

Time for summer camp!

Here are ideas for adding a creative and homemade touch to camp. Decorate with beads, tape and thread, and have as much fun as your kids!

1 Gear up before camp

Before they go to camp, kids can decorate and personalize their basic gear (alarm clocks, hairbrushes, backpacks, lip gloss, small tin containers). Decorate these with red-liner double-sided tape, threads and beads — everyone will know who owns the colorful gear. Have your child pick a favorite color thread (like purple), and decorate all of their camp stuff with that thread.

2 Make a "Care Package" for your child

Fill an organizer with creative projects, from bunk activities to birthday crafts (for those away during their birthdays) to stationery kits.

Organizer idea: EMBELLISHED TOTE BAG

Lay an 8" x 10" piece of double-sided Treasure Tape on a plain purchased tote, cover with your child's own artwork (or your artwork) the same size or smaller, then lay another sheet of Treasure Tape on top. Remove the red liner to expose the sticky part, and embellish with threads, buttons, and beads. Write your child's name, "Art Camp" or another message with a paint pen.

Activity idea: PERSONALIZED PENS

The child simply takes a pen, wraps it in red liner double-sided tape and proceeds to decorate with everything from threads to beads to rhinestones

to silk flowers or other small embellishments that you find. Make up little kits that contain all decorative bits, threads, and tape. Your kids can invite new camp friends to decorate with them.

3 Memory crafts after camp

With all the pictures taken at camp, make a fun project for your child around the theme of "Memories." Buy an unfinished wooden frame at a craft store, then embellish it with red-liner double-sided tape, beads, flowers, threads, etc. Your child may want to make a frame for each friend or counselor from camp. What a special gift!

How to start

Get bead, thread and tape supplies online at www.kreinik.com

- 8" x 10" Red-liner Treasure Tape
- 1-inch roll Red-liner Treasure Tape
- tube of Diamond Beadlets
- Mrs. K's Dimensional Threads in purples, pinks, blues, greens



