

# OUR SUMMER

## bucket list ideas

### Creative & Artsy Fun

- Paint rocks & hide them
- Chalk Drawing Contest
- Try tie-dyeing
- Cardboard box house
- Create nature art
- Build a fort with blankets
- Paint with water on sidewalk
- Try face painting
- Make a Summer Journal
- Take silly pictures

### Backyard Adventures

- Living room camping
- Stargazing with blankets
- Water balloon fight
- Make an obstacle course
- Host a teddy bear tea party
- Build a fairy garden
- Play flashlight tag
- Mud kitchen outside
- Shaving cream on the table

### Nature & Exploration

- Nature scavenger hunt
- Visit a local nature preserve
- Birdwatching
- Paint a birdhouse
- Visit a community garden
- Cloud watching
- Make leaf rubbings
- Pick wildflowers
- Nature made wind chimes
- Local library programs

### Sweet Treats & Cooking

- Make smoothies together
- Have a DIY sundae bar
- Bake cookies from scratch
- Create a rainbow snack tray
- Make s'mores in the backyard
- Decorate cupcakes
- Make fruit kabobs
- Have a picnic in the park
- Make homemade ice cream
- Cook breakfast for dinner
- Homemade Lunchable Lunch

### At-Home Fun

- Movie night with popcorn
- Family dance party
- Play board games
- Create a time capsule
- Letters to future selves
- Family talent show
- Play Restaurant
- Family Puzzle
- Homemade Playdough
- Read Chapter Book together

### Out & About (Low-Cost)

- Visit a splash pad
- Go to a library story time
- Go to pet store to look at animals
- Attend a local festival or market
- Go garage sale treasure hunting
- Explore a new playground
- Visit a fire station (call ahead)
- Take a ride through the country
- Watch a sunset from a new place
- Tour your hometown like a tourist

### Learning & Curiosity

- Make a summer reading goal
- Start a scrapbook of the summer
- Try a free museum day
- Visit a historic site nearby
- Learn to fold origami
- Start a mini herb garden
- Build with LEGOs and make a city
- Learn a few words in a new language
- Watch a documentary for kids
- Research your family heritage

### Just for Fun & Giggles

- Play dress-up
- Make sock puppets
- Create a silly handshake
- Have a silly hat day
- Play hide-and-seek
- Blow bubbles
- Make a giant bubble wand
- Try yoga or silly stretches together
- Dance in the rain
- Pretend to be pirates for a day

### Memory-Making Traditions

- Start a family photo wall
- Create a "yes day"
- Have a themed week
- Stuffed animals birthday party
- "Summer Soundtrack" playlist
- Jar of summer memories
- Kindness chain
- Let each kid plan a "them day"
- Random holidays (Pineapple Day!)
- Create a handprint craft to keep

### Connecting & Giving Back

- Cards for nursing homes
- Bake something for a neighbor
- Donate toys you've outgrown
- "Blessing bag" for the homeless
- Pick up trash
- Chalk messages on sidewalks
- Host a book or toy swap
- Call or visit a relative
- Read a book to your dog
- End each day with a gratitude circle

### Add Your Kids Ideas Here

