

CAMP ROCKS!

BUILDING A STRONG FOUNDATION FOR FRIENDSHIP!



Grade: K-Adult

Month: June

Lesson Focus and Goals:

It's summertime and that means it's time to pack your bags and head to summer camp! Even if that's right in your own backyard. You don't need to actually stay in a cabin to have the adventure, you just need to go outdoors and explore. The spirit of summer camp is all about learning new things, having some fun, and making new friends! All good friendships need a rock solid foundation, so we're going to accomplish three summer goals all at once as we get outside, get creative, and get friendly!

Materials Needed:

- Flat/Round Rocks you find outside (or buy)
- Paints or paint pens (Posca markers are great for rock painting)
- Paint brushes
- Paper towels/newspaper
- Pencil

Learning Objectives:

- Creativity
- The value of friendship and making new friends
- Outside exploration and ways to reuse things we find in nature to be crafty

Structure / Activity:

Step One: Take a walk through your neighborhood and go on a rock hunt. We're looking for rocks that are flatter and more oval in shape. Collect rocks you find to use for the crafts.

Step Two: Wash your rocks really well to get all the dirt off. If you have an outdoor place to wash the rocks, this will be preferred. If not, try using a strainer in the kitchen so you don't drop rocks down the drain.

Step Three: Set up a space for painting by putting down paper towels or old newspaper.

Step Four: Draw the design you want to paint onto your rock using your pencil

Step Five: Paint your design on your rock. Use a thin brush to make sure you get all the little details, or opt for a paint pen so you have more control over the design work.

Step Six: Leave your rocks to dry before picking them up. This is a great time to make more rocks!

Step Seven: Swamp rocks with your friends! Or leave them around the neighborhood to brighten other people's day!

Take Aways:

We're kicking off summer with a whole lot of fun! The important thing to remember is that fun can happen anywhere with anyone. You don't need to spend a lot of money or go to a camp to make memories, you can do that right in your own neighborhood. Invite friends to take part in your crafts or play in the yard, create a book club where you trade your favorite comics or novels, challenge each other to online gaming or a game of basketball at the local park. Whatever you're into! it's a great way to build a relationship with them and have fun at the same time. Remember to keep cool and drink lots of water as you enjoy your creative summer adventure!

