

NATIONAL S'MORES DAY

August 10, 2025

We honor the most commonly packed camping snack by celebrating **National S'mores Day on August 10**. Summertime is finally here, and with it comes camping and gathering around the firepit in the great outdoors.

History of National S'mores Day

While the origins of National S'mores Day remain unknown, the s'more, the great American camping treat, has a long, delicious history. The first mention of such a treat was in the 1920s in a book of recipes published by Campfire Marshmallows, home of the original marshmallow and still in business today. At that time, the recipe was called a "Graham Cracker Sandwich" and suggested the treat had already been made popular by the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

Later, in 1927, the Girl Scouts published a similar recipe in "Tramping and Trailing with the Girl Scouts"—but they called it "some more." Finally, in the late '30s to late '50s, various recipes gave the name as we know it today: s'mores.

The ingredients for the original s'mores are: one marshmallow, milk chocolate squares, and two graham crackers. The traditional method for making s'mores is by a campfire, and it's hard to beat that experience. Part of the fun is each person getting to customize their marshmallow's "toast" level. Do you set your marshmallow on the fire and blow the flame out once it is burnt? Do you allow your marshmallow to hover over the flame and toast to a less than charred yet caramelized state? Do you barely get the marshmallow tan?

Whatever your preference on marshmallow toasted-ness, the end result is the same: huge smiles and full bellies.

Source: <https://nationaltoday.com/national-smores-day/>



1829

Graham Crackers Invented: Reverend Sylvester Graham (a minister who believed in avoiding processed wheat) invented the sweet whole wheat cracker named after him in 1829.



1861

The First Campground: Frederick Gunn founded the first U.S. campground, Gunnery Camp, in Washington, Connecticut.



1921

First Reference to "Some More": The Girl Scouts publish "Tramping and Trailing with the Girl Scouts," which includes a recipe for "some mores."

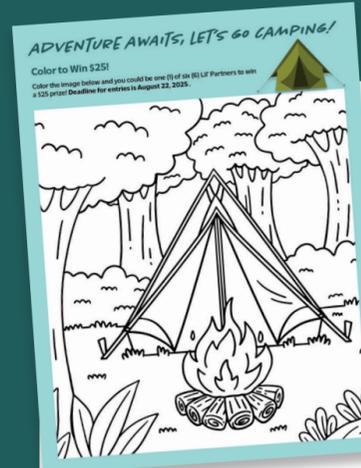


2017

Girl Scouts Introduce Two S'mores: To meet the demand for their new cookies, S'mores, the Girl Scouts select two manufacturers to make two different versions of their classic cookies.



COLOR A CAMPSITE AND WIN \$25!



Deadline for entries is August 22, 2025

Enter your child in the Lil' Partners Quarterly Coloring Contest. The winning Lil' Partners will each receive \$25!

One child from each age group below will win a \$25 Visa® gift card.
2 yrs. and under | 3-4 yrs. | 5-6 yrs. | 7-8 yrs. | 9-10 yrs. | 11-12 yrs.

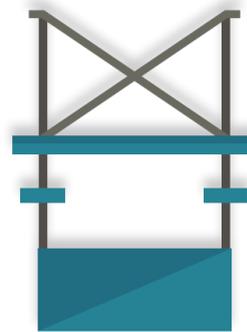
Drop off entries by August 22, 2025 at any Partner Colorado branch, or mail entries to: Partner Colorado Credit Union, 6221 Sheridan Blvd., Arvada, CO 80003, ATTN: Marketing Department. Winners will be chosen on August 29, 2025. Artwork will be enjoyed at our branch and will not be returned.

ENTRY FORM

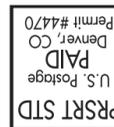
Name: _____ 

Age: _____ Parent's Phone: _____

Lil' Partners COLORING CONTEST RULES: The contest is open to all eligible members of Partner Colorado Credit Union twelve (12) years of age or younger. Entries must be submitted by August 22, 2025 (no later than 5:30 pm MDT). Limit one (1) entry per child. Entries must be submitted with a completed entry form. By signing the entry form, you're giving Partner Colorado permission to use, publish, post or display the coloring for any purpose, including but not limited to advertising, promotional and publicity purposes, in all forms of media. The winners will be determined by a vote. Winners do not need to be present to win.



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EMBRACE THE GREAT OUTDOORS! with our camp visor giveaway!

Camping is not just an outdoor adventure; it's an opportunity to create lasting memories with family and friends. Whether you're a seasoned camper or planning your first trip, we share essential tips for camping with kids to ensure your trip is stress-free and fun. Plus, we're excited to announce our Campsite Coloring Contest, where kids can unleash their creativity and win \$25!

As we gather around the campfire, let's not forget to celebrate National S'mores Day—a perfect occasion to indulge in this classic campfire treat. And for those looking to manage their camping budget wisely, we'll discuss the benefits of a Power Savings Account that can help you save for future adventures. Join us as we explore everything you need to know to make your camping experiences unforgettable!

Hike into any Partner Colorado location and make a deposit into your child's account, and we'll give them a **Color Your Own Camp Visor!**



*One per child while supplies last.



HELP THE GIRL FIND HER WAY TO THE CAMPFIRE



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TIPS FOR CAMPING WITH KIDS

It's never too early to start camping with your kids. Here are some tips for getting started—and for making the experience a memorable one.

- + **Practice Camping at Home:** Pitch a tent in the backyard or even inside your home. Spend a half day or so at a lakeshore or park and see how your kids react to the experience.
- + **Let Kids Help Pack:** Give children the responsibility to pack their own camping gear (using a list you've created). Double-check your child's packing job before leaving home. Keep organized by having your kids pack personal items in a duffel bag and encouraging them to always return those items to that duffel.
- + **Pack Food Kids Like:** Allow your kids to help contribute to menu planning so they get excited about the trip. Ask them what they would like to eat and what treats they want. Keep ready-to-go snacks that are accessible while you're traveling and at the campsite.
- + **Find the Right Campsite:** Pick campgrounds with amenities that suit your family's needs. Some campgrounds have ballfields, beaches or swimming areas, streams or rivers and playgrounds; others offer picnic tables, and playgrounds.
- + **Research Activities:** Know what day hikes or other activities are available at your destination. Be ready with some ideas when the kids say: "I'm bored." More developed campgrounds have bulletin boards that map out easy nature trails. Can you rent a boat or ride bikes? Plan ahead for hikes.
- + **Organize Your Gear:** Organize camping gear in totes for easy access when you get to camp. Use clear plastic bins or cardboard boxes to keep your kitchen supplies, tent, sleeping bags and other equipment in separate compartments.
- + **Dress for the Weather:** Check the weather and dress your kids for those outdoor conditions. If there's a chance of rain, be prepared with rain jackets (and one or two activities for the tent!). And remember that temperatures can drop at night even if it's hot and sunny during the day. Think layers so kids can put on or take off clothing as needed to adjust to temperature changes.
- + **Anticipate Possible Challenges:** Try to troubleshoot potential problems ahead of time. Is your child still potty training, or do they hate getting up at night to go to the bathroom? Bring a little travel toilet that you could put just outside your tent. Does your child wake up early? Bring a book or a toy that could keep them occupied in the morning when you're still bleary eyed. Is your teen a light sleeper and a late riser? Remember earplugs so your teen can sleep in while the rest of the family is enjoying an early breakfast.



Source: <https://www.rei.com/learn/expert-advice/camping-kids.html>

Can you find all 15 campsite items in this newsletter?



ADVENTURE AWAITS, LET'S GO CAMPING!

Color to Win \$25!

Color the image below and you could be one (1) of six (6) Lil' Partners to win a \$25 prize! **Deadline for entries is August 22, 2025.**



ALL ABOUT CAMPING



What Is Camping?

Camping is a recreational activity in which people temporarily live in tents, RVs or cabins. It is a popular activity throughout the world. Campers experience fresh air, wildlife and immersion in nature for a short time.

Most people travel to established campsites when camping. These sites usually have facilities that make camping more convenient. This can include outdoor electrical outlets, hot showers, restrooms with flush toilets, and even laundry equipment. National parks and forests are popular places to camp during the summer months. Indeed, camping is so popular at some of these places that the campsites are often reserved months in advance. Some campers travel great distances to camp far away from civilization.

Campers can enjoy a variety of activities when they go camping. Some choose to go canoeing or kayaking. Others hike or bike on trails surrounding the campground.

Camping Equipment



There are some items that need to be brought on every camping trip. A tent and sleeping gear are necessary. Tents come in many different sizes and shapes. Modern tents are relatively lightweight and easy to set up. Most campers prefer to sleep in sleeping bags, often on an air mattress that can be inflated at the campsite. As an alternative to tents, some people bring a trailer or RV. These options provide a comfortable place to sleep and prepare food.

Campers prepare food in different ways. Some cook over a wood fire. Others use camping stoves, fueled by gas. Fresh meat and vegetables must be kept cold, so these items are kept in a cooler with ice. It is important to keep all food stored in a proper container to keep wild animals away from the campsite.

Many children attend camps during the summer months, when school is not in session. These camps are on a permanent site and often include wooden cabins, where campers stay for extended periods. These camps allow children to participate in all kinds of outdoor experiences, such as swimming, hiking, and water sports.

Camping is also an important part of children's groups. The Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts and many other youth organizations include camping in their activities.

Source: <https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/camping/623594>

Power Savings Account

Great for the Whole Family



Camp More, Worry Less with Our Best Savings Account Option

Supercharge your savings with our NEW Power Savings Account (sometimes referred to as a reverse-tiered savings account). Earn our highest rate of return on your first \$1,000. This account is great for the beginner saver, with no minimum balance required.

Roam, Wander, and Round Up

Automatically save while you're out making everyday purchases (on camping equipment). When you use your Partner Colorado debit card that's attached to your checking account, your total purchase is rounded up to the nearest dollar and the spare change is placed automatically into your Power Savings account. For example, a debit card charge of \$5.84 is rounded up to \$6.00 and the difference of \$0.16 is deposited to your savings account.

S'more Memories, Less Worries with our Best Savings Rate. 5.50% APY.

Open a Power Savings Account Today!

Camp Jokes

*What did one mountain say to the other?
You rock!*

*What do you call a bear with no socks?
Barefoot.*

*What do you call a bear with no ears?
Anything you want! It can't hear you!*

*What's a frog's favorite camping snack?
French flies.*

*What did the graham crackers say to the chocolate bars?
We need s'more marshmallows!*

*How do trees access the internet?
They log in.*

