



SUMMER FUN!

Summer may be a time to relax, but tell that to kids who are bouncing "I'm bored" every five minutes. You can avoid all of this by simply planning ahead and using some of the ideas from the attached "Ultimate Summer Bucket List," visiting some of the local free events and encouraging your child(ren) to complete the Summer Learning Activities described below.

Healthy, active families enjoy being together. Family time doesn't have to be elaborate or expensive. Often, the simplest activities contribute to important family bonding and long-term memories.

In addition to the attached *Ultimate Summer Bucket List*, Independence Elementary School is encouraging students to complete the Summer Learning Activities that their teachers will hand out at the end of the year AND to participate in the "Dive Into Learning" activities. The students will have an opportunity to win big prizes just by reading, working in their Number Corner books, or completing other educational activities.

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THE ULTIMATE SUMMER BUCKET LIST

50 THINGS TO DO AS A FAMILY

1. Make popsicles
2. Take a day trip
3. Have a water gun fight
4. Camp in the backyard
5. Have a bonfire with s'mores
6. Run through a sprinkler
7. Visit a farmer's market
8. Go to a movie in the park
9. Paint your own pottery
10. Explore your city
11. Go to the fair
12. Play frisbee
13. Visit a botanical garden
14. Do a large puzzle
15. Make tie-dye shirts
16. Visit an amusement park
17. Go to library story time
18. Build a birdhouse
19. Have a picnic
20. Go to a drive-in theater
21. Watch the sunrise
22. Watch the sunset
23. Go to the zoo
24. Go to the aquarium
25. Go to the beach
26. Have a pool party
27. Draw with sidewalk chalk
28. Do a water balloon fight
29. Blow bubbles
30. Have a cookout
31. Fly a kite
32. Make a summer scrapbook
33. Go bowling
34. Have a lemonade stand
35. Go fishing
36. Have a treasure hunt
37. Visit a farm
38. Go hiking
39. Make ice cream
40. Visit a photo booth
41. See fireworks
42. See a parade
43. Catch fireflies
44. Feed the ducks
45. Visit a waterpark
46. Get a sun tattoo
47. Build a blanket fort
48. Go for a bike ride
49. Play freeze tag
50. See a summer concert