

Camp Trefoil: Theft at Camp!



Host Guide

The Set-up:

You are the camp director at Camp Trefoil. This camp is famous for the survival skills contest it runs every session. It was just discovered that someone stole the Survival Skills trophy that is kept locked in a trophy case in the dining hall. You've gathered all the campers together and are asking them to investigate the mystery.

You need at least 5 people to play. There are 5 required characters, 1 suggested character, and 6 optional characters. If you have more than 12 players, only 12 will play suspects and the others will be "happy campers" who can mix and mingle with the suspects and try to solve the mystery.

Supplies:

Suspect Guides	Host Guide
Paper	Sharpies for name tags
Pencils	Envelope containing Reveal
Happy Camper sheets for extra players	Name Tags

Instructions:

- Assign each Scout a suspect or let them choose based on the character descriptions or randomly.
- **DO NOT REVEAL** which characters are required
- If you have more scouts than suspects, that's ok! Some scouts can volunteer for roles and others can be Happy Campers who still participate in interviewing the suspects
- Create name tags for each suspect
- Provide pencil and paper for all suspects and any Happy Campers so they can take notes
- Give each suspect their **suspect guide**--it has a short description of the character, share information, and hide information. Give each Happy Camper their Happy Camper paper. They can use their real names.
- Start the mystery by reading the **Theft Announcement** and giving your scouts some time to introduce themselves as their character. If you have scouts who are not strong readers, you can read out the character descriptions. Make it fun!
- Once everyone is ready, they can move around and talk to each other, trying to find out as much information as they can. They can use their paper to write notes. You can give them a certain amount of time or let them talk as long as they want.
- Once everyone seems ready, gather them and have everyone say who they think the thief is. Then, read off the reveal of who the thief is. Depending on how many you have participating this could take anywhere from 45 to 90 minutes.

Suspects have both **share** and **hide** information. Scouts should try and keep their hide information to themselves, but if someone asks and they have the answer they have to answer them "I have nothing to say about that." Have your scouts take notes on what they've learned from different suspects. It's up to them whether they want to share these findings with other suspects or not.

The scout who is the thief **does not know** they are the thief. There will be an announcement you read out at the end that reveals who the thief is. Before this, you will gather your scouts after they have gotten enough information to vote on who the thief is. They can write their guesses on slips of paper for anonymous voting or go around and say their guesses out loud. Let them choose how they would like to play!

Theft Announcement (Read this to your scouts):

Every year at Camp Trefoil there is a Survival Skills competition. Our scouts compete to see who can light a fire the fastest with the least amount of matches, who can tie certain knots the quickest, who can make the most creative and waterproof shelter, who can make the best survival stew, and a few other things! Some of the skills are judged simply by timing the competitors. Other skills require the judges to rate the competitors' work. The counselors and other staff members judge the competition each year.

The winner of the competition wins the coveted Adventurer's Award trophy. This year, the trophy was stolen in the middle of the competition! The trophy was last seen in the camp's dining hall during the scouts' free time, giving the perfect opportunity for any scout to steal the trophy. The thief is still at the campsite, so it is up to you to discover the culprit's identity by figuring out if they had the **motive** (why), **means** (how), and **opportunity** (time/ability) to commit the crime. Good luck sleuths!

A few rules & suggestions:

- Your sheet contains share and hide information. Tell the share information to anyone and everyone!
- Don't volunteer the hide information. If someone asks a direct question, you must give an honest answer. Keep your sheet close so people don't peek!
- If someone asks a question that you can't answer, simply say "I have nothing to say about that."
- The thief does not know that they are the thief, so if you ask anyone directly if they stole the trophy they truly don't know.
- Take careful notes!

Suspect List:

Diya Patel - Required Character

Diya Patel is the previous winner of the Survival Skills competition. She was hoping to defend her title this year but sadly broke her leg while playing soccer right before camp started. Though she was feeling pretty down about not competing, her best friend, Harper made her feel better by deciding to sit out with her.

Jamie Smith - Required Character

Jamie Smith is a Cadette who has been going to camp ever since she was a Daisy. She is very competitive, especially when it comes to survival skills. She has never won the Survival Skills contest but is determined to this year. Although she has a fierce personality, she is also very honest and would never cheat. Jamie doesn't like Diya, as she won last year; or Angel, who threatens her chance of winning this year.

Alex Perez - Required Character

Alex Perez has always thought the competition was biased but never had any proof. She started helping around camp to try and find out more information on the competition. She still hasn't found any proof, but she's as determined as ever.

Angel Anderson - Required Character

Angel Anderson is the new girl at camp this year and decided to join the Survival Skills competition. Despite never being interested in survival skills before, she has gotten very good at the skills and is set on winning the competition. Angel's kind nature allowed her to quickly make friends around camp. At first, she felt insecure being the only new girl at camp but everyone promptly helped her put her worries aside.

Harper Ko - Required Character

Harper Ko is a returning camper and in the past has been a participant in the Survival Skills competition. She is excited to see her best friend Diya, who she only sees at

camp every year. However, before camp, Diya broke her leg and had to sit out of the competition. Feeling bad for her friend, Harper decided to sit out with her. She doesn't get along with Jamie, who thinks Diya shouldn't have won last year.

Evelyn White - Suggested Character

Evelyn White is hard to catch, always seemingly gone whenever you need her. She's known for her athletic prowess when it comes to running. She could beat anyone at camp in a race. Though it's never been confirmed, a few campers suspect that she's the camp thief. For a while now, small items have gone missing from campers' cabins, and Evelyn is the only one sneaky enough to pull it off.

Jesse Lopez

Jesse Lopez is adamant about her hate for survival skills. Every year, she sits out of the competition, instead complaining about it to anyone who will listen. She's been begging the counselors to change the competition to something else or to pick a new activity every year.

Katelyn Walker

Katelyn Walker always gets the worst scores in the Survival Skills competition at camp. However, Katelyn doesn't seem to mind, laughing it off and forgetting about it by the next day. She has been getting along well with Jada, and the two have bonded over their less-than-ideal performances.

Jada Harris

Jada Harris has wanted to win the Survival Skills competition in the past, but after becoming friends with Katelyn, she's started to not care about the competition. However, her sudden change in mindset isn't too surprising since she has never spent too much time on one thing.

Riley King

Riley King is a loyal friend who has been in Girl Scouts since she was a Daisy, alongside her best friend Jamie. While she isn't that invested in the survival skills competition, Riley helps Jamie practice so she's gotten pretty good.

Aisha Hadi

Aisha Hadi wants to win the Survival Skills competition like her mom did when she was her age. Her determination has allowed her to do very well in the competition. However, Aisha has a feeling she hasn't performed well enough to win so far, much to her dismay.

Sarah Scott

Sarah Scott is always practicing every type of survival skill any chance she gets. Sarah's resilience has allowed her to keep practicing, even though her skills haven't been improving. She's asked Diya and Angel for help, but none of their advice seems to work.

Voting Time

Gather the players to a central location and ask them if they would like to go around and share their votes or if they want to vote anonymously on paper. Do the vote and share how many votes each person received.

Thief Reveal: (Don't read until scouts have submitted their votes)

Over the course of your investigation, you likely learned a few interesting things about yourself and your fellow campers. Now that you've drawn your conclusions, it's time to find out who really stole the trophy.

After everyone gathered in the dining hall to hopefully figure out who the thief was, all the campers started to panic and defend themselves. As the campers argued, throwing accusations at each other left and right, one camper seemed to become especially anxious.

Before long, the pressure became too much to bear and she admitted to the crime. The thief was none other than Angel Anderson! This came as a big surprise to most campers, seeing as her personality seemed so angelic.

According to her confession, she slipped away during practice saying she needed to use the restroom. She quickly headed over to the dining hall and entered through the backdoor to the room where the trophy was stored. She picked the lock of the trophy case and then carefully hid the trophy in her cabin. Though she felt guilty while stealing the trophy, she was getting more and more anxious by the day wondering if she would actually win. Angel claims it was an impulsive action. She felt if she couldn't have the trophy no one else should be able to win it.

Along with her confession, Angel admitted why she wanted to win so badly. At school, she had a track record of cheating on her tests and in competitions. As a result of this, none of the students believed she could actually win anything. Angel was going to prove them wrong by bringing back the trophy, but since the only way she knew how to win things was by cheating, she fell back into old habits. The longer the competition went on, the more Angel felt as if she would get caught and disqualified, leading to her stealing the trophy.

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Diya Patel

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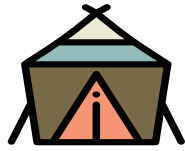
During the time of the crime you were in the med cabin having a checkup on your broken leg, which you broke playing soccer. Jesse, who was working at the med cabin during the theft, can confirm your whereabouts. Harper can also support where you were as she walked with you to the med cabin. Last year, Jamie had a huge fit when she didn't win and had to be pulled aside by the counselors. You wouldn't be surprised if she stole the trophy to get back at you. The trophy being gone doesn't matter much to you since you sat out of the competition. However, you do feel bad that Harper sat out of the competition with you.

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So, you actually didn't win the Survival Skills competition last year because of your talents alone. Your rich parents giving the counselors some cash may have influenced their decision. But, you couldn't let Jamie win! She was acting extremely rude to you and Harper all throughout camp. Is it your fault you wanted to get back at her? You didn't feel the need to steal the trophy, as you already won against Jamie last year.

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Jamie Smith

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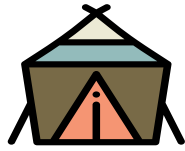
During the time of the crime you were hanging out in your cabin, eagerly awaiting for the next event in the competition. Last year, Diya won the trophy that was rightfully yours. You've always felt like the counselors, who judge the competition favored her. Fortunately for you, Diya broke her leg while playing soccer before the competition. Her best friend Harper, also sat out the competition. You suspect they stole the trophy after Diya couldn't compete just to spite you. Everyone seems to love that new girl Angel, but you've always been slightly unsettled by her. You're curious as to how she learned certain survival skills so fast.

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You haven't told anyone yet but during the competition, you saw Angel lighting her campfire with a lighter. This is supposed to be an honest competition! How could she do that? You would've told someone sooner but you don't have any proof since the campfire part of the competition had already happened. Everyone adores Angel, so if you told them now, it would make you seem like the bad guy. Again. Everyone was seated far away from the competitors, so it would've been hard to see the lighter. But the more you think about it, how did the counselors not notice? They were close enough so they could've seen it. Is there more to the cheating than you originally thought? You're going to stay on high alert for the rest of the competition.

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Alex Perez

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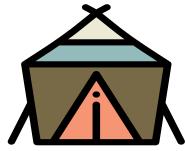
During the time of the crime you were helping set up the ceremony with some of the counselors. You've always felt the counselors were biased toward certain campers. Diya won last year despite other campers performing just as well. Also, the new girl, Angel seemed to learn a lot of survival skills very quickly. However, Jamie isn't favored nearly as much. You suspect she could've stolen the trophy, as she wasn't going to win.

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Around the time the trophy was stolen, you were helping the counselors set up the next event in the competition, but you were mainly there for a different reason. For weeks now, you've believed the contest was rigged in favor of certain campers. Earlier that day, you overheard the older counselors bragging to the new counselors how much money they got from Diya's parents last year. While setting up, you were trying to get them to admit the competition is biased. As you've been so busy with this, you haven't really thought about the trophy or the campers that are participating much.

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Angel Anderson

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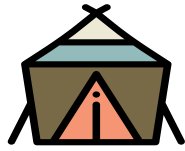
During the time of the crime you were practicing your survival skills. You don't want to accuse anyone of stealing the trophy because everyone at camp seems really nice. However, if you had to guess, you think it could be Diya, Jamie, or Harper. They each have a reason they could've stolen it. Diya, as she couldn't participate, Jamie, as she wasn't likely to win, and Harper, as she left the competition with Diya. But you want to believe no one stole it and maybe it got lost.

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You? Steal the trophy? Now why would you do that? You're basically guaranteed to win as everyone else here sucks at survival skills. It'd be pointless to go through the effort to steal the trophy if you're just gonna win anyway. Though, if you were to steal the trophy no one would suspect you as you've manipulated everyone into liking you. On the other hand, you're not exactly against cheating. You may have brought a lighter to the campfire-making event, but a girl's gotta do what she's gotta do to win! By cheating you're definitely going to win the competition, right? The kids at your school are going to finally understand how great you are when they see you with a trophy!

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Harper Ko

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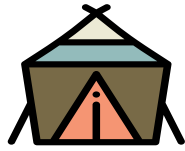
During the time of the crime you were reading a book in your cabin, Diya came in to grab something after her appointment in the med cabin. Though you were a little bummed out that you didn't get to participate in the competition this year, you didn't mind too much because it was for Diya. If you were to accuse someone of stealing the trophy, it would be Alex. She's been running all around camp lately, showing up in unexpected places, and never seemed to like the competition. Maybe she's been scheming to steal the trophy so she can rebel.

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OK... maybe you did stop at the dining hall to get a snack before going back to your cabin. You were hungry! You didn't tell the others because you would seem more suspicious, but you swear you had no intention of stealing the trophy! Plus, you saw that new girl in there too, grabbing an apple. Anyway, even though you don't want to admit it, you were feeling a little frustrated you couldn't participate in the competition this year because of Diya. But seeing how happy Diya is with you not participating in solidarity with her makes you feel conflicted. In the end, you decided to just try and stop thinking about your decision since you can't change the past.

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Evelyn White

Evelyn White is hard to catch, always seemingly gone whenever you need her. She's known for her athletic prowess when it comes to running. She could beat anyone at camp in a race. Though it's never been confirmed, a few campers suspect that she's the camp thief. For a while now, small items have gone missing from campers' cabins, and Evelyn is the only one sneaky enough to pull it off.

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During the time of the crime you were walking outside the dining hall front entrance with Aisha. Aisha confronted you about the flashlight you stole, which you gave back since this was the second time she'd caught you. You don't really feel bad about it just disappointed you were caught. You're actually pretty upset about the trophy being stolen. Why didn't you think of that? You find it ironic that Aisha appears to be against stealing when you believe she took the trophy herself. She's been set on winning despite not being as talented as Angel.

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As a few other campers have begun to notice, you have a habit of stealing things, not that you need them. Your family can buy you as many bandanas and flashlights as you want. You have to admit there's something fun about taking from others. The trophy, on the other hand, doesn't seem as exciting to steal. You would rather wait until someone wins it and then take it from them.

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Jesse Lopez

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During the time of the crime you were volunteering at the med cabin, Diya saw you, so she can verify your innocence. You've never liked learning survival skills, so you've taken to volunteering around camp during the competition. After Harper dropped Diya off at the Med Cabin instead of heading back towards her cabin she was heading towards the dining hall. You didn't think anything of it at the time, but hearing that her alibi was reading in her cabin it doesn't make much sense.

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You hate to admit it, but the reason you hate the Survival Skill competition so much is that you never learned any of the skills to begin with. You feel like you're too old now to admit it and that you'd end up embarrassing yourself. You'd rather compete in activities you already know how to do like archery or kayaking.

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Katelyn Walker

Katelyn Walker always gets the worst scores in the Survival Skills competition at camp. However, Katelyn doesn't seem to mind, laughing it off and forgetting about it by the next day. She has been getting along well with Jada, and the two have bonded over their less-than-ideal performances.

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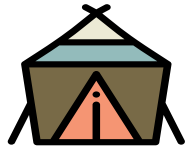
During the time of the crime you were at the camp's lake with Jada. You've never tried too hard when it came to survival skills, and your scores show it. Usually, you come in last place, but you aren't angry about it. You became quick friends with Jada, who also doesn't seem to care too much about survival skills. While other campers were participating in the competition, you and Jada would often go down to the lake and hang out. If you had to guess, you would say Angel stole the trophy. Ever since Angel came to camp, she's been so fake, though it seems only you and Jada have noticed.

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When Angel first arrived at camp she seemed familiar, but you just couldn't figure out how you knew her. At the start of the competition, you realized that you knew her from school. She had become infamous for cheating on her tests. You wouldn't be surprised if she cheated at the competition. Though it's not any of your business since you aren't participating.

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Jada Harris

Jada Harris has wanted to win the Survival Skills competition in the past, but after becoming friends with Katelyn, she's started to not care about the competition. However, her sudden change in mindset isn't too surprising since she has never spent too much time on one thing.

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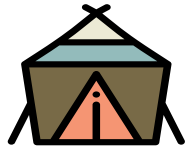
During the time of the crime you were at the camp's lake with Katelyn. Though you were never terrible at survival skills, you just didn't care for it. You found other activities to do at camp until Katelyn started coming to camp and you became friends. Whenever there was an activity involving survival skills, you and Katelyn would go to the lake and hang out instead. Since you and Katelyn were never focused on the competition, you two seemed to pick up on things others didn't, like how fake Angel seemed. You wouldn't be surprised if she stole the trophy and someone else got blamed. Everyone likes her so they would easily fall for her lies.

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It's no secret that you don't seem interested in the Survival Skills competition, spending most of your time with Katelyn at the lake instead. However, you didn't always care this little about the activity. In fact, you pushed yourself incredibly hard to win the trophy last year. So much so that you didn't have time for all the other fun things at camp. This year, you decided to give yourself time for all the activities you missed last year, even if it meant not doing many survival skills activities. Kayaking has become your favorite!

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Riley King

Riley King is a loyal friend who has been in Girl Scouts since she was a Daisy, alongside her best friend Jamie. While she isn't that invested in the survival skills competition, Riley helps Jamie practice so she's gotten pretty good.

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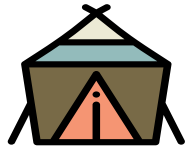
During the time of the crime you and Jamie were hanging out in your cabin. Jamie has been thrilled about the idea of winning the competition this year, especially after Diya broke her leg and couldn't participate. However, you have a feeling Angel is going to win, with her extremely impressive survival skills. Something does seem a bit off about her though. You believe Harper stole the trophy for Diya. It might have been a nice gesture for Harper to sit out the competition with Diya, but that also could've given her time to steal it.

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Something's been weighing on your mind a lot lately. You've been hiding something from Jamie and don't know how to tell her without making her mad. You've always been into art, and you recently got accepted into an arts high school. Since you've known Jamie since kindergarten, you're aware that she isn't interested in art. A couple of times you've tried to tell Jamie about this, but she was too focused on the competition. You are really worried about breaking the news that you won't be going to the same school next year. You've never been apart from your bestie.

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Aisha Hadi

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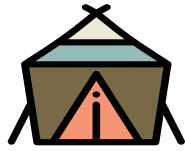
During the time of the crime you were walking outside the dining hall front entrance with Evelyn, confronting her about your stolen flashlight. The other day, you saw her attempt to steal a bandana out of Alex's bag. Thankfully, you were there to stop her. Facing her again did the trick, as she returned your flashlight and ran off afterward. You have a feeling Evelyn could've run off to steal the trophy next, you wouldn't put it past her at this point.

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No one at camp knows this, but your mom is the founder of the Survival Skills competition. You would love to win the competition for her, but you've never had enough motivation to do it. When you're at home with her, all she does is nag you to practice so camp is the only place you can relax. You've never been close to any other girls at camp because your mom was so strict about what troop you'd join that you ended up a Juliette.

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Sarah Scott

Sarah Scott is always practicing every type of survival skill any chance she gets. Sarah's resilience has allowed her to keep practicing, even though her skills haven't been improving. She's asked Diya and Angel for help, but none of their advice seems to work.

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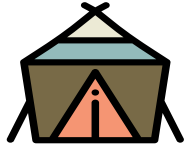
During the time of the crime you were practicing the activity with Angel, hoping to get some tips from her because she improved so fast. Ever since she came to camp, you've looked up to her since you can never seem to improve your survival skills. Honestly, you're a little jealous of her but you don't want to end up like Harper who is envious of every little thing. You believe there's no way Angel could steal the trophy when she was set to get it anyway. If anything, Jamie, who's always glaring at Angel, would be the one to steal. She got pretty mad about not winning last year. She was completely set on the idea that the counselors liked Diya better.

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The reason you're suspicious of Jamie is because when you were both Juniors you experienced just how jealous she can get. You two used to be friends, but when you had won the school spelling bee you had both been practicing for together, instead of being happy for you she was angry. After her nasty reaction, you decided to cut her off. You've been trying to avoid her this summer, but people really should watch out for her.

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Happy Camper

You're a happy camper who was called to this meeting about a theft. You are shocked a Girl Scout would steal!

You went on a special field trip today with a group of other campers (pick your choice of going caving, white water rafting, or horseback riding). You left right after breakfast and arrived about 5 minutes before the theft announcement.

You didn't see or know anything.

You are determined to find out who the thief is. Go out and start questioning the suspects!