

LET'S CAMP!

ACTIVITY: CABIN CHAT IN A FORT!

Cabin Chat is a big part of our summer camp programming. Each night after settling into bed, before drifting off to dreamland, campers and counselors have Cabin Chat. This is a time where they get to reflect on the day, talk about life, answer silly questions, and share stories. We challenge YOU to have Cabin Chat at home. To make it more fun and interesting we'd like you to build a fort, because who doesn't love a good fort!



Step 1: Build a fort! It can be as big, or as small, as you'd like. Some elements of an awesome fort: twinkle lights, turtle pillows, camp blankets/quilts, couch cushions, pillows, and something fuzzy!

Step 2: Find an item that will designate the speaker. At camp we use a Twilight Turtle, but you could choose a turtle pillow, a woodshop turtle, a television remote, or even a shoe. The possibilities are endless!

Step 3: Go over the cabin chat rules:

- Only one person speaks at a time. The speaker should hold your designated item from above.
- Acknowledge or agree with someone's answer by snapping your fingers, rubbing your palms together, or clicking your tongue.
- Only laugh if it was meant to be funny.
- Cabin chat is a safe place to share.

Step 4: Chat away! Create your own questions, or use some of our favorite Cabin Chat Questions:

- If you could have any superpower, what would you have and why?
- If you could fill a pool with anything other than water, what would it be, why?
- If you could create a new building/site at The Painted Turtle what would it be?
- If you could go back in time and fart anywhere, where would you go and why?
- Would you rather hug a porcupine or kiss a lizard?
- What is something that you would like to learn how to do?
- If you could open your own store and sell anything, what would you sell?
- Rose and Thorn of the day (a highlight and a challenge)

Step 5: Send us a photo of you in your epic fort creation! Tag us on social media or email your photos to us at dearcamp@thepaintedturtle.org!