

# Simple 'Runaway Ralph' Costume Ideas for Kids

These fun and easy costume ideas are inspired by Beverly Cleary's beloved book \*Runaway Ralph\*. They're perfect for homeschool book parties, reading celebrations, or school dress-up days — and can all be made using household items!

## Ralph S. Mouse (The Runaway)

- Gray or brown T-shirt and pants
- Mouse ears: gray paper or felt circles taped to a headband
- Tail: long sock or string pinned to the back
- Small backpack or drawstring bag as 'travel gear'
- Toy motorcycle or cardboard version made from a cereal box
- Optional: black nose and whiskers drawn with eyeliner

## Ralph's Motorcycle

- Gray or silver shirt
- Two cardboard 'wheels' tied at sides with string or ribbon
- Paper 'headlight' taped to the front
- Optional: toy helmet or paper tube handlebars

## Ryan (The Boy Who Helps Ralph)

- T-shirt and jeans
- Sneakers
- Baseball cap
- Small backpack or lunchbox prop
- Optional: toy mouse or paper 'cage' made from cardboard

## Garfa / Campers at Happy Acres Camp

- Bright-colored T-shirt
- Shorts or jeans
- Bandana or baseball cap
- Props: water bottle, whistle, or rolled-up towel
- Optional: cardboard 'Happy Acres Camp' sign

## **Sam (Camp Counselor)**

- Plain button-up shirt or camp-style T-shirt
- Khaki pants or shorts
- Clipboard or paper 'schedule'
- Bandana or hat
- Optional: whistle or walkie-talkie toy

## **Chum the Cat**

- Black or orange shirt and pants
- Cat ears: paper or felt triangles on a headband
- Black eyeliner nose and whiskers
- Tail: rolled-up sock or towel pinned to back
- Optional: collar with a paper name tag

## **Woodland Animals (Group Option)**

- Brown or tan clothing
- Paper or felt ears (rabbit, chipmunk, etc.)
- Cardboard or paper 'forest' props like leaves or acorns
- Optional: small basket of nuts, leaves, or toy berries

*Tip: Encourage kids to add their own creative touches! These costumes are simple, fun, and a great way to bring Beverly Cleary's story to life.*