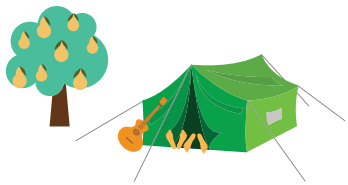
100 Epic Summer Activities for Kids

Unplug and Unleash: Let the Adventures Begin!

In the house:

1. Play a fun board or card game
2. Build a fort–inside or outside!
3. Bake cookies or a cake
4. Have a dance party
5. Create a family scrapbook
6. Organize a family talent show
7. Have a cooking competition
8. Build a model airplane or car together
9. Do family yoga
10. Have a karaoke party
11. Create a family newsletter or magazine
12. Write down your family values and turn them into a crest
13. Read *Good Pictures Bad Pictures*
14. Spend time teaching your kids household skills like how to sort laundry

15. Have a science experiment day
16. Have an indoor picnic or tea party when the weather is rainy or too hot
17. Have a family DIY fashion show
18. Play a game of Pictionary
19. Create a family band and have a jam session
20. Create a family cookbook
21. Have everyone write short stories and share them with each other
22. Have a craft day using recycled materials
23. Solve various types of puzzles such as jigsaws, crosswords, sudoku, Rubik's Cubes, etc.
24. Write a letter to grandparents
25. Teach digital safety with *Brain Defense: Digital Safety*
26. Make tin-can phones
27. Make homemade playdough (google recipes!)
28. Listen to music from an unfamiliar decade



In the yard:

29. Plant a vegetable or flower garden
30. Set up a tent and have a backyard campout
31. Build a birdhouse and hang it in your yard
32. Have a family sports day with various outdoor games
33. Create an obstacle course
34. Set up a campfire and roast marshmallows
35. Learn how to set a wooden mousetrap
36. Practice hammering a nail into a scrap of wood
37. Show older kids how to change a car tire
38. Create a family time capsule and bury it in the yard
39. Have a movie-making day and make short films
40. Set up yard games such as Kub, Kan Jam, Spikeball, etc.
41. Set up a watercolor painting station in the backyard
42. Run through the sprinklers
43. Put sprinklers under the trampoline
44. Play volleyball or badminton
45. Have a picnic with stuffed animals/dolls/action figures
46. Change a bicycle tube and/or patch a hole
47. Set up hammocks and read books

In town:

65. Visit a nearby farm or petting zoo
66. Volunteer at a local charity
67. Attend a children's storytime hour
68. Visit a local library and choose books to read together
69. Visit a local farmer's market
70. Visit a local amusement or water park
71. Go on a bike ride to a nearby ice cream shop or convenience store
72. Go to a scenic spot and then draw or paint a picture of it
73. Visit the zoo
74. Visit a nearby aquarium and learn about marine life
75. Visit a local historical reenactment or cultural center
76. Go horseback riding
77. Visit a botanical garden
78. Explore a nature trail and learn about local wildlife and flora/fauna
79. Visit a nearby historical landmark
80. Go bowling
81. Visit a science museum or planetarium to learn about astronomy
82. Attend a concert or art festival in a local park
83. Go roller skating
84. Visit a trampoline park
85. Explore nearby caverns or lava tubes
86. Visit a nearby sports arena and attend an event or take a tour
87. Go to a splash pad
88. Do community service; visit www.justserve.org for local ideas

In the neighborhood:

48. Go on a bike ride
49. Go on a scavenger hunt in your neighborhood or local park
50. Set up a lemonade stand
51. Go on a nature photography expedition
52. Throw a frisbee at a park. Get a group together for a game of ultimate frisbee
53. Have a water balloon fight with the neighbors
54. Go on a bird-watching expedition
55. Have a family basketball or soccer tournament at the local park
56. Go swimming in a pool
57. Gather flat rocks, paint them, then hide them in the neighborhood
58. Collect pretty rocks for a backyard rock garden
59. Chalk the walk: Write uplifting messages in the neighborhood with sidewalk chalk
60. Pick up litter
61. Organize a neighborhood potluck
62. Host a neighborhood pet show where owners can showcase their pets' impressive tricks
63. Have a birthday party for a pet at the neighborhood park
64. Heart-attack a neighbor's house (put uplifting messages on cut-out hearts and tape them to their front door with a treat. Ding-dong ditch.)

Further away:

89. Take a day trip to a nearby beach or lake
90. Explore a nearby city and discover its landmarks
91. Go on a fishing trip
92. Go on a kayaking or canoeing adventure
93. Learn to paddleboard
94. Go on a sunset hike
95. Explore a state, county or national park or monument
96. Attend an outdoor theater or festival
97. Find a ghost town
98. Go for a scenic drive while listening to an audiobook
99. Visit a family history library and learn about your ancestors
100. Go stargazing

Create lasting memories that will be cherished for years to come. By fostering creativity, strengthening family bonds, and encouraging exploration, you can ensure that your kids have experiences they will never forget!