

The Great Family Camping Trip!

“Finally! We’re here!” “Oh! Let me start at the beginning”, it all started yesterday when....” (The day before) “Kids, we’re going on a camping trip!” Miss Karen called from the kitchen. “Yay...” shouted Kellen and Riley from the living room. At the time they were playing a game. Kellen and Riley were nine and seven years old. “Awesome!” called Susie from her room. She had been watching TV. She was 11 years old and she had gone camping once before, but it was in a camper. This time they were going to go in a tent.

Kellen and Riley had never gone camping before, so they were super excited! “When are we going?” asked Kellen as he walked into the kitchen. “Tomorrow morning”, answered Miss Karen. “Like that will happen”, remarked Susie. “If we plan to leave in the morning it will be afternoon by the time we leave”, said Susie jokingly. “Haha, very funny Susie”, Miss Karen said laughing. “If I say we are going to leave in the morning, I mean it!” remarked Miss Karen with a smile.

Susie called it. The next morning all the kids were ready, but their Mom was still gathering up her stuff. Kellen looked up at Susie with a face that said, “you were right”! After they got all their stuff packed up and finally all were seated in the car, they were off. But, in a few minutes they were back... “We forgot the tent!” cried Miss Karen. “Can you guys run in and get it?” asked Miss Karen. “Uh, yes Mom” they said with a sigh. Getting out of the car they went to the basement to get the tent. They put it up and swept it out and put it in the car and then they were off... again.

“I’m bored,” whispered Kellen to his mom who was in the seat in front of him. He whispered because Riley had fallen asleep. “We’ve only been in the car one-half hour”, Miss Karen said talking to Kellen. “You better not be bored”, she continued in a quiet voice, “we still have an hour to go”. “What?!” Kellen called out forgetting to be quiet, “we still have an hour?!” By that time, Riley was awake, but they hadn’t realized it yet. “What?”, we still have an hour!” Riley exclaimed! Susie, Kellen, and Miss Karen turned their heads to Riley, then Miss Karen said at last, “Oh, Kellen... you woke up Riley, she was sleeping so soundly...” “Sorry Mom”, Kellen said with a sorry look on his face. “It’s okay Kellen”, Miss Karen said with a soothing tone.

“When is lunch?” called Riley. “Lunch!” Susie said, “We had lunch before we left, it’s three-thirty now, when we get there it wont even be supper time”. Miss Karen interrupted, “I knew you guys would get hungry, so I packed snacks in the back.” “Thanks Mom!” Riley said opening up a box. “Here they are!” Riley said, passing some to everyone. “Thanks Riley!” said Kellen and Susie.

"How long are we staying?" asked Susie. "About three nights", answered Miss Karen. The rest of the way the kids saw tons of cool things. Then they saw a sign that said, "Welcome to Saltfork State Park"! "Finally we're here!", Susie called out. The kids watched as their mom pulled into a camping spot. When they got out they saw their Grandma and cousin putting up their tent! All three kids ran to them, "we didn't know you would be here!" "Surprise!" Miss Karen said laughing from the car. "Come on kids, help me un-pack". Susie pulled out the tent and walked over to where her grandma was and started to put it up.

By the time the tents were set up and everyone was settled it was five-thirty. "Kids, come on and get your stuff for dinner, we're making pizzas over the fire!" said Miss Karen. The kids excitedly hurried to make their fun dinner. That night they could hear raccoons in the woods, but the cool breeze put them right to sleep.

"Good morning!" said Susie as Riley walked out of the tent. Riley was the last one awake after everyone had eaten breakfast. The kids asked what they were going to do today. "Well?" their Grandma said, "first we are going to take a stroll around the campground". After that they went to the lake and they swam and swam. Then they had lunch. After lunch they headed back to their tents and hung out.

One of the kids stumbled upon a path and asked if they could all see where it led? They started out on another adventure and found it led to the lake. They went and got their fishing gear and decided to fish that evening. They had hot dogs and S'mores for dinner when they got back. After their long day they got showers and went to bed. It had been a long, but fun day.

The next morning there were campfire cinnamon rolls for breakfast! They were going to leave the next morning, but they decided to do some more fishing for this morning. It began to rain, so they went back to their tents to wait it out. "I cant believe we're leaving tomorrow", said Kellen to Susie. "I know, but I'm sort of going to be glad to sleep in my own bed", said Susie. "ya, I guess so..." Kellen answered. "Kids, the rain stopped" Miss Karen called, "let's eat lunch."

After lunch they went to the lake to swim again. The water was refreshing. Later that night they sat on the bench beside their tent and watched the stars. What a beautiful night and they thought of all the fun they had.

The next morning everyone was packing up all their stuff, then they said their goodbyes and they left. When they got home Miss Karen said, "It's good to be home." "Can we go again next year?" asked Riley! "Why not" said Miss Karen with a sigh.

The End