



# 100 Summer Activities for Kids



*Check off each activity as you complete it.*

<p><b>Reading/Writing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Create a family or community newsletter</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Keep a summer journal</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Write and direct a play or puppet show</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Write letters to family and friends</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Join a summer reading program</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Finish all of the books on a list</li></ul> <p><b>Science/Math</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Spend summer days looking at the <a href="#">Ultimate Guide to Teaching Science</a></li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Conduct a science experiment</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Take a free summer math course</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Grab a measuring tape and start measuring</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Figure out the perimeter of the local pool</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Count your steps as you walk</li></ul> <p><b>Geography</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Take out a map and plan a pretend trip</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Go geocaching</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Go letterboxing</li></ul> <p><b>Other Educational Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Take a course or <a href="#">learn a new skill</a></li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Visit a museum</li></ul> <p><b>Volunteering</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Read stories or play games at a nursing home</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Help at a local animal shelter</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Serve a meal at a local food bank</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Use a service like VolunteerMatch to find volunteer opportunities</li></ul> <p><b>Helping Others</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Visit with elderly neighbors</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Offer to do chores for neighbors (for free)</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Raise money for a local charity</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Hold a neighborhood food drive</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Donate items to a thrift store</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Do random acts of kindness</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Offer to watch a friend's pet</li></ul>	<p><b>Helping the Environment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Raise butterflies</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Clean up trash at the park or in your neighborhood</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Start recycling cans and bottles at home</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Plant a garden</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Make birdfeeders</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Go to the farmer's market</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Pick your own fruits or vegetables</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Practice conserving water</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Start a compost pile</li></ul> <p><b>Money-Making Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Mow lawns</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Sell lemonade</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Make and sell crafts</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Do chores for pay</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Bake and sell baked goods</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Have a garage sale or toy swap</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Walk dogs</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Weed gardens and water plants</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Play an instrument in a public place</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Sell clothes to a consignment shop</li></ul> <p><b>Cooking/Food</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Make a pitcher of sun tea</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Make ice cream in a plastic bag</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Make fruit and veggie sculptures</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Make edible paint with whipped cream and food coloring</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Make fruit juice popsicles</li></ul> <p><b>Community Events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Attend to a local concert</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Go to a local fair or festival</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Attend a baseball game</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Host a neighborhood carnival</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Go bowling</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Take a picnic to a local park</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> See a movie</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Visit your local police station or fire department</li></ul>
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<p><b>Arts and Crafts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Draw or paint a picture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Take photos of your world</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Host an art show with kid-created artwork</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Make a picture or sculpture with items from nature</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Draw with sidewalk chalk</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Create a sidewalk chalk mural</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Paint on the house or sidewalk with water</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Tie-dye a t-shirt</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Put watered down paint into a squirt gun and squirt it on paper outside</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Collect and paint rocks</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Gather leaves and create leaf rubbings</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Dry out flowers by pressing them between heavy books</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Mix bubbles with food coloring to make popped bubble art</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Paint your feet and walk on white paper</li> </ul> <p><b>Backyard Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Make a fort using boxes, sheets, or branches</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Have a picnic in your backyard</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Camp in your backyard</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Make a mini-golf course</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Lay on a blanket and watch the clouds</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Blow bubbles using different items</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Grab glow sticks and play a game of glow tag</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Make a stunt track in the dirt for your toy cars</li> </ul>	<p><b>Rainy Day Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Play a board game</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Make up a new card game</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Design a new board game</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Hold a movie marathon</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Visit a fun website</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Jump in puddles</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Make a rain gauge and measure the rainfall</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Redecorate your room</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Set up a tent and have an indoor campout</li> </ul> <p><b>Water Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Have a water balloon fight</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Hold a wet sponge toss</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Run through the sprinkler</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Buy a kiddie pool and soak your feet</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Play "Does it sink or float?"</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Fill a tub with water and play in it with measuring cups and water toys</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Fill bottles with different amounts of water and blow across the tops to make music</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Fill buckets, squirt guns, and other containers with water and have a water fight</li> </ul> <p><b>Fun with Friends</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Hold a neighborhood scavenger hunt</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ride bikes around the neighborhood</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Have a dance party</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Challenge friends to random competitions</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Make up a special summer song</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Start a game of kickball or capture the flag</li> </ul>
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