **gaze awhile at the sky.** Have you ever seen so many stars? Listen for the **hoot** of an owl and the long, (7) _____ **wail** of a coyote. The next thing you know, the first rays of (8) _____ will be (9) _____ through the trees.

Scouting is camping. And it's hiking, (10) _____, bicycling, reading a **map and compass,** practicing first aid, and **plenty of** other exciting challenges. Scouting is outdoor adventure **at its best,** and it's all yours **for the taking.**

- 1) Door
- 2) Camping
- 3) Wind
- 4) Sparkle
- 5) Imagine
- 6) Fire
- 7) Distance
- 8) Light
- 9) Broken
- 10) Canoe

