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### Packing up a picnic : activities and recipes for kids

*Rick Walton and Jennifer Adams ; illustrated by Debra Spina Dixon.*

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64 p. : col. ill. ; 21 cm.



#### Annotations:

Learn about the fun ways to be creative with a picnic. With recipes and different activities for added fun.

#### Reviews:

##### **Gwynne Spencer** (Children's Literature)

Seven usual kinds of picnics fill this sixty-four page, kid-sized book (6" x 8"), including "Breakfast Picnic," "Bicycle Picnic," "Haunted Picnic," "Snow Picnic," "Beach Picnic," "Drive-In Picnic," and a "Create-Your-Own Picnic." After a brief introduction which covers basic information about keeping foods warm/cool, finding a good spot, and what equipment to take, the text of each chapter includes a menu, cleverly themed recipes, and activities that might be more typically found at a birthday party setting (I Spy, Red Light Green Light, Balloon Race, Scavenger Hunt, and Simon Says). Little jokes and riddles, and tidbits of information are offered up in sidebars and balloons by jaunty red ants. Plenty of illustrations and decorations fill the empty space on the pages of this fun-filled book which joins similar titles in the "Activities for Kids" series, which includes *Cooking on a Stick* (cookouts), *Sleeping in a Sack* (campouts), *Trekking on a Trail* (hiking), *Wishing on a Star* (storytelling and stargazing), *Haunting a Halloween* (spooky fun), *Fishing in a Brook* (angling), and *Riding on a Range* (Western fun). This series would be a nice addition to expeditionary-oriented classrooms up through high school, as well as for elementary and middle school Waldorf and Montessori programs. 2006, Gibbs Smith Publisher, \$9.95. Ages 6 up.

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