

# Crafts 'n Snacks

A Monthly Series from Keepsake Curriculum

## September

Craft: Construction Paper Fall Campfire

Snack: Marshmallow Pretzel Bars

Story Ideas:

"Scaredy Squirrel Goes Camping" by Melanie Watt

"Curious George Goes Camping" by Margret & H.A. Rey

"Most Marshmallows" by Rowboat Watkins

"A Camping Spree with Mr. Magee" by Chris Van Dusen

# Construction Paper Campfire

This simple, yet adorable craft is perfect for fall. Cooler nights are perfect for crackling fires and roasted marshmallows! Yum!

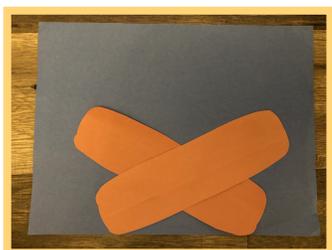
## Materials:

Campfire template (included)  
Construction paper in blue, red, orange,  
yellow, brown, white and black  
Pencil  
Scissors  
Glue stick



## Instructions:

1. Print the template pieces and cut them out.
2. Trace two logs onto **brown** construction paper, the large flame on **orange**, the medium on **red**, and the small flame on **yellow**; trace 2 marshmallows on **white** construction paper; cut everything again (**steps 1 and 2 should be prepared in**



**advance, especially for younger children).**

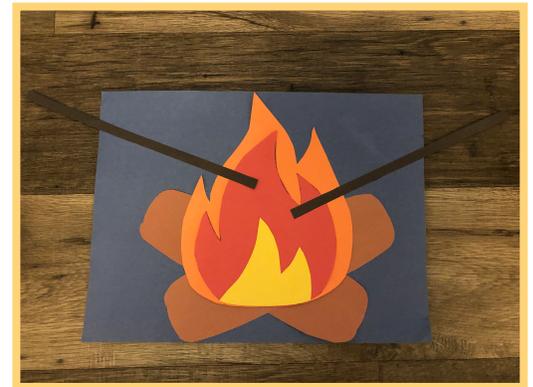
3. Use the glue stick to glue the red medium flame onto the orange; glue the small yellow flame onto the red.
4. Arrange the two logs in an X and place them towards bottom of a piece of dark blue construction paper; glue them down in desired spot.
5. Glue the fire flames onto the logs.





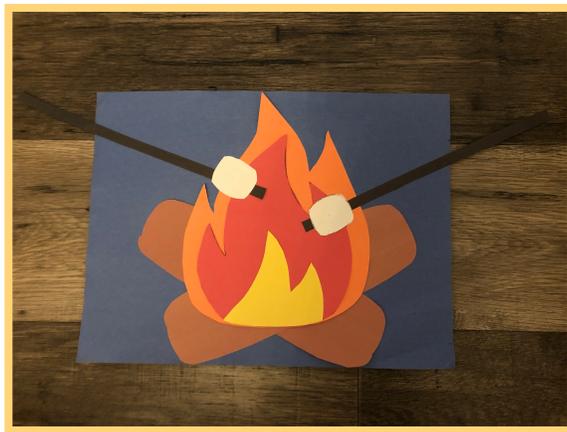
6. Cut two thin strips of black construction paper (approximately 1/4 inch).

7. Glue the thin strips across part of the campfire like a roasting stick, one from each edge coming down at an angle (you can leave the extra paper to trim later).



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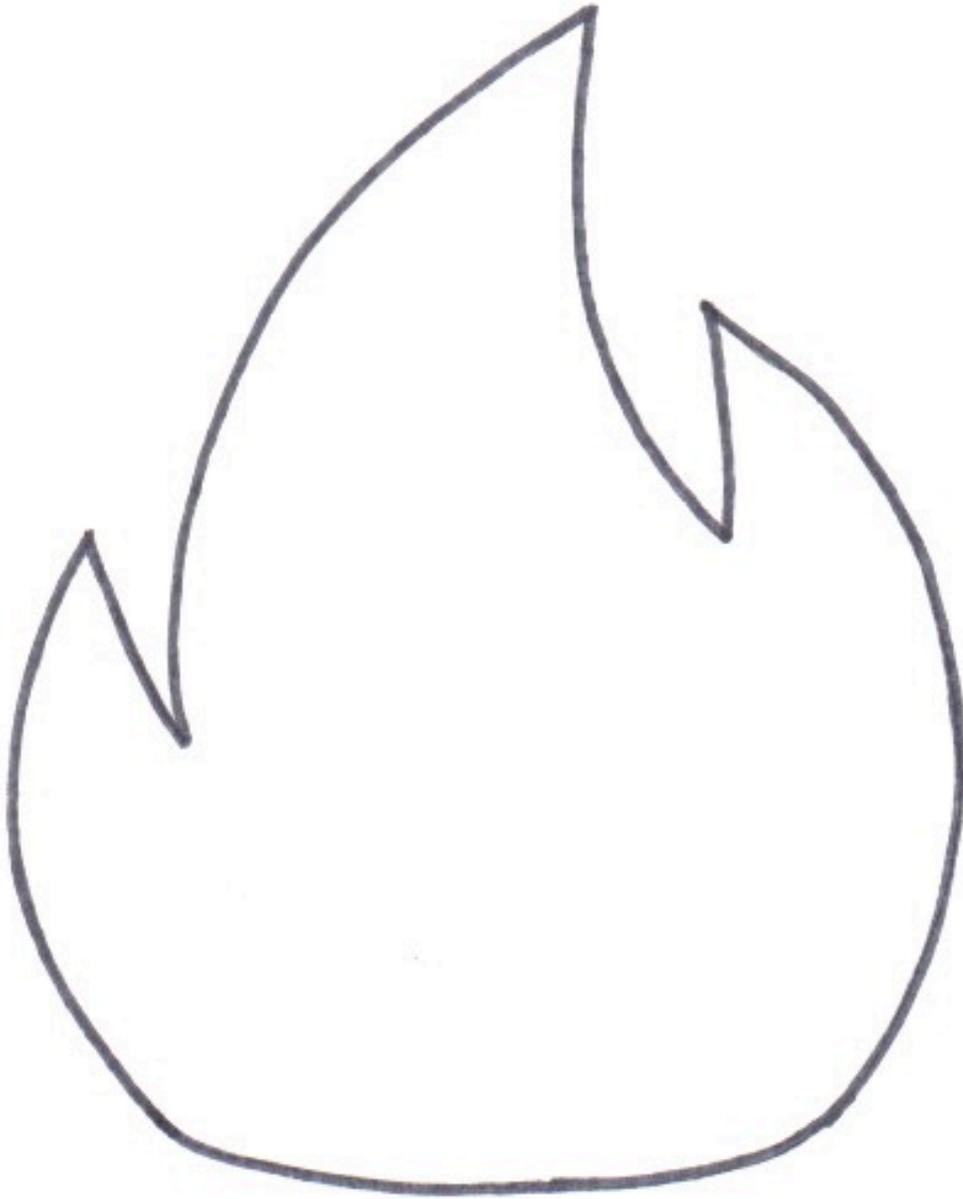
9. Trim the extra paper off the roasting sticks.

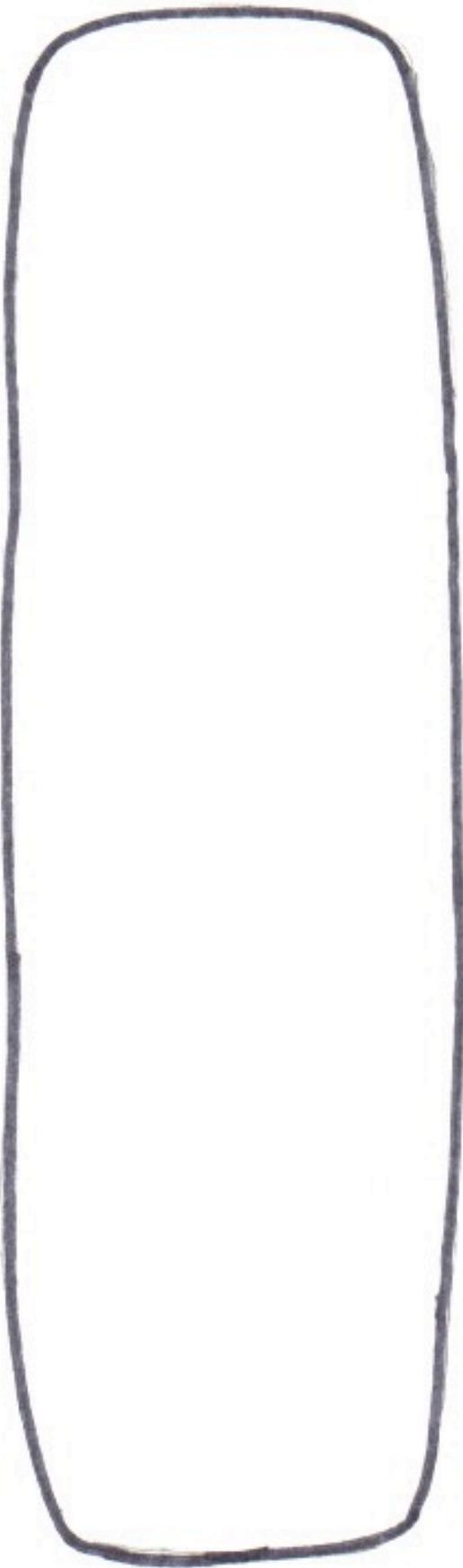


Large Flame - orange

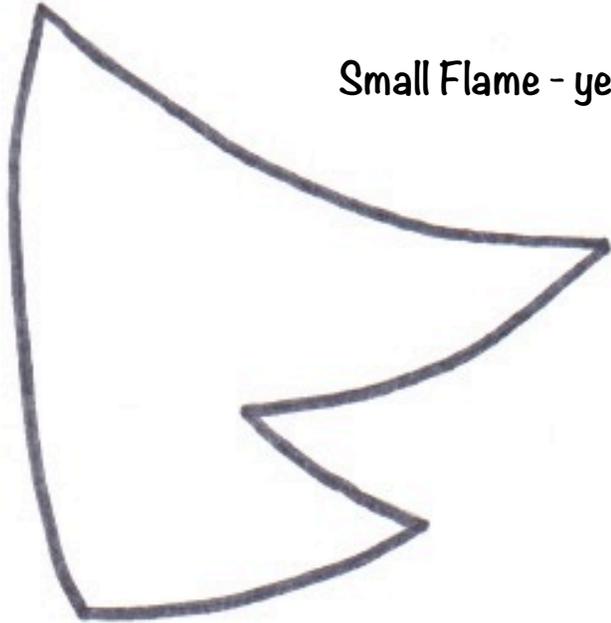


Medium Flame - red





Campfire Log - 2 on brown

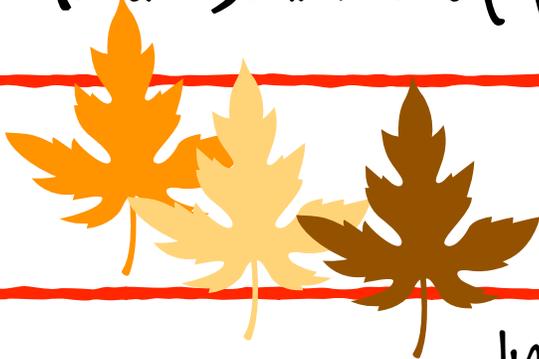


Small Flame - yellow



Marshmallow - 2 on white

# Marshmallow Pretzel Bars



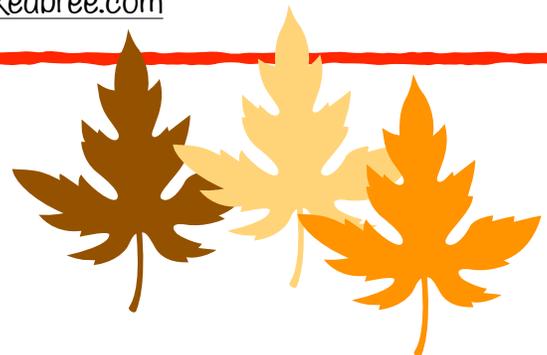
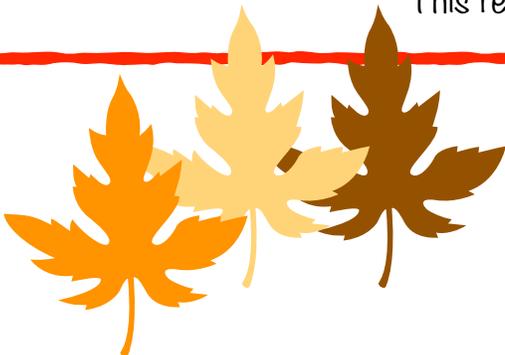
## Ingredients:

- 2 teaspoons butter
- 3 1/2 cups mini marshmallows
- 4 Tablespoons dark chocolate chips
- 4 Tablespoons peanut butter chips
- 6 cups chopped broken mini pretzels
- 1 teaspoon sea salt

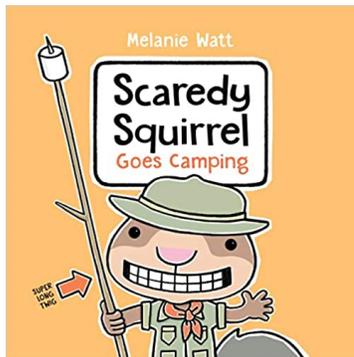
## Directions:

1. Line an 8x8 pan with foil and spray with cooking spray. Set aside. Melt the butter in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Add the marshmallows. Stir until melted. It takes about 3 minutes.
2. Take the pan off of the heat and add both chips and pretzel pieces. Stir until combined.
3. Press the mixture into the pan. Sprinkle with sea salt. Allow to cool before cutting. Lift the bars out of the pan and cut into squares.

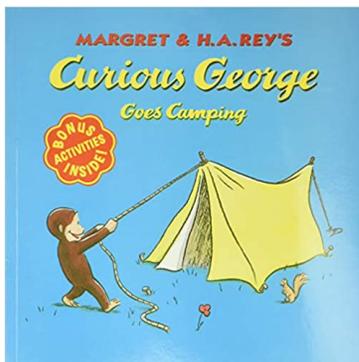
\* This recipe was found at [bakedbree.com](http://bakedbree.com)



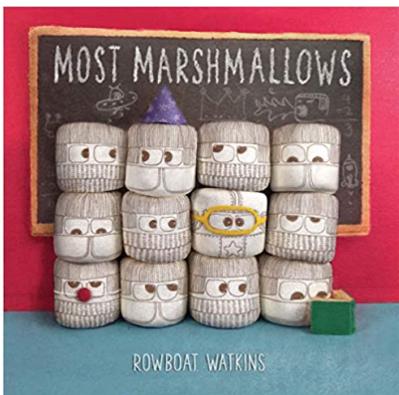
# Camping Read-Alouds for Kids



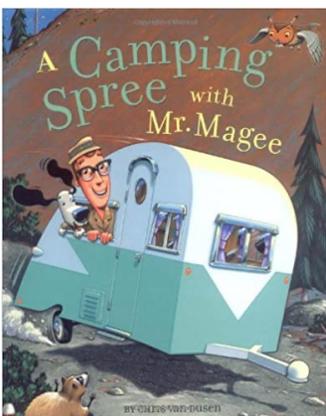
“Scaredy Squirrel Goes Camping” by Melanie Watt - Scaredy Squirrel is cool with camping . . . as long as he can do it from his couch! Who wants to deal with mosquitos, dirt, and wild animals when he can experience nature on his brand-new TV? Except--uh-oh!--first he has to plug it in, which means LEAVING HIS TREE! Luckily, Scaredy's always got a plan. And he doesn't realize he might just explore the great outdoors along the way. (Amazon description)



“Curious George” by Margret & H.A. Rey - “Curious George Goes Camping” is an entertaining story of the Great Outdoors based on H. A. and Margret Rey’s popular primate and painted in the original watercolor and charcoal style. George tries to be helpful, but he of course just ends up upsetting a nearby camper. As he’s hiding in the woods, he meets a forest creature who catapults the mischievous monkey into a chain of even more outrageous events! (Amazon description)



“Most Marshmallows” by Rowboat Watkins - Most marshmallows are born into marshmallow families, play with marshmallow friends, and go to marshmallow school where they learn to be squishy. Most marshmallows read a book before bed and then fall asleep to dream ordinary marshmallow dreams. **But, this book isn't about most marshmallows, is it? No.** That's because author Rowboat Watkins knows that, just like you, some marshmallows have big dreams, and just like you, these marshmallows can do anything they set their minds to. This sweet and silly book is an inspiring reminder to everyone that by being true to ourselves, each of us has the power to be extraordinary. (Amazon description)



“A Camping Spree with Mr. Magee” by Chris Van Dusen - A new adventure with Mr. Magee and his dog, Dee: In A Camping Spree with Mr. Magee, Mr. Magee and his trusty dog, Dee, are enjoying a peaceful camping trip when along comes a lumbering, marshmallow-loving bear and the excitement begins. The next thing the two campers know, they are plunging down a mountain, racing down a river, and teetering on the edge of a waterfall! How will Mr. Magee and Dee find their way out of this slippery situation? (Amazon description)