



100 Summer Bucket List Activities

1. Make ice cream
2. Do crafts with an elderly neighbor
3. Have a picnic in the backyard
4. Learn about constellations
5. Do a family drawing lesson
6. Have a neighborhood science fair
7. Collect flowers and press them
8. Make a stick fort (large or small)
9. Graph the number of times you see various birds
10. Make cards for a local nursing home
11. Learn summer words in a new language
12. Organize a family game day—at the beach or lakeside
13. Plant a seed in a cup and track its growth
14. Grow a sunflower and then roast its seeds
15. Make ice pops with fruit juice
16. Do a show-and-tell of your favorite things
17. Make puppets from paper lunch bags and put on a show
18. Have three-legged races in the yard
19. Plan a neighborhood water-balloon fight
20. Go for a walk in nature and sit still somewhere for 15 minutes to listen and watch
21. Plant a new tree (for you or someone else)
22. Build a micro-city with stones, sticks, and other materials
23. Play a music concert for friends and family, using only homemade instruments
24. Make dinner with recipes from another country
25. Have lunch at the park
26. Track the moon cycle and lengths of days
27. Learn a new skill, something simple & fun
28. Pick an animal, state, flower, etc. to learn about
29. Write your findings from #28 on extra-large sticky notes
30. Learn about the history of the Fourth of July
31. Visit a local animal shelter
32. Eat breakfast for dinner
33. Pick fresh fruit and make homemade shakes
34. Finish The Good and the Beautiful Summer Reading Program
35. Build a birdhouse with materials found around the house
36. Make art using rocks
37. Turn an old toy kitchen or a workbench into a mud-pie station
38. Learn to fish, then go fishing
39. Take a camping trip, or camp out in your backyard (or set up a tent in the living room)
40. Volunteer to read Good and Beautiful books at your local nursing home
41. Create a rock garden
42. Paint rocks and hide them around the neighborhood
43. Learn a new recipe for play dough
44. Take a family hike together
45. Make foil dinners over a campfire
46. Learn to play a new board game as a family
47. Learn how to milk a cow or a goat (Research local farms to find an opportunity to have an in-person experience!)
48. Organize a family painting night
49. Make sidewalk chalk paint
50. Have a tie-dye shirt party with your family, friends, or neighbors
51. Make wooden stick bracelets



52. Create puppets from old/worn socks
53. Make crystal stars while studying the night sky
54. Use The Good and the Beautiful Creative Arts & Crafts Notebook to do a family craft night once or twice (or more!) a week
55. Visit one or more of your state parks to learn your state's history
56. Kick around a soccer ball, play catch, or hit the volleyball around for 30 minutes
57. Plant a garden and create meals with the food you grow
58. Make and fly a kite
59. Make an obstacle course
60. Go on a scavenger hunt around your neighborhood
61. Hang up an old, white sheet and make a painting as a family
62. Find a strawberry farm and go picking as a family
63. Be a tourist in your own city
64. Do a random act of kindness
65. Set up a disc-golf course and play
66. Sign up to deliver Meals on Wheels
67. Make a person or group of people using sticks, rocks, leaves, and other items found during a nature walk
68. Experiment with colors: make purple, green, and orange from red, blue, and yellow paints
69. Learn a new stretching routine
70. Make a bird feeder and then keep a record of the food consumption
71. Sit in the shade and read a book
72. Watch a movie outside
73. Run in the sprinklers or visit a splash pad
74. Enjoy a fireworks show
75. Make paper or nature boats to race down a stream
76. Refurbish a household item to make it new
77. Listen to an audiobook together
78. Blow up an inflatable pool and fill it with blankets for your movie night seating
79. Learn about a plant, then go on a walk and try to spot it
80. Help neighbors weed their garden
81. Make a treat for Grandma or a loved one
82. Make lemonade from scratch
83. Have a tea party or themed meal
84. Visit a cemetery and make a rubbing of a family headstone
85. Paint a sunset
86. Build a fort together, then play games inside
87. Play baseball with water balloons
88. Make DIY windchimes
89. Invite a neighbor to join your family for game night
90. Go a whole day without using technology— make it fun
91. Write uplifting notes and leave them in places (on cars in parking lots, in library books, etc.) or give to people
92. Write and mail letters together
93. Play yard Twister
94. Play a giant game of Pick-Up Sticks
95. Build a recycled water wall
96. Plan an ice-block treasure hunt
97. Draw shapes you find in the clouds
98. Play capture the flag
99. Organize a glow-stick ring-toss game
100. Create a memory box to open next summer

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