

Camping

Naptime Campout

Benchmark Skills:

Strand 2.13 - Recognizes and responds to beauty in the environment

Strand 1.14 - Seeks out adults and children

Consider heading to a local park or lake for a naptime campout, a night, or a weekend and simply explore your surroundings.

Activity



Dress up Dandelions

(from Cornell University Cooperative Extension)



Pick several (number will vary but an average of 10 if stems are 10-12") dandelions with long stems. The long stems are needed or you won't have enough stems to work with when tying the knots. If you are not sure how many are needed to create a necklace of dandelions, pick them as needed.

1. Tie a simple knot in a dandelion stem about 2" from the flower head, BUT don't tighten it.
2. Take a new dandelion and slide the stem through the first knot until its flower head touches the knot.
3. Tighten the knot carefully so the stem won't break.
4. Tie a new knot in this dandelion, BUT don't tighten it.
5. Take another dandelion and slide its stem through this new knot until its flower head reaches the knot. Tighten the knot.
6. Repeat steps 4-5 with remaining dandelions until necklace is the desired length. Tie the two ends together to create a complete circle."