

## KID YES DAY Going Wild Ideas

# Taking it Up a Notch in the Great Outdoors

- Remote camping
- Solo hike. At night.
- Sleep outside in the winter
- Following a bear to its lair
- Trapping a wild animal to pat it and bring it home



My kid gets lost... Rabies...  
...Eaten by a wild animal...



...I'm too tired for an  
adventure right now...

Outdoor skill courses  
and gear are expensive...



## The Workaround

Consider these steps to get from the original idea to a modified version that is just as fun (and also safe & practical).

- 1 Identify the main draw: What is it about the idea that excites your kid(s)?
- 2 Identify obstacles, set parameters, plan ahead and be ready to problem-solve.
- 3 Find a fun (and safe) pivot idea.

With a few collaborative nuts, bolts and tweaks to the initial idea, your kid has an exciting concept creation that's ready to go!

- **SNOW FORT SLEEPOVER:** Build a **quinzhee** in your backyard and use winter gear for a night outside!
- **DRY RUN:** Depending on your kid(s)' level of experience, remote camping can be worked towards in stages. Do a dry run before embarking on the real thing.
- **OUT OF SIGHT HIKE:** Rather than diving into a solo night hike, have your kid(s) lead the way on a night hike while the parents hang behind, using walkie talkies to keep in touch which your child gets to feel the independence of 'going it alone'.
- **MEET THE ANIMALS:** Visit a conservation area, rehabilitation centre or local animal shelter as an introduction to wildlife.

## The Win



- New to camping and finding trails? **Try these apps** to locate hiking and camping destinations near you, and tips!
- Gear isn't cheap. Try renting from a retail outlet or borrowing from friends.
- Winter camping hacks, [here](#).