

~105~ Summer Fun Ideas for Families

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1. Have a family picnic
2. Have ice cream for dinner
3. Make s'mores in a fire pit in your backyard
4. Backyard camp out
5. Pillow/blanket fort building indoors or outside
6. Bubble time
7. Sprinkler running
8. Set up a Slip and slide (they go faster by using a bit of baby shampoo on the person)
9. Neighborhood relay races
10. Homemade sno-cone making
11. Chalk art
12. Family portraits in chalk (outline everyone - then each person take a different member of your family and color it in to look like them)
13. Play frisbee
14. Play kickball
15. Hike at a local park
16. Movie night
17. Backyard movie night (use a projector and sheet pinned somewhere). To add to the fun, invite friends and neighbors and everyone bring their favorite movie snack to share!
18. Find a clover patch and make flower chains and search for a 4 leaf clover
19. Go to an area pool
20. Batting practice using water balloons as balls
21. Night bowling (fill water bottles with water and drop in a glow stick – bowl away)
22. Make a solar oven and cook s'mores
23. Play childhood neighborhood games (leap frog, red rover, red light/green light, mother may I, etc...)
24. Game night - (with the family or invite some neighbors over and have them bring their favorite board games)
25. Summer puzzle night
26. Finger paint
27. Make homemade pizza (maybe throw it on the grill) – let everyone choose their favorite ingredients
28. Homemade spa
29. Feed the ducks (you could turn it into community service by cleaning up the trash in the area while you visit)
30. Create an obstacle course (one indoor and one outdoor)
31. Wash your cars together
32. Look for a drive in movie theater
33. Star gazing and identify constellations
34. Make a birdfeeder
35. Fly paper airplanes (measure how far different designs travel and experiment with different designs)
36. Make homemade play dough
37. Catch fireflies/lightning bugs (decorate a jar to hold them)
38. Bowling
39. Make ice cream in a bag
40. Play charades
41. Go fruit picking (strawberries, peaches, blueberries)
42. Go for a bike ride
43. Go to a baseball game
44. Make puppets and put on a puppet show
45. Nature walk – challenge your kid to search for something specific (color walk – point out things of a specific color, insect- find as many different types of insects as you can)
46. Creek stomp
47. Splash in rain puddles
48. Visit a historical site in your area

49. Visit a cave in your area (they stay cool)
50. Teach kids about car maintenance
51. Put together a picnic with all the items beginning with a certain letter
52. Have a "letter of the day" day - do and eat all things that start with a certain letter
53. Go for a night swim
54. Summer reading – make a “bookworm” – add a new piece after each book is complete
55. Make kool-aid popsicles or ice cubes
56. Craft night
57. Dance party
58. Family service project
59. Science experiments
60. Nature scavenger hunt
61. Craft or create your own targets for a nerf gun or water gun course
62. Bing watch a family show
63. Play frisbee golf
64. Family karaoke night
65. Fly a kite
66. Go roller skating
67. Geocaching
68. Play miniature golf
69. Visit a museum
70. Play flashlight tag (invite the neighbors to join)
71. Play balloon volleyball (you can try this with water balloons too)
72. Have a slime making challenge
73. Plant a vegetable garden
74. Go kayaking
75. Go to a carnival
76. Make a lemonade stand
77. Make a fairy garden with only items from your yard
78. Build a fort
79. Learn how to crochet or knit
80. Have your own family "Cupcake Wars"
81. Have a family yoga session
82. Plant a family tree in your yard
83. Go fishing
84. Go to a farmer's market
85. Learn how to make origami
86. Take a road trip to some place you've never been
87. Have a luau
88. Complete a home project together
89. Go on a bird watch
90. Attend a free outdoor concert
91. Set up a simple badminton set and play
92. Have a garage sale
93. Volunteer at a local animal shelter
94. Draw something in nature together
95. Play HORSE with a prize for the winner (they get to choose the movie for movie night)
96. Make a family movie and take turns being the star
97. Learn how to play a card game you've never played
98. Make sun tea
99. Make a family tree together
100. Make a completely vegetarian dinner (have each family member make one item)
101. Go swimming in the lake
102. Play tennis
103. Make a giant hopscotch or twister game on the lawn
104. Go zip-lining
105. Visit a fire station

Add Your Own Family Ideas!

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