

IGG Camp At Home

Halloween Edition

Grab your sleeping bags and your fluffiest socks!

It's time for another IGG Camp At Home.

How To Join In

Set up your camping spot - you can camp outdoors in a tent, set up a blanket fort under your kitchen table, or pile up some cushions in your living room.

Put on your IGG uniform – it's not Guiding unless you've got your necker on!

Have fun – we've put together lots of activities, crafts, recipes and games to help you enjoy your camp.

Tell us about it – tag us on social media using #IGGCampAtHome or send your photos and stories to communications@irishgirlguides.ie

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There will be a full moon this year on Halloween so it will be brighter than usual. Why not wrap up warm and go on a moonlit adventure! Remember to bring torches and wear reflective clothing if going out after dark.

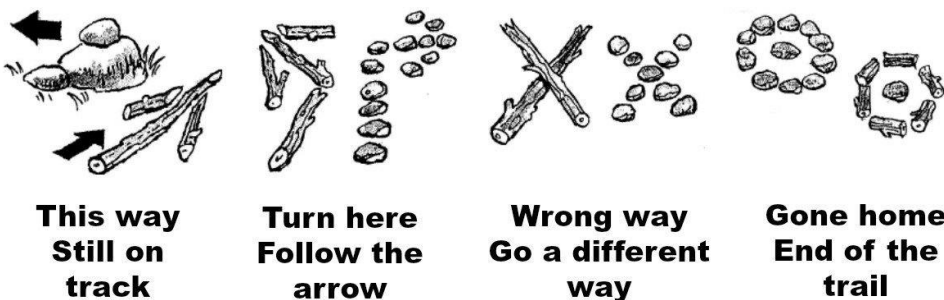
Magic wands and potions

- Bring a jar of water with you on your walk.
- Find a good stick to be your magical stirring stick.
- Look out for brightly coloured leaves, shiny berries, fluffy feather and any other treasures to add to your potion. Use your torch to help you find them!
- Add everything to the jar and use your stick to stir it.
- Find a special place to make a wish and pour out your potion to set the magic into action.

Twig skeleton

- Gather some natural materials to make a skeleton
- Twigs, pebbles, leaves, conkers, what can you find?
- Find a clear area to lay it out
- Make a skull from a large leaf, add conkers for eyes
- Use leaves to make collarbones and a pelvis.
- Twigs are perfect for legs, arms, ribcage and spine
- Twigs or catkins work for fingers and toes
- Try conkers for kneecaps and elbows

For a daytime adventure, older girls can use their tracking skills to leave a track for other family members to follow. Here are some easy signs:



Did You Know?

This full moon is known as a Hunter's Moon. Traditionally, Native American hunters used the full moon of October to stalk deer and to spot foxes at night as they prepared for the coming winter. Because the fields had been harvested, hunters could easily see foxes and other animals that came out to eat the fallen grains.

It is also a Blue Moon because it's the second full moon in October.

Go out and see this unusual Hunter's Blue Moon!!!

Leave No Trace

Remember to scatter tracks (and skeletons!) after your activities.

Spooky bingo

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☐ see a full moon



☐ feel a spider web



☐ hear an owl hooting



☐ see a crow



☐ hear a creaking tree



☐ hear snapping twigs



☐ hear rustling leaves



☐ find a leaf skeleton



☐ listen to silence



☐ hear the howling wind



☐ spot a scuttling spider



☐ hear a screeching bat



Start your own adventure at naturedetectives.org.uk

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Egg carton bats

Materials: Egg carton, scissors, colours, string

Optional: Glue, googly eyes

- Separate 3 cups from an egg carton
- Cut out part of the bottoms of the two outside cups to resemble bat wings
- Add eyes and decorate
- Make a hole in the top to hang it from a string



Toilet Roll Mummies

Materials: Empty toilet roll tube, toilet paper, glue, marker/googly eyes

- Draw (or stick on) some eyes onto your tube
- Tear bits of paper (toilet paper, or normal) into strips and stick them around the tube
- Leave just the eyes peeking out



Paper Plate Ghosts

Materials: Paper plates, white paper, markers, scissors, glue

- Draw eyes and mouth on the plate, make them as friendly or as scary as you like
- Cut white paper into strips (you could also use tissue paper, or white plastic bags)
- Stick strips to hang down behind the plate
- Use one strip to make a loop for hanging



Monster Rocks

Materials: Stones, paint, paintbrushes

Get creative painting monster faces

IGG's Halloween Costume Parade

We love seeing all the creative costumes that girls come up with, whether they're dressed as scary monsters, or as their heroes and role models. If you're wearing a DIY costume this year, be sure to send it into competitions@irishgirlguides.ie with your name and unit in the subject line by Oct 30th to enter our costume competition!

Origami Ghost

(thanks to www.thesprucecrafts.com)

Materials: Squares of white paper, black marker

Optional: Sticky tape, string

1. Fold your paper in half along one of the diagonals to make a triangle shape. Unfold.
2. Fold the left and right sides of the triangle into the middle line
3. Fold the left and right corners back
4. Flip your paper over.
5. Fold the flaps of the triangles you made in the last step, so they lay flat against the sides of your ghost
6. Fold the left and right corners of the paper into the middle.
7. Make the Ghost's Head by folding the top triangle down slightly.
8. Make an accordion fold where the ghost's neck would be.
9. Flip your paper over once more. Fold the bottom point over as demonstrated in the photo above.
10. Use a black marker to draw eyes and a mouth on your ghost.



Strawberry Ghosts

Ingredients:

- 16oz White Cooking Chocolate
- 24 Fresh Strawberries
- Mini Chocolate Chips

Method (strawberries):

- Melt white chocolate in a bowl over a pot of boiling water
- Place a large piece of parchment paper on a flat surface
- Dip strawberries in melted chocolate, holding them by the leaves
- Remove from chocolate and hold them over the parchment paper
- Allow a little chocolate to drip to form the “tail” of the ghost
- Slide the strawberry back and leave to set
- Add mini chocolate chips for eyes and mouth before it sets



Banana Ghosts

Similar method to above but using bananas. Also works with just chocolate chips.

Candy Apples (from Supervalu.ie)

Ingredients:

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| • 4 apples | • 550g sugar |
| • ½ tsp cream of tartar | • 225ml water |
| • 3 tsp food colouring | • Sprinkles |

Method:

- Place the sugar, water, and cream of tartar into a heavy based saucepan.
- Dissolve slowly then bring to the boil for approximately 5 minutes without allowing it to colour, keep the mixture transparent.
- To test the temperature is correct, dip a spoon into the caramel and remove onto parchment paper, it should set immediately, otherwise allow to cook for a further minute or two or when you are happy with the consistency.
- Add the food colouring and you are ready to coat the apples.
- Skewer the apples and tilt the pan of caramel to one side and swirl the apple through the caramel, covering the two thirds of the apple.
- Lift and allow excess to drain and place on the parchment lined baking tray.
- Add your favourite sprinkles for extra colour



Eerie Eyeball Cakepops

Ingredients:

- 100g/4oz madeira cake
- 100g Oreo cookie
- 100g bar milk chocolate melted
- 200g bar white chocolate melted
- Smarties and icing pens

You will also need:

- Wooden skewers, ½ small pumpkin deseeded, to stand pops in

Method

1. Break the Madeira cake and cookies into the bowl of a food processor, pour in the melted milk chocolate and whizz to combine.
2. Tip the mixture into a bowl, then use your hands to roll into about 10 walnut-sized balls. Chill for 2 hrs until really firm.
3. Push a skewer into each ball, then carefully spoon the white chocolate over the cake balls to completely cover.
4. Stand the cake pops in the pumpkin, then press a Smartie onto the surface while wet.
5. Chill again until the chocolate has set.
6. Before serving, using the icing pens, add a pupil to each Smartie and wiggly red veins to the eyeballs.



Snot-tail

Ingredients

- 135g pack lime jelly
- 700ml apple juice
- 300ml lemonade

Method:

- Make the jelly following pack instructions and chill until set
- Combine the apple juice with the lemonade and chill in the fridge
- When the jelly has set, use a whisk to break it up into small chunks
- Spoon into the cocktail glasses and top up with the apple juice mixture



Pin the tail on the black cat /

Pin the wart on the witch

- Played like Pin the Tail on the Donkey.
- Girls can use their neckerchiefs as blindfolds.
- To make it even harder, spin around 3 times before starting!

Pumpkin & Broom Race

- Use one pumpkin and broom for each team.
- This is a simple race but since pumpkins are not smooth balls and refuse to roll in straight lines, you'll need plenty of room!

Musical Zombies

Played like musical statues. The girls walk around the room like zombies to the music and freeze when the music stops.

Halloween Bowling

- Draw faces on rolls of toilet paper and stack them up ready for bowling.
- Use ordinary tennis balls, or mini pumpkins
- See who can knock down the most ghosts in one turn.

Ghost Ghost Witch

A Halloween version of the class "duck-duck-goose".

The witch chases the ghost around the circle, and if the witch catches the ghost, they get to put a spell on them, to make them do a funny face, do a dance etc.

Popping Pumpkins

All you need for this one is a packet of orange balloons. Before you blow them up, pop some sweets in some balloons, and nothing in others. Then spread them around the room or garden and let them off to pop the balloons and find the sweets! Remember to pick up all the pieces of balloon if playing outdoors.

Pumpkin Carving Competition

Although Irish people traditionally carved turnips, the American tradition of carving pumpkins is much easier!

Send your Guiding themed pumpkin photos to competitions@irishgirlguides.ie with your name and unit in the subject line by Oct 30th to enter our pumpkin carving competition!



HALLOWEEN

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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘ .

CHOCOLATE
FACEPAINT
CAULDRON
SKELETON
BLACKCAT
PUMPKIN

VAMPIRE
MONSTER
COSTUME
SPIDER
WIZARD
GHOST

WITCH
MUMMY
BOO
OWL





Camp At Home is the ideal time to tell some scary stories, when your family is “camping” together in your home or garden so no one has to go to sleep alone if they’re still feeling scared. Here are a few child-friendly tales to give you a fright!

The Thing at the Foot of the Bed

There was an old man who lived alone in a large old house in the countryside. He always said he wasn’t afraid of anything, but he kept a gun with him at all times for protection.

One night, the man stayed up late watching a horror movie on television. When it was over, he climbed the stairs and went to bed. He was just beginning to doze off when he noticed something strange.

In the moonlight he could see something lurking at the foot of his bed. It looked like two big eyes staring right at him! The old man was scared and hardly dared to move. Slowly, he reached out and grabbed his gun, which was lying on the nightstand. The frightened man took aim at the ghostly figure and pulled the trigger.

A shot went off and the old man let out an unearthly scream!

The poor scared fool accidentally shot off his own big toe!

The Coffin

A man was walking home alone one dark and windy night. His path took him down a dark, deserted street past the local cemetery.

As he passed the gates, he heard a strange noise in the darkness behind him. Not daring to look back, he quickened his pace, but the bumping noise continued behind him. He stopped and turned to see what it was. Coming down the road behind him was a coffin, standing upright, bumping from side to side.

The man couldn’t believe his eyes! Terrified, he turned and started to run home. The man turned the corner onto his street and ran through his front gate, the coffin right behind him. He dashed into his house, but the coffin crashed through the front door. The front of the coffin swung open and the man saw a horrible sight of a skeleton inside.

He ran upstairs and still the coffin followed. Desperate and scared he ran into the bathroom but he knew it would do no good. The coffin banged against the door and came through it. In a panic, the man grabbed the first thing he could reach. It was a bottle of cough bottle. He threw it at the coffin, and the coffin stopped.

For a better effect when reading this aloud, instead of just saying clap, actually clap, especially for the last line of the story.

They tried to trace their steps back to the campsite but became lost in the unfamiliar backcountry. Being experienced hikers, they knew once they were lost it was best to stay in one place than wander in the woods, so they prepared to settle down and wait for rescue.

"Who's there?" one of the parents called, but there was no answer.

There was one clap. “You were right,” the parents said to their daughter. “There is someone out there.”

Now, the family was scared. “Are you alone?” called the mom. Clap clap.

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