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	<p>&gt;&gt; MALE NARRATOR  <b>FROM A MOUTH-WATERING LOW-COUNTRY BOIL...TO A MOUNTAIN TOP TOUR BY HORSEBACK... ON THIS EPISODE OF GEORGIA OUTDOORS WE'LL FOLLOW A LOCAL FAMILY AS THEY VENTURE OUT, FOR THEIR FIRST TIME, TO EXPERIENCE WHAT CAMPING IN GEORGIA'S WILDERNESS IS ALL ABOUT.</b></p>
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	<p>&gt;&gt; MALE NARRATOR  <b>FROM THE AGE-OLD MOUNTAINS OF OUR APPALACHIANS...TO THE RICH DIVERSITY OF OUR SOUTHERN SWAMPLANDS, TO THE HIDDEN LIFE OF OUR BARRIER ISLANDS, GEORGIA GIVES COUNTLESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAMILIES OF ALL KINDS TO EXPLORE, EXPERIENCE AND ENJOY HER ENDLESS RESOURCES.</b></p> <p>&gt;&gt;Lane:          ...there's so much diversity here. You really have a little bit of everything... great places where you can take the family camping and... really focus on having fun and doing a lot of great activities in the short amount of time that you have to get away from school and work.</p> <p>&gt;&gt;Jones:          Georgia is a great state for camping You can see it all, whether it's alligators to black bear to deer, it's out there.</p> <p>&gt;&gt;Lane:          You have a great time span during the year to go camping. The temperature is great all year long, so you can pretty much camp comfortably with your family from say early spring to late fall, even into winter a little bit. But it's just a great area and it's quick to get to places.</p>
	<p>&gt;&gt; MALE NARRATOR:  <b>QUICK INDEED! IN FACT, THE STATE OF GEORGIA PRIDES HERSELF IN HAVING A STATE PARK LOCATED WITHIN AN HOUR'S DRIVE, NO MATTER WHERE YOU LIVE!</b></p>
	<p>&gt;&gt; MALE NARRATOR:  <b>WHETHER YOU'VE BEEN CAMPING ALL YOUR LIFE OR YOU'VE NEVER BEEN CAMPING AT ALL, GEORGIA'S WILDERNESS IS THERE TO BE ENJOYED BY EVERYONE</b></p>
	<p>&gt;&gt;Jones:          You do not need to be an expert to go camping. You want to make sure you have a tent with a good rain fly on it. It's always good of course to have a water supply, fresh water. You never want to rely on the streams or waterfalls that are nearby without filtering it of course. You want to have sleeping pads. You want to have sleeping bags, anything to create that comfort.</p>
	<p>&gt;&gt; MALE NARRATOR:  <b>TO PROVE THAT CAMPING IN GEORGIA IS TRULY EASY AND FUN, WE FOUND A FAMILY WITH PERFECT CREDENTIALS, INEXPERIENCED BUT WILLING.</b></p> <p>&gt;&gt;MUSIC&lt;&lt;</p> <p>&gt;&gt; MALE NARRATOR:  <b>MEET THE FAIRBANKS FAMILY: RICK, BRENDA, 11-YEAR-OLD KAYLA, 13-YEAR-OLD SYDNEE, AND RIDGE. HE'S 7. THEY HAD NEVER BEEN CAMPING TOGETHER BEFORE BUT HAVE DECIDED TO BRAVE THE ELEMENTS, RAIN OR SHINE.</b></p> <p>&gt;&gt; MALE NARRATOR:  <b>FIRST STOP WAS REI, AN OUTDOOR RECREATION STORE FILLED WITH THE NECESSARY</b></p>

**CAMPING AMENITIES, AS WELL AS A HELPFUL AND EXPERIENCED STAFF. JASON LANE, REI'S RETAIL SUPERVISOR, OFFERED THE FAIRBANKS FAMILY SOME FRIENDLY ADVICE ON THE BASICS OF CAMPING.**

>>Lane: How are you guys doing today? You guys need help with anything?

>>Rick Fairbanks: Umm we need to rent some gear, get some gear.

>>Lane: Ok

>>Lane

The tent you see behind me is a great family camping tent. It's taller, so you can get in there, you can stand up. You can change clothes. Plenty of room for your family to move in and out, for your kids to run in and out. And they make that style of tent all the way up to a six person, so it gets even bigger than that

>>Lane

The main thing you want to look at in your sleeping bags, you have synthetic bags and you have down bags. The synthetic bags are nice because they going to keep you warm even when they get damp. Their insulation properties continue even when they're wet. Uh if you go with a down sleeping bag, they're little bit lighter for backpacking, but the disadvantage to them is if they get wet, they clump together and they're not as insulated. So you do lose some of that property. For family camping, I recommend the synthetics because you're not usually dealing with having to carry a whole lot of weight so you don't have to worry about that as much. And also you do sometimes encounter some dampness; you spill sometimes, so it's a great way not to have to worry about it..

>>Lane:

You definitely want to invest in a good sleeping pad and we rent these as well so you don't have to buy them the first time. But basically what a sleeping pad is going to do is two things: one, it's going to insulate you from the ground. So all that heat your sleeping bag is keeping in, you're not going to lose to the earth. Uh people who don't use a sleeping pad don't realize how much heat lost they expose themselves too directly into the ground. These are lightweight, a lot of them have self-inflating properties so you can scrunch them up real small and they'll self inflate for you. And then the other thing is they keep you comfortable.

>>Lane:

You're going to want some light around the camp area. First all to keep you safe and also it's a lot more fun and keeps everyone a little bit more comfortable in the darkness, so. Flashlights, everyone should have a flashlight, but I recommend getting one or two lanterns for the campsite as well.

>>Lane

So the other thing you want to keep in mind when you're family camping is keeping everybody safe. You want to take a good family camping first aid kit. Hopefully nothing's going to ever happen, but you want to be prepared. So you want to have some band-aids, maybe some gauze, ah just things for your normal cuts and scrapes and bruises. A good bug spray is helpful. They make a number of them. DEET a chemical that's known as probably one of the most popular in a lot of the bugs sprays because it's the most powerful, but when you're dealing with children a lot of times that chemical's a little bit too harsh.

>>Lane

The other thing I would recommend that you probably won't overlook, but taking a good SPF uh 45 or 30 sunscreen; really important to keep everyone safe during your trip.

>>Lane

The next thing to stay safe is planning ahead. So you want to make sure you consult some maps and some really good books in the area that you're going to go camping so that you know places that are fun and interactive to go, but also safe places to go that your family is capable of and that you're not

going to get into dangerous situations.

>>Rick Fairbanks:

Probably the ranger's probably going to have an area for maps and when you go into a park.

>>Lane

They will exactly. When you get to the park, you want to go to the visitor's center; you want to check in with. A lot of times you'll have to do that, because you'll have to register your campsite, um maybe pay a fee, sometimes you do, sometimes you don't, but you'll definitely want to stop there and register with them. Some of these maps are nice because they give you a little bit more information about the surrounding area. It's a great idea to kind of let your children help pick the activities. Have them help you look at those things and pick out what they want to do throughout the day, whether it's horseback riding, paddling, uh anything. If they help pick it then they're going to be a lot more excited about doing it for sure. Well, let's get all your gear together and head over to the rental department to get you squared away for your trip and then you'll be on your way!

>>Rick Fairbanks:

Thanks for all your help, it's been great. I appreciate it and we'll be talking to you and we will buy some stuff in the future is this works out well.

>>Lane:

That sounds great. I'd love to see you back. Thanks for shopping with us.

>>Male Narrator:

**GEARED UP AND READY, THE FAIRBANKS JOINED EVONNE BLYTHERS, FOUNDER AND ORGANIZER OF THE EDGE OF NIGHT CAMPING CLUB.**

>>Blythers:

Today we're at Indian Springs State Park and I brought the Fairbanks family. This is their first camping trip as a family. They've had a great time especially little Ridge.

>>MALE NARRATOR:

**FIRST THING'S FIRST, A HEARTY BREAKFAST. COOKING RESPONSIBILITIES ARE SHARED AMONG EVERYONE IN THE CLUB.**

>>Fairbanks parents:

Who cooked breakfast?

>>Fairbanks children:

We all did!

>>Blythers:

The Edge of Night Camping Club is a group of families that go camping. The Club has been around about eleven years and we're getting larger every summer.

>>Blythers:

Being a single parent of two boys, they wanted to be outdoors a lot and I didn't feel safe in the neighborhood, so I took them to the outdoors where I felt comfortable in State Parks and they loved it and wanted to bring their friends and a few of my friends wanted to come and that's kind of how we got organized and it's been great.

>>MALE NARRATOR

**THE EDGE OF NIGHT CAMPING CLUB HOSTS EVENTS LIKE THIS GROUP CAMPOUT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, AND IT'S OPEN TO ANYONE.**

	<p>&gt;&gt;Blythers: Okay, we have all day... &gt;&gt;Camper: Well, you'd better get started then!</p> <p>&gt;&gt;Blythers: Our mission basically is spending time with your children in the outdoors, keeping families together, doing wholesome fun, and just family oriented things.</p>
	<p>&gt;&gt;<b>MALE NARRATOR:</b> <b>INDIAN SPRINGS STATE PARK IS KNOWN AS AMERICA'S FIRST STATE PARK, A FITTING LOCATION FOR THE FAIRBANKS'S FIRST CAMPOUT. AFTER BREAKFAST, THE CAMPING CLUB, AS WELL AS SOME FRIENDLY NEIGHBORS HELP THE FAIRBANKS PITCH THEIR TENTS.</b></p>
	<p>&gt;&gt;Brenda Fairbanks: We had neighbors show us how to pitch the tent and what was important and we all bonded while we were doing it.</p>
	<p>&gt;&gt;<b>MALE NARRATOR:</b> <b>NOW THAT CAMP IS SET UP, IT'S TIME TO HAVE SOME FUN. THE KIDS ENTER A PARK-WIDE FISHING COMPETITION. STATE PARKS ARE GREAT PLACES TO INTRODUCE KIDS TO FISHING. MANY STATE PARKS LIKE INDIAN SPRINGS HAVE PUBLIC FISHING AREAS AND HOST REGULAR PUBLIC FISHING EVENTS THAT ARE EASY TO GET INVOLVED WITH.</b></p> <p>&gt;&gt;Kayla Fairbanks I sign up for this fishing contest and so first I'm like I'm not going to win, (laughter) but then I just went down on the dock, and like threw my fishing rod out, you know, waited a couple minutes and all of the sudden I saw my string go under water, so I pulled it out and all it was was just this little fish and I got fourth place.</p> <p>&gt;&gt;Brenda Fairbanks: Fourth place!</p> <p>&gt;&gt;Kayla Fairbanks: Yeah, I'd never been fishing before so this was my first time.</p> <p>&gt;&gt;Ridge Fairbanks: Me either and I almost caught a fish.</p> <p>&gt;&gt;Brenda Fairbanks: Caught</p> <p>&gt;&gt;Ridge Fairbanks: Caught</p>
	<p>&gt;&gt;Brenda: What about the low country boil?</p> <p>&gt;&gt;Blythers: Usually when we camp we have a night where we have like a big picnic and we're doing the low country boil today.</p> <p><b>MALE NARRATOR:</b> <b>A LOW COUNTRY BOIL IS KNOWN AS A ONE-POT MEAL. INVITING A VARIETY OF INGREDIENTS, NO TWO BOILS ARE THE SAME... CLUB MEMBER, DWAYNE JACKSON ISN'T USUALLY THE CHEF, BUT TODAY HE STEPPED UP TO THE TASK.</b></p> <p>&gt;&gt;Jackson: I was a guest. And I was one of the first to arrive and now I wound up being the cook.</p> <p>&gt;&gt;Jackson Alright, we got cabbage, celery, we got two types of sausage, we've got corn, we've got some potatoes in there as well...we got some legs in here</p>

	<p>&gt;&gt;Rick Fairbanks: Well, the Low Country Boil was quite impressive. The food spread that Yvonne put on was great.</p> <p>&gt;&gt;Brenda Fairbanks: After that we sat around the fire with the group. And we must have talked until like two in the morning. It was a lot of fun. We started going around the circle playing games, naming movies, airplanes, cars, all different topics.</p> <p>&gt;&gt;Rick Fairbanks: Everybody had a great time. It was new to us. And, the second time around I think it's gonna be no problem whatsoever. I think it'll be more enjoyable.</p>
	<p>&gt;&gt;<b>MALE NARRATOR:</b> <b>A FEW DAYS LATER, WITH A LITTLE BIT OF EXPERIENCE UNDER THEIR BELTS, THE FAIRBANKS PREPARE FOR THEIR FIRST UNSUPERVISED CAMPOUT.</b></p> <p>&gt;&gt;Kayla Fairbanks: We might have some difficulties, bit I think we can handle it...</p>
	<p>&gt;&gt;<b>MALE NARRATOR:</b> <b>BEFORE GOING ON THEIR OWN, THEY TEST OUT THEIR SOLO CAMPING SKILLS...ON A SMALLER SCALE.</b></p> <p>&gt;&gt;<b>MALE NARRATOR:</b> <b>BACKYARD CAMPING IS A GREAT WAY TO TEST OUT GEAR...AND IT'S EASY ACCESS FOR AMENITIES LIKE EXTRA BLANKETS OR POPCORN. COMING UP, WE'LL SEE HOW THE FAIRBANKS MANAGE ON THEIR OWN AT Ft MOUNTAIN STATE PARK.</b></p>
	<p>&gt;&gt;<b>FEMALE NARRATOR:</b> <b>BOOKS ARE A GOOD WAY TO INTRODUCE YOUR FAMILY TO THE GREAT OUTDOORS. HERE ARE A FEW THAT OUR YOUNG REVIEWERS LIKED.</b></p> <p>&gt;&gt;<b>YOUNG BOY:</b> <b>IF YOU LIKE TO TELL SCARY STORIES IN THE DARK, THIS WILL BE A GREAT BOOK FOR YOU. IT IS CALLED <u>MORE SCARY STORIES TO TELL IN THE DARK</u>. IT HAS 28 VERY SCARY, CREEPY, HAUNTED AND SPOOKY SHORT STORIES AND THE PICTURES ARE VERY DETAILED AND VERY SCARY. HERE IS AN EXAMPLE OF A STORY IN THE BOOK. IT IS CALLED THE VOICE, IT IS ABOUT A GIRL WHO STARTS HEARING VOICES WHEN SHE WAS IN HER ROOM. THE VOICE GETS LOUDER AND CLOSER UNTIL IT IS RIGHT BY HER BED! SHE SCREAMS AND WAKES UP, BUT THERE IS NOTHING THERE. THIS STORY REALLY SCARED ME BUT MOST OF ALL I HAD FUN! THIS IS A GREAT BOOK TO READ IN THE DARK. I THINK IT IS AN AWESOME BOOK.</b></p> <p>&gt;&gt;<b>YOUNG GIRL:</b> <b>IN THE BOOK, <u>AMELIA BEDELIA GOES CAMPING</u>, IT SEEMS THAT AMELIA BEDELIA CAN'T DO ANYTHING RIGHT. AMELIA CAN'T PITCH A TENT EVEN WITH TWO BOYS HELPING HER. WHEN SHE CATCHES A BIG FISH FOR DINNER SHE LETS IT GO. SHE WASTES THE COFFEE, SHE CAN'T START A CAMP FIRE, AND SHE HAS NO IDEA WHATSOEVER HOW TO ROW A BOAT. MR. AND MRS. ROGERS BEGIN TO THINK THE CAMPING TRIP IS RUINED WHEN MRS. ROGERS GETS A SURPRISE. BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO READ THE BOOK TO FIND OUT. I THINK YOU SHOULD READ <u>AMELIA BEDELIA GOES CAMPING</u> BECAUSE IT IS EASY TO READ, VERY GOOD AND FUNNY TOO.</b></p> <p>&gt;&gt;<b>YOUNG BOY:</b> <b>DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN COOK FOOD IN AN ALUMINUM CAN OR EVEN A PAPER BAG? THERE ARE MANY THINGS I DID NOT KNOW ABOUT COOKING BEFORE READING COOKING IN A CAN. I FOUND OUT THAT PLANNING AHEAD AND MAKING A LIST BEFORE MAKING A CAMPING TRIP WILL SAVE ME TIME. I LEARNED THAT ALL RIVERS LAKES AND PONDS ARE NOT GOOD FOR DRINKING WATER. ONE OF THE BEST KINDS OF FIRE IS A LOG CABIN FIRE. IT'S ONE OF THE BEST BECAUSE IT BURNS SLOWLY AND IS PERFECT FOR COOKING. COOKING IN A CAN</b></p>

	<p><b>TAUGHT ME HOW COOKING OUTDOORS CAN BE A COOL THING TO DO, I CAN'T WAIT TO TRY IT!</b></p>
	<p>&gt;&gt;<b>MALE NARRATOR:</b> <b>AFTER RENTING SOME GEAR, LEARNING A THING OR TWO FROM SOME EXPERIENCED CAMPERS, AND TESTING OUT THEIR SKILLS IN THE BACKYARD, THE FAIRBANKS HEAD TO FT MOUNTAIN STATE PARK FOR THEIR FIRST TRIP ALONE. LOCATED IN CHATSWORTH, GA, JUST 90 MILES NORTH OF ATLANTA, FT MOUNTAIN GETS ITS NAME FROM A MYSTERIOUS ROCK WALL BUILT HUNDREDS OF YEARS AGO. THIS 855-FOOT MARVEL SITS AT THE HIGHEST POINT OF FT MOUNTAIN'S 3,700-ACRE FOREST.</b></p> <p>&gt;&gt;Brenda Fairbanks: Well, we started the day out getting up really early. We packed up the car, loaded up everything, hoped we didn't forget anything, and drove up to Fort Mountain.</p> <p>&gt;&gt;Ranger: How you guys doing?</p> <p><b>BECAUSE THIS IS THE FAMILY'S FIRST CAMPOUT, WE ARRANGED FOR A SPECIAL GUIDED TOUR ALONG ONE OF THE PARK'S MANY NATURE TRAILS.</b></p>
	<p>&gt;&gt;Ensley It's about 3800 acres in size. We have an elevation, the highest at a little over 2800 feet. We've got about 70 miles of trails on this park alone. That's probably the largest trail system in the state park system. What makes Ft. Mountain pretty unique is the drastic elevation change: say from Chatsworth, which is a little over 800 feet, then you go up to a little over 2800 feet in about six miles, so it's a pretty drastic elevation change. You got spectacular vistas, and also having that drastic elevation change, the mountain has its own weather patterns too that are kind of unique to the area.</p>
	<p>&gt;&gt;Rick Fairbanks: It's a beautiful park; it's in the wilderness you feel like you're in touch with nature here. The overlooks are fantastic and it's just a great park to visit. We had a trip with a ranger. We did a trail walk. We saw a tower that was built back in the '30s during the Great Depression.</p> <p>&gt;&gt;<b>MALE NARRATOR:</b> <b>THIS FIRE TOWER WAS BUILT BY THE CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS. PRESIDENT FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT HELPED RESOLVE THE GREAT DEPRESSION OF THE 1930S BY PUTTING THESE YOUNG MEN TO WORK. THE CCCS WERE ABLE TO FEED THEIR FAMILIES AND THEMSELVES DURING THESE DIRE TIMES THROUGH LABOR AND DETERMINATION. BUILDINGS BUILT BY THE CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS CAN BE FOUND IN STATE PARKS THROUGHOUT GEORGIA.</b></p> <p>&gt;&gt;Sydnee Fairbanks: And after that we went to a fort that was built by ancient people, but they don't really know who they were.</p>
	<p>&gt;&gt;Ensley I guess the mystery, the mystery of it. I don't know if we'll ever know for sure who built the wall or for what purpose, but think it's fun for folks to basically come up, visit the park, visit the mountain, and make their own speculations and wonder about it.</p>
	<p>&gt;&gt;<b>MALE NARRATOR:</b> <b>EVEN AFTER PRACTICING AT HOME, THE FAIRBANKS RUN INTO SOME COMPLICATIONS.</b></p> <p>&gt;&gt;Brenda Fairbanks: We tried to pitch our tent which was kind of funny because we had three tents last- two tents last time and we pitched them without any problem and we even did it in our backyard,</p>

	<p>&gt;&gt;Sydnee Fairbanks: When we were setting up the campsite we had some difficulties with the smaller tent, but the big tent we got pretty good. With the smaller tent we couldn't find which way the poles would go or which ways to set the cover on top. But after that we found out the right way and everything went pretty good.</p>
	<p>Male Narrator: <b>FT MOUNTAIN STATE PARK IS ONE OF FIVE STATE PARKS WITH EQUESTRIAN TRAILS. IF YOU'RE LOOKING TO GO HORSEBACK RIDING AT THE PARK, THE FOLKS AT FORT MOUNTAIN STABLES ARE HAPPY TO HELP.</b></p> <p>&gt;&gt;Callihan: At Fort Mountain Stables we do trail rides. We got about twenty miles of riding trails we can do. very beautiful rides.</p> <p>&gt;&gt;Callihan: What you've got here is your reins, that's how you're going to control your horse.</p> <p>&gt;&gt;<b>MALE NARRATOR</b> <b>LOOKING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EVERYTHING FORT MOUNTAIN STATE PARK HAS TO OFFER, THE FAIRBANKS SIGNED UP FOR A TOUR OF THE MOUNTAIN VIA HORSEBACK. AFTER SOME INSTRUCTION, THE FAMILY GOT ACQUAINTED WITH THEIR HORSES.</b></p> <p>&gt;&gt;Sydnee Fairbanks: Well they gave us horses and I got the best one.</p> <p>&gt;&gt;Kayla Fairbanks and my brother kind of got the fastest horse</p> <p>&gt;&gt;Sydnee Fairbanks: My sister got the lazy one</p> <p>&gt;&gt;Kayla Fairbanks I got the spunky horse</p> <p>&gt;&gt;Sydnee Fairbanks: My mom got the spunky one.</p> <p>&gt;&gt;Kayla Fairbanks: My mom, she kind of got the feisty horse</p> <p>&gt;&gt;Sydnee Fairbanks: and my dad got the horse that didn't know what it was doing</p> <p>&gt;&gt;Kayla Fairbanks: My dad's horse, he really wasn't that good.</p> <p>&gt;&gt;Rick Fairbanks: I've been on a horse twice in my life and my wife was scared of me because I was tailgating her, but my daughters ride every weekend and they're old pros at this and it worked out great for them and the little boy, they put him on top of a horse and said 'giddyup, let's go.' He was a little nervous, but it worked out good for him, his first horseriding experience worked out great.</p> <p>&gt;&gt;Ridge Fairbanks: We went horseback riding and I was scared at the beginning I got the steering part and then I didn't</p>

	<p>have to make him go because he sort of followed the other horses.</p> <p>&gt;&gt;Brenda Fairbanks We just love being outdoors and the fact that we are all together as a family is really exciting for us. We-we don't get a chance to do that very often and just being on horses which part of the family loves and it's so relaxing to see the views and the scenery out here Sydnee and Kayla were in hog heaven because they love horses. The stable manager showed us scenes that, you know, being that high up on a horse that you probably wouldn't see just hiking</p> <p>&gt;&gt;Kayla Fairbanks: We had lots of fun. We got to see lots of mountains, great views, the trail was really fun. Yeah.</p> <p>&gt;&gt;Brenda Fairbanks: Very, very peaceful and relaxing for us.</p> <p>&gt;&gt;Callihan: This is a great place to take families riding out here. I mean, good time to get families together. Just having them laugh, and smile, and stuff like that. Especially, especially the kids who've never ridden before, they start out scared and nervous and they come back laughing and grinning and that's what it's all about.</p> <p>&gt;&gt;Brenda Fairbanks: Horseback riding was so much fun. I haven't been on a horse since I was in, like high school. So, I was a little nervous in the beginning, but it was fun watching the kids have fun with it.</p> <p>&gt;&gt;Ridge Fairbanks: That was fun.</p> <p>&gt;&gt;Brenda Fairbanks: That was great! I loved it!</p>
	<p><b>MALE NARRATOR:</b> <b>AFTER SUCH AN EXCITING DAY, THE FAIRBANKS CELEBRATE WITH A FEAST.</b></p>
	<p>&gt;&gt;Brenda Fairbanks: We brought a variety of food because we didn't know what we'd be hungry for so, we have chicken, sausage, hot dogs, corn on the cob, beans. It's a pretty big meal, but, you know, we're open to share it with any neighbors if they come around.</p> <p>&gt;&gt;Kayla Fairbanks: It's fun being up here in the woods because well it's really peaceful and everything.</p> <p>&gt;&gt;Sydnee Fairbanks: It's probably fun hanging with my family because we get to talk more instead of them being at work all the time. And we get to hang out more</p> <p>&gt;&gt;Ridge Fairbanks: Well, I like staying in the tent. I love it when it rained in the tent. Sounds fun. I never tried it before, I think. Sounds fun.</p>
	<p>&gt;&gt;Brenda Fairbanks: Each of us had our- had our responsibilities. One person was responsible for making sure that the food list was there, the sleeping bags, the tent, the firewood.</p> <p>&gt;&gt;Rick Fairbanks: During our downtime, strictly tonight will be a campfire. Probably cooking some marshmallows. We got a radio we're going to listen to for some music and just sit around the campfire with some folding chairs and be comfortable and enjoy.</p>

	<p>&gt;&gt;<b>MALE NARRATOR:</b> <b>WE ASKED THE FAIRBANKS WHAT THEY ENJOYED MOST ABOUT THEIR CAMPING EXPERIENCES.</b></p> <p>&gt;&gt;Kayla Fairbanks: My favorite part about camping was like the the fire, , and how we got to like sit around and roast the marshmallows.</p> <p>&gt;&gt;Brenda Fairbanks: I don't know if I had a favorite experience, the whole thing was great. From the moment we knew we were going on the camping trip we started packing like a week early. The kids were all excited trying to decide what they were going to bring we got there. We all made breakfast together. It was a real bonding experience for us. We don't get a lot of time together during the week, so it was like a lot of fun to be together that weekend. Everybody had their different assignments: cooking, girls made pancakes and waffles.</p>
	<p>&gt;&gt;<b>MALE NARRATOR:</b> <b>WITH GEORGIA'S STUNNING ECOLOGICAL DIVERSITY, FAMILIES ARE ABLE TO EXPERIENCE A VAST ARRAY OF CAMPING OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS THE STATE.</b></p>
	<p>&gt;&gt;Lane: There are a lot of different kinds of alternative camping, new camping that's a little bit different from our classic stereotype of what camping is. One thing that's great to do is to go canoe camping or kayak camping. You can do that on lakes, rivers. You can do that on the coastal marshes that we have on the coast of Georgia; just a lot of great fun.</p> <p>&gt;&gt;<b>MALE NARRATOR:</b> <b>CONSIDERED BY MANY TO BE THE EASIEST FORM OF CAMPING, CAR CAMPING OFFERS FAMILIES THE CHANCE TO BRING MANY OF THEIR FAVORITE AMENITIES WITH THEM ON THE ADVENTURE. SIMPLY PULL UP TO AN ESTABLISHED CAMPGROUND, SET UP A TENT AND ENJOY THE OUTDOORS.</b></p> <p>&gt;&gt;<b>MALE NARRATOR:</b> <b>THOUGH IT MAY NOT BE RIGHT FOR YOUR FIRST TIME OUT, A MORE ADVENTUROUS WAY TO ENJOY FAMILY CAMPING IS BY SPELUNKING OR CAVING. GEORGIA IS HOME TO OVER 500 CAVES WAITING TO BE EXPLORED BY THE MORE EXPERIENCED CAMPING FAMILIES.</b></p> <p>&gt;&gt;<b>MALE NARRATOR:</b> <b>PRIMITIVE CAMPING, ALSO KNOWN AS BACKPACKING IS ONE OF THE BEST WAYS FOR FAMILIES TO GET IN TOUCH WITH NATURE. ALL THE EQUIPMENT YOU'LL NEED IS CARRIED IN A BACKPACK OVER THE DURATION OF YOUR TRIP. THE KEY CONCEPT IS "PACK IT IN ; PACK IT OUT OR LEAVE NO TRACE" EVERYTHING YOU BRING INTO THE WILDERNESS IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY. PRIMITIVE CAMPERS STRIVE TO LEAVE THEIR CAMPSITE AND THE TRAIL CLEANER THAN IT WAS WHEN THEY FIRST ARRIVED, WHICH IS A GREAT WAY FOR PARENTS TO INSTILL RESPONSIBILITY AND VALUES IN THEIR CHILDREN. ANY OF THESE CAMPING METHODS CAN HELP FORM A LASTING FAMILY BOND.</b></p>
	<p>&gt;&gt;Blythers: I think family camping is important because with our busy schedule a lot of people don't see their children 'till the evening and maybe a few minutes in the morning when they're rushing them off to school. When you come out camping you get to spend quality time, you know, hours together and you really get to talk with your children and do activities with your children and maybe learn something about them that you didn't know.</p>
	<p>&gt;&gt;<b>MALE NARRATOR:</b> <b>FAMILY TIME IS A PRICELESS GIFT THAT CAN BE CELEBRATED OFTEN, AND WHAT BETTER WAY</b></p>

	<b>TO ENJOY THOSE MOMENTS THAN IN NATURE'S UNINTERRUPTED ENVIRONMENT. ESCAPING WITH LOVED ONES HAS NEVER BEEN EASIER OR MORE ACCOMODATING THAN NOW...AFTER ALL, EVEN THE FARTHEST REACHES OF GEORGIA BEGIN RIGHT IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD.</b>
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