

Ooey Gooney Fun



Ashlyn stood near the campfire while the counselor added logs. They had to stand at a safe distance, but the warmth filled Ashlyn with happiness. It reminded her of going camping with her grandpa when she was little. Now she was ten years old, and Grandpa lived far away.

Today she was camping with her scouts' group. They would stay two nights in a tent, and they would work together to earn badges.

Ashlyn's first job was to help her counselor build the fire.

"Hand me another log, please," said the counselor.

Ashlyn quickly did as she was asked.

"What will we do tonight?" Ashlyn asked.

The counselor smiled with a mischievous grin. "That is a surprise!"

Ashlyn could hardly wait.

Once the fire was roaring, Ashlyn helped set up a tent. Then the group took a hike through the woods nearby. Ashlyn pointed out a berry bush, and she smiled when another scout pointed out a family of deer in a meadow.

A sound of rushing water came from ahead. Ashlyn peered down the path for a better look. As they followed the path, a giant waterfall came into view. The water flowed from the top of a cliff. It cascaded into a pool below.

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Ashlyn gasped in delight.

Soon, they returned to their campsite. The counselor told the scouts about their activities for the next day, which would include paddling onto the lake in a canoe. Ashlyn glanced at the smooth water of the lake. She was excited for tomorrow!

The counselor called the scouts to sit around the campfire. The sun had started to set, and now the warmth from the campfire was especially nice.

Ashlyn sat on a log while they roasted hot dog. Then the counselor brought out a new box of food items. Inside, the box held graham crackers, chocolate pieces, and marshmallows.

They would be making s'mores!

Ashlyn loved s'mores. First, she placed a marshmallow on her roasting stick. When it was perfectly ooey and gooey, she removed it from the fire. She held two graham crackers and placed her chocolate and marshmallows between them.

The sticky, sweet treat tasted delicious!

Ashlyn loved it so much that she ate a second s'more. Then it was time to go to sleep. She snuggled inside her sleeping bag and fell fast asleep, dreaming of marshmallows and canoes. Camping was so much fun.

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1) Put the events in order. Write 1, 2, and 3 to indicate the order.

A) placing the chocolate and marshmallows between the crackers

B) removing the marshmallow from the fire

C) placing a marshmallow on the roasting stick

2) Sort the words/phrases under one of the three senses.
campfire, rushing water, roasted hot dogs, a giant waterfall, a sticky sweet treat, the smooth water of the lake, graham crackers

Sight	Sound	Taste

3) Write three compound words using the words below .
site, fall, camp, water, fire

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4) Which type of structure does the text use?

- a) problem-solution
- b) compare-contrast
- c) descriptive
- d) cause-effect

5) Read the sentences below, and write what the word *cascade* means.
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