



Socially-Distanced Ways to Enjoy Your Stay at KOA

RELAX & ENJOY (THE SIMPLE PLEASURES):

1. Sip a glass of wine.
2. Play cards.
3. Color a picture or draw your favorite camping scene.
4. Complete a puzzle.
5. Walk your dog around the campground or to one of our Dog Parks.
6. Enjoy a campfire.
7. Soak in a sunrise or sunset.
8. Read a book.
9. Knit a new creation.
10. Bird watching – How many different birds you can spot?
11. Challenge your family to a board game.
12. Set up an outdoor movie at your campsite.
13. Amateur astronomy – Download an App to help you.
14. Enjoy a cup of coffee on your porch.
15. Listen for local wildlife calls: owls, frogs, coyotes, etc.
16. Share photos of your favorite camping memories at **#SantaCruzKOA** for a chance to be featured on our social media pages!

EXPLORE/CREATE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE:

1. Ride your bike, scooter, etc. around the campground
2. Ride your bike along the Pacific Coast Bike Route just outside of our park!
3. Walk a mile down the train tracks to Manresa State Beach (trains no longer use the route).
4. Create your own nature scavenger hunt.
5. Hike amongst the redwood trees at the Forest of Nisene Marks State Park (just 15 minutes from here)
6. Practice tricks on your bike/skateboard/scooter/skates
7. Build your own fairy cabin or troll house with local materials (sticks, leaves, rocks, etc). See how creative you can make it!
8. Start a story and keep passing it from family member to family member. The last person gets to create the ending, but everyone gets to use their imagination to help steer the story.

GET OUT & PLAY:

1. **Rent a bike from our Recreation staff in the Beach Zone! (Rental hours are posted at the Bike Garage.)**
2. Participate in virtual campsite challenges and activities sent to you digitally from KOA staff throughout your stay.
3. Challenge one of your camping neighbors to a socially-distanced “Dance Off” or “Joke Contest” (from across the street), and ask another neighbor to be the judge.
4. Race your friends or family members around the campground roads! The outer loop is a great course!
5. Play yard games in your campsite (corn hole, washers, ladder ball, etc.).
6. Tell scary stories (or funny stories) around your campfire. Who is the best storyteller in your family?
7. Sidewalk Chalk — Draw a masterpiece or try hopscotch, 4-square, or a chalk obstacle course!
8. Water balloon, squirt gun or Nerf gun fight! (Need we say more?!)
9. Bubbles – Want to see how long they last...or do you have more fun POPPING them first?!
10. Set up an adventure in your campsite for your army guys, matchbox cars, Barbies, dolls, or Legos!
11. Make a paper airplane and see how far your design can fly.
12. Hula hoop or jumping rope contest, anyone? 😊



CHOW DOWN:

1. Try a new recipe over the campfire - Have you ever tried Campfire Baked Potatoes? It's simple! Poke several holes in each potato and smear each one with a Tablespoon of butter. Wrap each one in a double layer of aluminum foil and bury them in the hot coals. When they are soft (about 30-60 minutes), they're ready to enjoy! Yum!
2. Order food delivery from a fun, local restaurant – or dine there with your family instead.
3. Treat yourself to ice cream or other fun treats from the Kamp Store.
4. **Crazy S'mores** – Show off your most creative s'mores on social media, and tag us at #SantaCruzKOA!
5. **Recipe Contest** – Share photos of your favorite camping recipes (at #SantaCruzKOA) for a chance to be featured on our social media pages! Be sure to include the recipe details!

PLAY CAMPSITE GAMES WITH YOUR FAMILY:

1. **Hiking Stick Limbo (or Broomstick Limbo)** - How low can YOU go?! Don't forget the party music!
2. **Water Balloon Toss** - You'll need at least 4 players, divided into teams of 2. Each player stands 3 feet apart from their teammate. Each team tosses the balloon from one of their players to the other. If a balloon hits the ground, that team is out. All remaining teammates back up a couple more feet from each other (make sure all teams are using the same distance). Each team tosses the balloon again. Continue tossing and increasing the space between teammates each round. Last team eliminated is the winner!
3. **Squirt Gun Races:** To play this game, make a line of empty plastic drinking cups along the edge of a picnic table. Fill a squirt gun with water. On go, squirt the cups until they fall off the edge of the table. You can play with multiple players and see who can knock off the most cups, or you can time each player to see who can clear the table the fastest.
4. **Glow Stick Ring Toss:** Give each player 3-5 glow stick rings – glow bracelets or necklaces work well. Dig a stick into the dirt so that it is poking up out of the ground. Take turns trying to throw your glow stick rings over the stick.
5. **Sleeping Bag Races:** This is much like potato sack races except you will use your sleeping bags to hop along to the finish line in. If you are worried about them getting dirty or damaged, try plastic trash bags instead!
6. **Camping Alphabet Hunt:** Working together as a family, try to name one object in the campsite or campground that starts with each letter of the alphabet, starting with (A)-For example, A for acorn, B for butterfly, C for campfire, etc.
7. **I Spy:** One player is chosen as the first 'spy.' They look around the area and choose one item they can see (without saying what it is). The 'spy' then gives a clue about what letter it starts with or what color it is. For example, "I spy with my little eye something...green." The other players try to guess the item. The player who guesses correctly becomes the 'spy' for the next round.
8. **Shadow Hand Puppets:** Make all sorts of creatures and critters using just your hands and the light of your flashlight.
9. **Twenty questions:** One person thinks of a camping trip object and the others take turns asking questions about the object which can only be answered with a 'yes' or 'no'. The guessers must name the object using 20 or fewer questions, and whoever guesses correctly starts a new round. If no one guesses correctly, the same person reveals the answer and thinks of another object.
10. **Two Truths and a Lie:** Everyone around the campfire must share three facts about themselves - two of which are true, and one is a lie. The other players must correctly guess the falsehood.

