

Camp Grandma

In this PDF you will find:

- Basic planning to host your Camp Grandma at your own house.
- A Camp Grandma suggested schedule
- A Camp Grandma suggested menu



Basic Planning

1. Several months in advance:

Contact the parents of your grandchildren and schedule an overnight date for your Camp Grandma. I scheduled our camp for 2 days because of my work timetable and energy level.

Ours worked best by having the parents drop their kids off at our house after church on Sunday and picking them up on Monday evening. The parents shared in our Monday evening bar-b-que and enjoyed the children's presentations of their skits and memory verses.

2. One month in advance:

Send each grandchild an invitation to Camp Grandma—dates, time, and what to pack.

Decide what crafts and activities you want to have in your Camp Grandma schedule. Purchase needed supplies and organize them. Be sure your crafts and activities are age appropriate. Make a Camp Grandma banner.

3. Two weeks before camp:

Plan a menu and a schedule, and print them out. I found fun menu and activity ideas on Pinterest.

I did not put times down on my schedule because I wanted to be flexible. Just listing breakfast, lunch, and dinner gave us a basic time frame for everything, yet didn't tie us down to getting everything done by a certain time on the clock.

4. One week before camp:

Go grocery shopping for all food needed for your camp. Prepare as much as you can ahead of time.

5. The night before or the morning of camp:

Set up your tent, make lunches, hang up Camp Grandma banner, set up your snack station and craft station, and generally get everything organized before church. Put two copies of the Schedule up—one down low for small children to read and another at your eye level. (Kids like knowing what is coming next.)

Camp Grandma Schedule

Sunday

Lunch

- Craft: Camp Hats
- Swimming
- *Snack*
- Treasure Hunt in the creek

Dinner

- Campfire: singing, devotional, Grandpa and Grandma stories, Smores

Monday

Breakfast

- Tent and camp cleanup
- Outdoor games on the lawn
- Camp craft: Decorating hot coco mugs
- *Snack*
- Drama: Skit planning and practice
- Memory verse practice
- Nature Scavenger Hunt

Lunch

Hour rest time and Grandma sanity nap

- Swimming
- *Snack*
- Camp craft: bead "magic necklaces"
- Skit rehearsal and memory verse practice
- Camp cleanup and pack to go home

Dinner

- Campfire
- Skits and memory verses presented for parents

See <http://www.susangaddis.net/2012/07/camp-grandma-tips-ideas> for tips and photos of the above ideas.

Camp Grandma Menu

Sunday

Sunday lunch in pails:

Star shaped peanut butter and jelly sandwiches
Veggie/fruit bag
Fruit juice mini cartons

Sunday Snack

Snack station
Fruit popsicles

Sunday dinner:

Curly Dogs
Condiments
Pickles
Corn
Watermelon slices
Chips
Drinks
Smores fixings (for campfire)

Monday

Monday Pancake Breakfast

Pancakes, syrup, drink

Snack

Snack station

Lunch

Sandwich making bar

- Plate of bread slices cut-up into quarters for mini sandwiches
- Plate of ham and cheese slices (cut small to fit mini sandwiches)
- Small bowl of peanut butter and small bowl of jelly
- Tomatoes, lettuce, pickles, condiments, chips, drinks

Snack

Homemade ice cream sandwiches

Dinner

Hamburgers with all the fixings (parents bring salads and desserts)
Watermelon
Parents arrive with salads and dessert