

# TimeOut Chicago

# Kids

## Express lane Camp care packages

Make their sleepaway experience even more memorable with these goodies. By **Kevin Aeh**

### Ready for their close-up

Insert this Fodeo memory card into your kid's digital camera and when he returns from camp, mail it in to have it transformed into a photo montage on a DVD. Your camper can relive his summer memories again and again. **\$30 at fodeo.net.**

### Bag, you're it!

Write a fun message, such as "Don't eat any fried worms at camp!" before you pack up this Graffeti backpack, featuring a dry-erase board. **\$28 at shotkitson.com**

### Smell ya letter

They'll want to write a few letters home using these Colored Smencils, a.k.a. scented pencils (flavors include grape, very berry, root beer and bubble gum), made from recycled newspaper. **\$16 at catchingfireflies.com.**

### Snap, crackle, yum!

Thanks to flavors such as caramel & marshmallow and rainbow sprinkles, these Crispycakes by the Crispery can create a serious sugar buzz, but it should wear off by the time your happy camper returns home. **\$3 at thecrispery.com.**

### Talk it up!

The deck of Camp Talk cards attached to a key chain (which also features a compass and flashlight) includes plenty of conversation-starting questions, perfect for campfire bonding sessions. **\$8 at toydirectory.com.**

### Sweet dreams are made of these!

Choose from a variety of designs (from dinosaurs to pink flamingos) as the background on your little one's monogrammed pillowcase. **\$20 at pillowcasegram.com.**

### We go together

Laundry isn't a top priority at camp, which means her mismatched (on purpose!) socks will fit right in with the other campers'. **\$8 for a pack of three at littlemissmismatched.com.**



First Words

## Packaged goods

No time to prepare a care package? Use one of these sites instead.

**Thewrinkledegg.com** Building your own package using à la carte items such as card games (\$8.50), books (around \$9) and beach towels (\$21) is pretty easy, but this site's pre-made care packages make it even easier for multitasking parents to

brighten their kids' sleepaway days. Customized "Happy Camper" care packages are available for boys and girls, and come in four sizes (\$30-\$100). **Eswak.com** Wanna get more specific with your package? Sealed with a Kiss (a.k.a. "swak") offers packs in various categories such as "Diva's Delight" (includes a "bling blossom book pillow" and a glitter eye-shadow kit; \$55), "Jock" (featuring a tabletop foosball game and an invisible-ink

sports-quiz book; \$50), and "World Cup" (filled with tons of soccer swag; \$35). **79gifts.com** Local company BasketWorks offers baskets for all ages (including many for adults). A small selection of kids-themed packages are available on the site. Our favorite is the Harry Potter basket, which includes Acid Pops, Droobles gum, Berties Every Flavor Beans and a paperback version of one of J.K. Rowling's books (starts at \$25). —KA