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Road Trip!

The past few months obviously haven't gone according to plan for anyone, and our own kids have been dealing with staying flexible, rolling with the punches, and adjusting expectations. Eva fell in love with Washington D.C. during her first semester at George Washington University. The day she realized she could leave her dorm and head out for a jog and be running past the White House a few minutes later was a revelation. But like most college students, her classes converted to online-only ("Zoom University") after spring break and she's been home ever since.

She had been looking forward to a second summer teaching kids "the ropes" on the high ropes adventure course at Camp Ramah, and instead she's leading her campers in cooking and crafts from home online. This is the first summer in eleven years that she hasn't spent living at camp in Ojai.

So it's been a big adjustment but she's handling herself with grace and dealing with things on the whole very well. Scott and I were happy when she planned her very first solo road trip!

Eva's best friend (they met at camp as rising fourth graders and have been besties ever since) lives in the Bay Area. Lilah goes to college in New York City but is home now and the girls miss each other a lot.

Eva hopped in her car (Scott's hand-me-down Prius) and made the eight-hour trip. She mapped out Costco gas stations and The Habit for lunch along the way.

They've been having fun just hanging out being best friends. They spent the day in San Francisco and have been doing their work-from-home camp counselor jobs (Lilah is a summer counselor too just like Eva.) Eva even experienced the joy of a road trip: waking up in the morning to a flat tire! She figured things out and handled it on her own.

For the fall, we're hoping Eva will be back on campus at GWU, attending classes and possibly doing an internship, but flexibility is the order of the day. To be continued!

Juliet's Corner



Strawberry White Chocolate Chip Cookies

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 Box Strawberry Cake Mix
- 1/2 cup Vegetable Oil
- 2 Eggs
- 2 cups White Chocolate Chips

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix together cake mix, vegetable oil, and eggs in a large bowl until combined. Mix in white chocolate chips and stir until evenly distributed. Place heaping spoonfuls onto an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake for 12 to 14 mins. Let set on pan for 2 mins then remove to a wire rack for cooling. Eat and enjoy!



Full Instructions: <https://easypeasypleasy.com/2016/01/20/4-ingredient-strawberry-white-chocolate-chip-cookies/>

Easy Summer Corn Salad

For Full Instructions: <https://tornadoughalli.com/easy-summer-corn-salad/>

INGREDIENTS:

- Sweet corn (fresh or frozen)
- Tomatoes
- Green peppers
- Red onion
- Olive oil
- Lime zest
- Cilantro
- Lime juice
- Salt & pepper

DIRECTIONS:

1. In medium bowl add all your ingredients and give it a good toss.
2. Cover with plastic wrap and chill for about an hour.

TIPS:

- We like to use fresh sweet corn on the cob, boil and slice off the cob, but you can use frozen (about 4 cups).
- There are a lot of different mix-ins that you could add to this salad such as avocado, cucumber, red or yellow peppers, etc. Really any vegetable is a good choice.
- You can use some cotija cheese in this corn salad if you like, we have added it in the past when we wanted a little cheese flavor to the mix, super good!
- Chilling it for about an hour helps the flavors marry really well, so I really suggest refrigerating for a little bit before serving.



DIY Stress Ball

The full directions can be found here:

<https://onelittleproject.com/how-to-make-a-stress-ball/>

SUPPLIES:

- 1 balloon (12 inch, rubber or latex)
- 1 cup flour
- Funnel



INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Blow up the balloon and then deflate it before you start.
2. Carefully pour flour into the funnel.
3. Keep adding more and more flour to the funnel and into the balloon until you're happy with the size.
4. Remove the funnel and tie a knot in the balloon.

COFFEE FILTER BUTTERFLIES

SUPPLIES:

- Dollar Store Coffee Filters
- Dollar Store Washable Markers
- Dollar Store Chenille Stems
- Dollar Store Pony Beads
- Dollar Store Zippered Bags – Gallon Size
- Spray Bottle filled with water



DIRECTIONS:

1. Draw random designs on the coffee filter with a variety of color
2. Mist coffee filter with water from a spray bottle and then let dry completely.
3. Create two tie-dyed coffee filters for each butterfly.
4. Fan fold two coffee filters to create each butterfly.
5. Stack fan folded coffee filters on top of each other, as pictured.
6. Fold chenille stem in half and place coffee filters one-third from base. Twist the bottom loop of the chenille stem. Twist once above the folded coffee filters, creating a tight section.
7. Leave a ½" loop and twist again to create the butterfly head. Leave the antennae straight.
8. Open and fluff out the wings of the butterfly. Pinch at the ends to retain the folds.
9. Thread a pony bead on the end of each antennae and curl into a swirl.

full instructions: https://www.organizedisland.com/how-to-make-coffee-filter-butterflies/?utm_medium=social&utm_source=pinterest&utm_campaign=tailwind_tribes&utm_content=tribes&utm_term=1027598100_46843098_198426



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Helpful Steps to Take If a Beneficiary Is Disputing Your Petition for Probate

Upon receiving notice that the beneficiary has an issue with the petition for probate, consider taking the following actions:

1. Contact an experienced estate litigation attorney right away. The faster that these disputes over a petition for probate are resolved, the less time and money you will spend.
2. Determine exactly why the beneficiary is disputing the petition. Did you improperly list the beneficiaries? Was the form incomplete? There are many potential conflicts that can arise over this complex form.
3. Consider filing an amendment to the petition for probate. If the beneficiary was right and the form was prepared incorrectly, it can generally be fixed. You will need to prepare the amendment in pleading format with a title that identifies the document that is being amended.



4. If the dispute involves missing information on the petition for probate, consider filing a supplement. A supplement is used to add missing information that was not included in the original petition. It should be prepared in the same manner as an amendment.
5. If the changes are substantial, it may make sense to completely re-do the petition for probate. It will still be filed as an amended petition, however. It is also important to note that a new notice may be need to be required for all interested parties, even if this notice was already provided when you originally filed the petition.

The disputes over a petition for probate are often common to many families, and this information may help someone else who is confused as to what to do next.