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Tea in the Park

A tea party in Elliott Park! This time, with iced tea! We are having games and a photo booth, come have a cool time with friends!



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Weston High School Graduating
Class of 1957
Hold That Tiger

What's Happening?

August Calendar:

8/12 Read To A Dog 10:00 am (Library)

8/13 Tea in the Park 1:00 pm (Elliott Park)

8/14 Monica Reads Storytime 10:30 am (Library)

Movie Mondays every week at 2:00 pm

Wednesdays at 3:30 pm Crafternoons

Every Thursday 1:00pm-5:00pm Library Club In The Park (Elliott Park)

Fridays at 10:30 am Preschool Storytime

New Materials at the Library

For Children

Spider in the Well by Jess Hannigan

Don't Trust Fish by Neil Sharpson

Stalactite and Stalagmite by Drew Beckmeyer

Howl's Moving Castle by Diana Wynne Jones

For Adults:

Yesteryear by Caro Claire Burke

The Things We Never Say by Elizabeth Strout

The Midnight Train by Matt Haig

The Calamity Club by Kathryn Stockett



Let's Take It Camping

I am not a camping enthusiast. It's a lot of prep and a lot of cleanup. It's uncomfortable and lacking in amenities. I like beds and electric stoves and television. I like to take a bubble bath every day. These things are indeed available in an RV, but that's not really what this essay is discussing. We recently had an emergency evacuation event, causing some of us to spend a night in our car in the parking lot of the Athena Elementary school*. This was miserable. We sat up in the front seats the whole time. It was indeed car camping, the simplest of all forms of camping, and it could have been better even in that school parking lot**.

Car camping could be great if you have a van. Lots of room for supplies and equipment. A little folding table fits in there, a big crate of snacks and supplies. You can stretch out on an air mattress on the floor, or on the bench seats. You can have a whole camp kitchen in there. It's almost an RV. Gas mileage is terrible, though, and might not be the quickest escape vehicle.

A nice modern SUV is more likely to be what we're driving, and it still has the room to accommodate lying down flat. That would have solved a lot of our issues in the evacuation. A mattress topper, a pillow top mattress cover, cotton sheets, and your actual pillow from your bed make the difference here. Bring a couple thick comforters to lie on, and quilts and blankets instead of sleeping bags, why not. There are little battery-powered fans with clips that can help you not feel suffocated, and strings of solar-powered lights to help you not feel like you're crouching in your cargo area.

I think it's a great idea to keep a tucker box in the car. A box full of nonperishable food and snacks, condiments and spices, if you like them. Bottled and canned beverages, those gallons of drinking water we know we need, keep the things you like to consume on hand for when you need them***. Make a box of cleansers and over the counter medications too. Fill a box with personal hygiene necessities. Make sure you have a box of entertainments as well. If this seems overwhelmingly expensive, get all that stuff at the dollar store. EVEN the food and snacks, because they have delicious name brand shelf safe options waiting there for you. They even have the boxes and the labels for the boxes.

As you can read for yourself, this is not about surviving in the woods for a week. It's about being comfortable in a parking lot for a couple of days until it's time to go home again. I fear there will be more opportunities to use an emergency escape set up in the future. This is, of course, just a few suggestions about making sitting in the car comfortable. There are some serious things you should have ready for emergencies as well. Birth certificates and cash and house deeds and phone chargers are only a few of the things you really need to escape with. Please visit www.redcross.org for better information. They are here to help.

*YES, we know we could have gone to the middle school in Pendleton for shelter, but Pendleton is very much too far away from Weston. What if the fire had closed Highway 11? We would be stuck over there for years.

**Also we tried staying in the parking lot at the park first, but it was mighty buggy.

***I mean, not right now, when it's so hot, and not in winter when it's so cold. Their quality will be compromised.