

FAMILY FUN SUMMER

Outdoor Activities



SCAVENGER OR TREASURE HUNT

Make an inventory of fun things, then hide them in- or outside your house. Next, give your kids the list, and send them off to see who finds the items first. Have a prize for the winner.

BLOW BUBBLES

Who doesn't love bubbles?! You can even throw in a little science by making different shaped bubble wands by using straws or pipe cleaners to see what shape the bubble might make.

DIRT PAINTING

Make different color dirt paints by mixing different colors of dirt with some water and paint on the sidewalk, your fence, or even on a blank canvas.

SPONGE WATER BOMBS

Grab a bunch of sponges and fill up a large bucket or small plastic pool with water and soak the sponges. Then have an epic sponge water fight.

TIE DYE

This is a fun activity to sneak a little color theory science in. Look up the various tie dye techniques and have a blast. Take it to the next level by creating your own natural dyes by using different foods to create the dye.

MAKE A TIME CAPSULE

Grab some items you no longer need and find a container to place them all in. Write yourself a note and list out some fun facts about what is going on in current events, the price of certain items, your favorite book, or whatever you think might be interesting to your future self. Then find a spot and bury it. Don't forget to make a note and plan for when to unbury your capsule.

WATERMELON SEED RACE

This time when you go to grab a watermelon, grab one WITH seeds. Slice it up and line everyone up outside on the patio or driveway. Make lanes with chalk for each racer. Then enjoy your watermelon, spit out the seeds, and see who can go the farthest.





PARK TOUR

Map out all of your local parks and plan a couple of days throughout the summer to go on a tour of the various parks in your area.

PICK FLOWERS

Your kids can pick flowers from your back yard to make a bouquet to enjoy. You can display them by grabbing a blank piece of cardboard and drawing a vase shape on part of the board. Then punch small holes throughout the undrawn section. Your kiddos can place their flowers in each hole for display. Or you can also teach your kids how to dry the flowers or press them for long-term enjoyment.

PAINT GARDEN ROCKS

Find medium-sized rocks and let your kids paint them with fun faces and designs. Use them as indoor or outdoor ornaments and cool plant labels instead of plain plastic tabs. Let the creative adventure begin!

BE A NATURE PHOTOGRAPHER

Grab an old camera and explore the world around you. Check out cool photos of similar scenes beforehand to learn how to focus, frame, and capture amazing shots.

BACKYARD OLYMPICS

Set up a fun obstacle course using chairs, pool noodles, rope, cones, whatever you have for a fun family competition. You could even meet some new neighbors and invite them to join in on the fun.

SIDEWALK CHALK

Who doesn't enjoy drawing pictures with chalk? Create a fun chalk drawing gallery on your sidewalk for people to take a tour of. Or draw out some games like hopscotch or tic-tac-toe.

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Start by gathering a bunch of exciting things and hide them either inside or outside your house. Then, hand your kids a special list and let the hunt begin! Who will find all the items first? The winner gets a fantastic prize.

NATURE EYE SPY

Take a walk through your neighborhood or at a local nature center. Create a list of things you might see in nature or around your neighborhood. Walk around and see if you can find each item.

WATER BALLOON OR WATER BLASTER FIGHT

Need we say more? Take it up a notch and wear white shirts you can mess up and place food coloring in your balloons or blasters for some tie dye fun.