

Going on a Camping Trip

A chant is like a song but you say the words instead of sing them.
Try this chant about camping. It is a repeat-after-me chant.

- Here's how:**
- The leader says one line, and then the others repeat it.
 - Go back and forth until the chant is done.
 - Copy the leader's actions, too.

Verse 1

Going on a camping trip.

Going on a camping trip.

Going with my family.

Going with my family.

Packing our bags.

Packing our bags.

I'm so excited!

I'm so excited!

Pretend you're packing a bag.

Jump up and down.
Lift and wave your hands.



Verse 2

Going on a camping trip.

Going on a camping trip.

Going with Grandma.*

Going with Grandma.

Going with Grandpa.*

Going with Grandpa.

And I'M going too!

And I'M going too!



*You can replace
"Grandma" and "Grandpa"
with the names of your
family members or friends.



Jump up and down.
Pat or point to yourself.

Verse 3

Going on a camping trip.

Going on a camping trip.

Setting up a campsite.

Setting up a campsite.

Don't forget the tent.*

Don't forget the tent.

And don't forget ME!

And don't forget ME!



*You can repeat, replacing
"tent" with other camping
items: sleeping bags,
flashlight, bug spray,
marshmallows, hotdogs...



Jump up and down.
Pat or point to yourself.

Verse 4

Going on a camping trip.

Going on a camping trip.

Going to go swimming.

Going to go swimming.

Going to go hiking. *

Going to go hiking.

And I'm having FUN!

And I'm having FUN!

Do the arm actions for swimming.

Do the stepping action for hiking

Jump up and down.

Pat or point to yourself.

*You can repeat, replacing "hiking" with other camping activities: fishing, canoeing, swimming, roasting marshmallows....



Verse 5

Going on a camping trip.

Going on a camping trip.

Going to have a campfire.

Going to have a campfire.

Look at all the stars.

Look at all the stars.

And I'm so tired! SHHHH!

And I'm so tired! SHHHH!

Look up to the sky.

Act tired (after a busy day of camping).

Lie down and pretend to go to sleep.



More Fun Things To Do

- Do you know what an echo is? An echo is when a sound bounces off something such as a wall or cliff, so you hear it again even after the sound has stopped. The sound that comes back is a little quieter. Try imitating echoes with a friend. One person makes a sound and the other person repeats it back, but softer.
- Do you know other camp songs or action songs? Search children's camp songs online. Check YouTube to learn new action songs.
- Repeat the "Going on a Camping Trip" chant, but substitute other activities and verses, for example: "Going on a Picnic" or "Going to the Playground."



Take It Further

Learn more about camping from the Parks Canada website, www.pc.gc.ca, and searching for the "Learn to Camp" webpages. Also discover more about Canada's National Parks, and find out what campgrounds are located near you.