

EXPLORE FURTHER

EXTENDED LEARNING *with* THE YUNG FAMILY

No matter where you live, nature offers much to enjoy and explore. Try these activities with your family next time you venture out.

- 1. Do you have a favorite outdoor spot in your backyard or community?** Begin observing and noting in a journal or with drawings. How does the area look, sound, and smell different during different times of days or different times of years? Use scientific observation and your five senses to get to know your special area and your family.
- 2. What kind of trees grow in your area?** Use your computer or head to the local library to do some research. Gather leaves and identify each type and note their similarities and differences. See what you can learn about which trees are the tallest, oldest, and fastest/slowest growing in your state.
- 3. Explore Wonder of the Day® #1982 “Are there Any Wildernesses Left in America?” with your family at Wonderopolis.org**

EXTENDED LEARNING *with* THE BROOKSHIRE FAMILY

Campfires are a camping tradition, providing a gathering place to cook, stay warm, and to share and enjoy nature’s wonders. Try these activities during your family’s next camping adventure or in your own backyard.

- 1. With supervision, let children join in as you build your campfire.** Try burning different types of wood from various trees as well as both wet and dry wood. Talk with children about their observations. How does the wood burn differently? Are there different smells, sounds, and sights?
- 2. Ghost stories have long been a way to add excitement to an evening around a campfire.** Have members of your group share their favorites or create a new shared story where members of the group each build upon the tale in turn. Use a flashlight and spooky voices to add an eerie element to the experience!
- 3. Explore Wonder of the Day® #277 “Why Are They Called S’Mores?” with your family at Wonderopolis.org**

