

# Picture I Spy

Have you ever thought of creating your own Picture I Spy activity? Recently I created an I Spy activity from pictures taken at 4-H Camp Piedmont. We conduct our annual Cloverbud Day Camp at Camp Piedmont and always build the program and classes around a theme. Our theme was “Get a Clue with 4-H” and the Picture I Spy activity fit great into the theme. The activity was called “I Spy at the Lake.” On page two of this article you will find the activity created for our Cloverbud Camp. This will provide an example for you to understand the Picture I Spy concept.

If you are willing to spend some pre-planning time taking photos, mapping out the I Spy destination and preparing the photos on the computer, you can help your Cloverbuds experience a new adventure. Activities like this help youth improve their teamwork skills, sense of observation, ability to match objects, appreciation of detail and sense of exploration.

## Directions to Make Your Own Picture I Spy:

1. Decide where you want to conduct your I Spy activity—maybe a park, museum, camp ground, court house, fairgrounds, backyard, playground, etc.
2. A few days prior to your Cloverbud event visit the selected location and photograph a variety of unique surroundings, details and items. If your location is rather large you might think about taking the photos in a logical sequence rather than randomly. Just a note of caution: Only photograph items that will still be present when you bring your Cloverbuds back in a few days for the activity.
3. It is now time to organize the photos into a handout that you will print and give to your Cloverbuds. Use a software program of your choice to arrange the photos. You can choose to arrange the photos in a logical order where the Cloverbuds will find item #1 before advancing to item #2 or you may choose to have them randomly find the objects.
4. Your activity time frame will determine how many photos you will need for your Picture I Spy. Maybe 12 photos for a quick adventure or 24 for a longer exploration.
5. Print color copies of the Picture I Spy on 8 ½ X 11 paper (similar to page 2 of this article).
6. On the day of the event divide your Cloverbuds into teams and give each team an I Spy handout and pencil.
7. Provide your Cloverbuds directions about how to proceed, what they are looking for, how to mark off the items as they find them, rules of safety, staying together as a group, etc.
8. To add more excitement you could tell a story to introduce the I Spy activity or have a treasure chest of goodies at the end.

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# I Spy At the Lake



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**Example  
Activity**



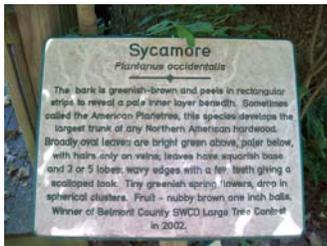
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