

SIMULATED NATURE SETTING

If you do not have a natural setting available, you can construct a simulated setting in an all-purpose room or even a hallway. The preparations can be done by parents and/or leaders. Use your imagination. Try some of these suggestions:

1. Line the walls with large paper trees you have colored and cut out.
2. Place leaves around the paper trees—gather real ones, or take them from artificial arrangements.
3. Set out stuffed animals that might make their homes in the woods—birds, bears, squirrels, chipmunks, frogs, foxes, snakes, etc. You might want to draw foot prints or tracks leading to some of the animals.
4. Make a paper lake, and place stones around it. Gather some twigs to build a model of a beaver dam in the lake.
5. Make a paper stream that flows into the lake, and build a "bridge" over it. Draw plant and animal life in the stream.
6. Use large stones and twigs to make a model of a fire ring.
7. Place potted plants around the edges of trees and streams.
8. Hang paper birds from the ceiling.
9. Draw a sun, rainbow, and clouds.
10. Set up a small tent.

