

# S u m m e r F u n L i s t

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## GET OUTSIDE (SIMPLE ACTIVITIES)

Campfire – hot dogs & s'mores

Catch fireflies

Lemonade stand

Have a picnic lunch (we usually do this in our backyard)

Fun in the driveway as a family (play basketball, jump rope, 4-square, etc.)

Swimming

Ride bikes

Take a walk

Skip rocks

Go to a park/playground

Make an obstacle course

Family water balloon fight

Go on a scavenger hunt

Take a hike

Fun with sidewalk chalk (make a Hopscotch board)

Fly a kite

Go to a beach

Play wiffleball, kickball, etc. as a family

Play an outdoor game (capture the flag, kick the can, flashlight tag, etc.)

Backyard games (bocce ball, corn hole, ladder golf, etc.)

Family "tournament" (ping pong, backyard games, whatever you have available)

Frisbee golf

Run through a sprinkler

Slip + Slide

Go strawberry picking

### **GET OUTSIDE (MORE ELABORATE ACTIVITIES)**

Water-skiing or tubing

Paddle-boarding

Kayaking or canoeing

White-water rafting

Do a ropes course/zip-lining

Horseback riding

Boat ride

Fishing

Tennis or pickleball

### **STAY HOME/RAINY DAY**

Watch a movie

Bake cookies

Tie-dye shirts

Have a sleepover in the family room

Build a fort

Play cards

Work on a craft or project (you could have a tradition – painting rocks, for example, and add them to your garden each year)

Make stepping stones (this could also be a tradition each summer – you could keep adding to your collection)

At-home spa day (can you tell I have four daughters?)

Read a book aloud as a group throughout the summer

Family game night

Make a special dinner together (maybe your kids take turns helping to cook)

Do a puzzle

## OUTINGS

Go to a movie at the theater

Go through the Dairy Queen drive-through in your pajamas one night (this is always a hit for our crew)

Visit Mom/Dad at work and go out for lunch

Go out for ice cream

Go to a baseball game (we have a pro team in Pittsburgh, so we go to a Pirates game)

Outdoor movie (our community shows them on a big screen each summer)

Mini golf

Amusement park

Water park

Museum

Zoo

Go to a play or show

Go out for a nice dinner or brunch (maybe everyone dresses up)

Go out for donuts one morning

Play golf (or go to a driving range)

Shopping day (we do this at the end of the summer for school clothes and/or school supplies)

Camping

Bowling

Go to the library

See fireworks

Take a trip

Explore what your area has to offer!