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Summer Activity Catalogue



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Family Fun-Time in the Summer-Time



Here are some resources for nearby summer activities



Your child's love of reading begins with you.

<http://readby4th.org/>

Read by 4th has just launched their brand-new calendar at <http://readby4th.org/family-calendar/>. If it isn't populated yet, it soon will be. They are airily reliable with updating it.

<http://www.schuylkillcenter.org/blog/nature-phl/>



You can find their calendar of free family events at <http://www.schuylkillcenter.org/blog/upcoming-events/category/family-fun/>. Their activities are held in many different neighborhoods and everything is free to the public.



<https://www.popupplay.net/>

Pop Up Play holds activities at Spruce Street Harbor Park every Sunday from May 11th to the end of September; creating and playing and building fun family games from 11:30-12:30. This year's themes are Build It!, Make things Fly, Art in Action, and Game Day. Check their website or Facebook page, @popupplayphilly, as summer gets closer.

www.musicplaypatrol.com



Another group that holds events at Spruce Street Harbor Park, Learn, Listen, Play holds a reading and music hour on Saturdays. Check with them to see if they will be holding one from 11:30-12:30 every Sunday.

**FAIRMOUNT PARK
CONSERVANCY**

<https://myphillypark.org/>

Access the Fairmount Park Conservancy's calendar of events at <https://myphillypark.org/events-calendar/>



City of Philadelphia Municipal Day Camps



Dorothy Emanuel Recreation Center

8500 Pickering Ave., Philadelphia, PA, 19150

Ages: 5-12

Cost: \$450.00 total/season

Gustine Recreation Center

4868 Ridge Ave., Philadelphia, PA, 19129

Ages: 6-12

Cost: \$350.00 total/season

Hillside Recreation Center

201 Fountain St., Philadelphia, PA, 19128

Ages: 5-12

Cost: \$110.00 per week

Samuel F. Houston Playground

900 Grakyn Ln., Philadelphia, PA, 19128

Ages: 5-12

Cost: \$110.00 per week

Harry S. McDevitt Playground

3531 Scotts Lane, Philadelphia, PA, 19129

Ages: 5-13

Cost: \$100.00 per week

Mount Airy Playground

7001 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia, PA, 19119

Ages: 6-12

Cost: \$500.00 total/season

Pleasant Playground

6757 Chew Ave., Philadelphia, PA, 19119

Ages: 5-12

Cost: \$80.00 per week

Waterview Recreation Center

5826 McMahon St., Philadelphia, PA, 19144

Ages: 6-12

Cost: \$250.00 total/season

Many more locations can be found at:

<https://www.phila.gov/parks-rec-finder/#/search/activities?freetext=summer%20day%20camp&age=6-12>

More camp resources:

<https://www.phila.gov/departments/philadelphia-parks-recreation/things-to-do/>

Philly Region Summer Fun Guide

June

June 1, 2019

Te Day <http://www.elfrethsalley.org/events>
Families can spend the afternoon on Elfreth's Alley, the nation's oldest residential street, during this special celebration. Guests can get a peek into many of the 18th-century private homes of residents on the historic street while enjoying music, colonial games, and craft demonstrations.

June 1-2, 2019

Civil War Event <http://www.ppmcivilwar.org/>
Experience the firepower of cannon firing as soldiers march into battle at Pennypacker Mills in Schwenksville, PA. See artillery demonstrations, visit the Civilian Street where everyday life in the 1860s is demonstrated, and participate in the "Be a Soldier Kid Enlistment Activity".

June 2, 2019

Philadelphia Youth Orchestra Annual Festival Concert
<https://www.kimmelcenter.org/events-and-tickets/2018-19/rentals/79th-annual-festival-concert/>
The Philadelphia Youth Orchestra presents its 79th Annual Festival Concert. Audiences can expect to hear a musical performance led by Conductor and Music Director Louis Scaglione.

June 21-23, 2019

Chester County Balloon Festival. <https://ccbaloontfest.com/>
Have you ever seen a hot air balloon up close? If not, the Chester County Balloon Festival is your opportunity. This family-friendly event offers activities on-the-ground and in-the-air for all ages.

June 29-July 7, 2019

Kutztown Folk Festival <https://www.kutztownfestival.com/>
The oldest continuously operated folklife festival, The Kutztown Folk Festival is a week full of entertainment for families. Guests can expect to learn about the traditions of the Pennsylvania Dutch and their way of life.



July

July 19 date TBD

Party on the Parkway <https://welcomeamerica.com/event/party-on-the-parkway-2/>
Kids and grown-ups alike enjoy this day-long *Party on the Parkway*. Guests can participate in activities such as games, make and take crafts, animal demos, and games. The evening concludes with a firework display and a live concert with music from Pitbull.

100 Fun Things to Do With Your Kids This Summer

*Suggestions for creating memories that they'll have for a lifetime –
or at least for that first day back to school when the teacher asks, "What did you do this summer?"*

1. **Bake cookies** for ice cream sandwiches.
2. **Volunteer together at a nature center.**
3. **Make a photo journal** or a family yearbook.
4. **Have a luau** in the backyard.
5. **Visit the beach** and collect shells.
6. **Make a fort** out of cardboard boxes.
7. **Visit a farmer's market and/or pick fresh berries.**
8. **Stage an A-to-Z scavenger hunt**, where you have to find something that starts with every letter.
9. **Have a picnic** at a state park.
10. **Make ice cream.** Try using [YayLab's ice cream ball](#), which you fill with ice cream base and kick around until frozen.
11. **Go canoeing** at a local lake.
12. **Build a sandcastle.**
13. **Write and illustrate your own book** and have it published into an actual hardcover book using [IlluStory](#).
14. **Set up an ice cream sundae buffet** for dinner.
15. **Clean up trash** at a park in your neighborhood.
16. **Have a backyard campfire** ... or just use the grill! Roast hot dogs on sticks, pop popcorn and finish off with s'mores.
17. **Make homemade pizza.**
18. **Go for a nature walk** and then make a collage from objects you find along the way.
19. **Head to a creek** and look at the ducks.
20. **Set up a lemonade stand** and raise some money for a good cause.
21. **Have a water balloon toss** ... or fight!
22. **Practice your origami skills** and [make construction paper crafts](#) to hang from the ceiling.
23. **Go biking** on a trail.
24. **Interview a grandparent or an older relative** about what life was like when they were young.
25. **Plan a picnic** at a local park — or in your backyard.
26. **Visit the local library** throughout the summer and try to read as many Caldecott medal books as you can.
27. **Create salad spinner art** by placing circles of paper inside a cheap salad spinner, dab tempera paints on top, cover and spin.
28. **Practice making interesting shadow puppets** and then put on a show with your characters.
29. **Plant a garden** of herbs and veggies.
30. **Make a sidewalk chalk mural** and invite the neighbor kids to join in the fun.
31. **Go ice blocking** (sledding) on grass with a towel-covered block of ice.
32. **Have an outdoor painting party** using huge canvases or cardboard.
33. **Visit a fish hatchery.**
34. **Plant a butterfly garden** with flowers.
35. **Pretend to be pirates** for a day — dress up in costumes, plan a treasure hunt and talk like a pirate.
36. **Make an indoor "sandbox"** -mix 4 c of rice, 3 T of rubbing alcohol, and a few drops of food coloring; let it dry overnight.
37. **Turn the backyard into a carnival** — set up a face painting area and games like ring toss.
38. **Make totem poles** out of paper towel rolls and decorate them.
39. **Visit a museum** you've never been to.
40. **Make a giant hopscotch or Twister game** on the lawn (with spray paint) or driveway (with chalk).
41. **String beads into jewelry.**
42. **Make a bird house** out of Popsicle sticks.
43. **Learn about stargazing** and identify as many constellations as possible
44. **Create leis** with wildflowers.
45. **Go fossil hunting** near a lake.
46. **Break out your baseball glove** and [start a game](#), sandlot style.
47. **Make paper boats** and race them in a kiddie pool using straws to propel them.
48. **Play mini-golf** — or set up a course in your driveway by laying different size containers on their sides.
49. **Make a sand art garden** and plant a succulent.
50. **Get a map of the United States** and mark off all the exciting places you want to visit — create the ultimate road trip.
51. **Set up a net and play badminton and volleyball.** Or try one of these other [backyard games for kids](#).
52. **Visit an amusement park or water park.**



56. **Investigate an ethnic grocery store** and make lunch using interesting spices and kid-friendly international recipes.
57. **Visit a fire station.**
58. **Collect rocks and paint them** to use as paperweights or pet rocks.
59. **Go roller skating.**
60. **Visit a zoo or aquarium** to learn about animals.
61. **Run through the sprinklers.**
62. **Blend your own smoothie** — they're good for you!
63. **Set up a bike wash** and raise money for a local charity.
64. **Batter up** at a batting cage.
65. **Let kids paint the sidewalk or patio** with water and sponge brushes. When their creation dries, they can begin again.
66. **Bake cupcakes in ice cream cones** and then decorate them.
67. **Assemble a family cookbook** with all your favorite recipes.
68. **Go horseback riding.**
69. **Make popsicles in Dixie cups** using fruit juices.
70. **Catch fireflies in a jar** (and let them go at the end of the night).
71. **Stage your own Summer Olympics** with races, hurdles and relays.
72. **Create a backyard circus** — kids can pretend to be animals and dress up as clowns.
73. **Decorate bikes** and have a neighborhood Fourth of July parade.
74. **Take a sewing/crochet/knitting class.**
75. **Make Mexican paper flowers** using different colored tissue paper.
76. **Go to a flea market.**
77. **Volunteer at an animal adoption organization.**
78. **Visit a retirement home** and read stories to residents.
79. **Attend an outdoor festival or concert.**
80. **Pick a nearby town to visit** for the day.
81. **Visit a cave.**
82. **Mark off all the local parks on a map** — then visit them, take pictures and vote for your favorite.
83. **Take in a fireworks exhibit.**
84. **Make crafts with recyclable items** like stickers using old photos, magazines and repositionable glue.
85. **Make your own hard-to-pop bubbles** - 1 c of distilled water, 2 T of Dawn dish soap and 1 T of glycerin.
86. **Paint canvas sneakers** with fabric paint pens or acrylic paint.
87. **Create three-dimensional buildings** using toothpicks and mini marshmallows.
88. **Make bird feeders** by covering pine cones with peanut butter and rolling in birdseed.
89. **Paint with ice** by freezing ice cube trays with washable tempera paint.
90. **Create unusual s'mores** with ingredients like cookies, bananas, mini candy bars, flavored marshmallows & white chocolate.
91. **Have a fancy tea party.**
92. **Make a giant slip-n-slide** with a painter's tarp and shaving cream.
93. **Go camping** in the backyard or at a campsite.
94. **Let kids paint each other** with washable tempera paint and then wash it off in a sprinkler run.
95. **Visit a national park** and help the kids earn a junior ranger badge.
96. **Go to a ballgame** and learn how to keep a scorecard.
97. **Set up a tent in the backyard** to use as a summer playhouse.
98. **Take a free kid's workshop** at stores like Lowe's, Home Depot, AC Moore, Michael's Crafts, or Pottery Barn.
99. **Have a game night** with charades, Pictionary and bingo.
100. **Let kids brainstorm creative things to do with a boring brown paper bag** — you'll be surprised at how many things you can come up with.



80 Outdoor Activity & Game Suggestions for Kids

*s important for kids to get outside and play. First of all, it's fun. But it's also good for them. There are actually many mo
alth benefits to playing outside besides just getting kids up and moving. Playing outdoors helps them get fresh air, muc
needed Vitamin D from being out in the sunlight, and it can help relieve stress. Getting children into the habit of playing
outside at a young age is important to their growth and development.*

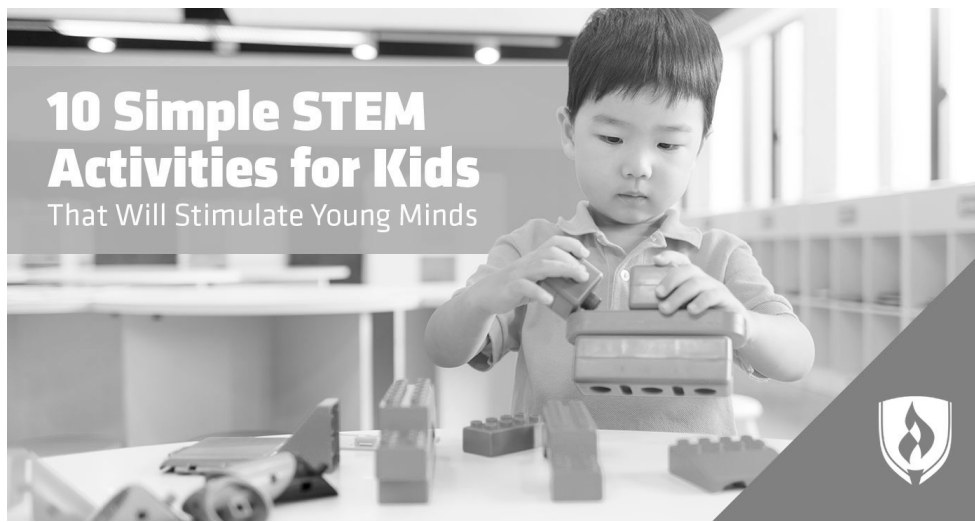
1. Play a sport such as baseball, basketball, soccer, football, kickball, or hockey
2. Kayak or canoe on a lake or river
3. Go for a run/jog together
4. Play golf or go to the driving range
5. Go to the batting cages
6. Ride your bike
7. Play ultimate Frisbee
8. Play volleyball
9. Play catch
10. Do yoga
11. Set up circuit training
12. Play tennis
13. Play Frisbee
14. Jump on a trampoline
15. Set up relay races
16. Play hacky sack
17. Play cricket
18. Build a fort
19. Barbecue lunch or dinner with burgers, hot dogs and s'mores
20. Set up lawn games like bocce ball, croquet, horseshoes, corn hole and ladder ball
21. Go swimming
22. Visit a water park
23. Have a water balloon fight
24. Go puddle jumping
25. Play pool games like Marco Polo and water tag
26. Build a sandcastle at the beach
27. Set up a slip and slide
28. Search for seashells
29. Play tag
30. Play jungle gym games like sandman and gravel
31. Play hide and seek
32. Jump rope
33. Play hop scotch
34. Play 'Four Square'
35. Play basketball games like horse and around the world
36. Play wall ball
37. Play 'Capture the Flag'
38. Play 'Duck, Duck, Goose'
39. Play on the jungle gym like on the swings, slide, and monkey bars
40. Use a hula hoop
41. Play marbles or jacks



... from bubbles (use different shaped straws to make fun shapes),

45. Create and have the kids do an outdoor scavenger hunt
46. Paint rocks
47. Make bird feeders
48. Tie-dye T-shirts
49. Make your own craft using flowers, leaves, twigs, pebbles, and other things found in nature
50. Go rock climbing
51. Do archery
52. Go to a shooting range
53. Go horseback riding
54. Rollerblade or skateboard
55. Make an obstacle course
56. Go fishing
57. Go to the zoo
58. Take your dog for a walk or to a dog park
59. Go bird watching
60. Catch fireflies
61. Hunt for bugs
62. Make a garden
63. Pick flowers
64. Pick fruit in an orchard or garden
65. Go to a local nursery or botanical garden
66. Make a compost
67. Have a picnic
68. Go hiking or camping
69. Gaze at the stars
70. Climb trees
71. Play in the mud
72. Dig a hole
73. Make a sundial
74. Set up a lemonade stand
75. Jump in a bouncy house
76. Go miniature golfing
77. Make up some silly dances
78. Make a bonfire in the evening
79. Sing campfire songs
80. Make up a new game, and share it with friends





doesn't take a rocket scientist to know that STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) subjects are vital pieces of our children's education and lives.

Magnetic slime

Category: Science

For this activity, you'll need a few special ingredients so be sure to plan ahead. When you're finished, your kiddos will get to experience an ooey-goey slime that seems to magically move when exposed to neodymium (rare earth) magnets.

<https://frugalfun4boys.com/make-magnetic-slime/>

Homemade catapults

Category: Engineering

For this activity, you'll help your children get excited about engineering by building a homemade catapult with jumbo popsicle sticks and rubber-bands. You can even incorporate some science in as well by hypothesizing which objects will go farther and then following through with the experiment.

<https://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/popsicle-stick-catapult-kids-stem-activity/>

Oil spill activity

Category: Engineering/Science

Why not try an activity that will connect back to real issues? In this activity, you simply mix oil and water in a large container and add a few feathers to the mix. Then pass out materials that might help the kids remove the oil from the water, such as sponges, paper towels or little spoons. Have the kids try to remove the oil without removing too much water. You can use this activity to show how oil spills can affect the environment, by helping them see how the oil affected the feathers and how difficult it was to remove it from the water. You can also use this activity to talk about the work of engineers that work to handle environmental issues. <http://scienceafterschool.blogspot.com/2012/07/oil-spill-connecting-stem-activities-to.html>

Coding a Lego maze

Category: Technology

For this activity, your child or student (as early as kindergarten) can begin to learn the basics of coding. With the free templates provided, including different mazes and instruction cards, your child will get to put themselves in the shoes of a "user" (Lego person) and start to line up different codes (instructions) in order to guide their Lego person through the maze. <https://researchparent.com/coding-a-lego-maze/>

Hot Ice

Category: Science

This activity will take a little longer, so prepare the kiddos to wait out the process by telling them it's worth it. In the end, they will get to see an "ice" crystal appear nearly out of thin air, and you'll help them get a glimpse into the scientific process of nucleation. The great part? This project only needs two common household ingredients: vinegar and baking soda. <https://www.playdoughtoplato.com/kids-science-experiment-hot-ice/>

g, they can identify, and more immediate math challenges for the older kids (e.g., 2 + 2 = 4), match them with their id and display their answers. <https://thestemlaboratory.com/lego-addition-cards/>

Easter egg addition

Category: Math

a slight modification of this activity, all you need are some plastic Easter eggs and a sharpie. On one half of the Easter egg, write the math problem and on an opposite half write the problem's solution. Then mix up the problems and solutions by connecting different halves together. Have your child or student unscramble the eggs, matching each problem with its correct answer. You can even make it an egg hunt to add another element of fun!

<https://thestemlaboratory.com/telling-time-matching-up/>

Jellybean building

Category: Engineering

What you'll need is a pile of jellybeans and toothpicks for you student or child to start learning about structures. By connecting toothpicks with jellybeans, encourage your child to see which shapes hold together well, which shapes stack well and which shapes are most interesting to look at. This activity can help them start to understand the thought, design and technology behind structural engineering.

<https://lemonlimeadventures.com/engineering-for-kids-building-with-jelly-beans/>

Pipe cleaner counting

Category: Math

For the student or child just learning to count, understanding that numbers increase in size can be confusing. With just pipe cleaners and beads, you can help your child learn to count while also getting a visual of how numbers increase in size. Simply take small pieces of paper and label each pipe cleaner with a number. Then, have your child order the pipe cleaners from smallest to greatest and start stringing on the correct number of beads while counting aloud.

<https://laughingkidslearn.com/counting-beads-on-pipe-cleaners/>

3. Stop-motion animation video

Category: Technology

There's an excellent option for creative STEM learning. We've all seen the fun stop-motion videos online, but you probably never thought of creating one yourself or, better yet, with your kids. With just a few objects, a smartphone or tablet and a stop-motion app, your kids can learn about the technology behind movie-making and create a video unique to their own likes and interests.

<https://tinkerlab.com/easy-stop-motion-animation-kids/>