

**Virtual Family Campfire, S'mores, and Stories - Kerry Garland | Tony Paz**  
**Friday, 22 May, 8:30 p.m. – 9:15 p.m. Eastern**

Join us from the comfort and warmth of your own campsite! We'll go over some of our favorite s'mores recipes, tell a couple stories, and hear from you while we share our favorite camp-time activities.

“Where am I gonna camp?”

There are great ways to set up your very own campsite and campfire. As always, be sure to set up your area with SAFETY in mind. Whether you and yours plan to gather around the firepit or maybe a small grill (wood or gas) in the yard, within range of a strong wifi or cellular signal, be sure to do so safely.

Rather go indoors? Not a problem! A few minutes of searching “DIY indoor campfire” on the web will offer up a variety of creative ideas for setting up your very own living room campsite. And it'll look great next to that tent or pillow fort you can set up nearby.

One of our favorite ideas is to have strips of colored tissue paper (orange, red, and yellow) taped to the front of a small fan. Lay the fan flat on the ground so the air blow upwards, creating a really neat flame effect. Create some “logs” with rolled up towels or place small pillows or rolled up socks as “rocks” around your “fire.”

Also consider using old paper towel insert rolls as “logs” and place light sticks (aka “chem lights”) in the middle to replicate the flames. Many sticks come in red, yellow, or orange.

And of course, a simple art project with different colored construction paper works great too!



“What should I bring?”

We're going to go over some s'mores recipes. Yes! There is more than one way to make a s'more! Be sure to have marshmallows, graham crackers, and sticks ready ...and chocolate! Though the standard chocolate bar is a classic ingredient, consider your favorite flavor of M&M's or peanut butter pieces or cups as well as hazelnut chocolate spread. Have those handy and we'll go over the recipe together!

Kids can also prepare for our Virtual Campfire by putting together “explorer backpacks.” Items can include a sketch pad with pencils or markers, a headlamp or flashlight, a magnifying glass, a favorite animal/insect guide book, a compass, a whistle, a canteen or water bottle, a map, and anything the imagination deems necessary for an adventure!

See you there!