Family Fun in the Sun

- sign up for reading club at local library and/or bookstores — or create your own
- attend a Memorial Day service — place flags on veterans’ gravestones
- have a family “foreign film festival” — watch subtitled movie like Life is Beautiful
- teach kids a new craft — like cross-stitch, painting, quilting, or paper weaving
- visit grandparents — have them tell stories of when parents were growing up
- have an ice cream social — provide ice cream and have friends bring favorite toppings
- play a game of tag in the front yard — parents play, too!
- visit a splash pad — bring water guns
- go to the zoo — bring quarters to buy feed for petting zoo animals
- stage a “slow” bike race — last one across finish line wins (no stopping allowed!)
- serve Dad breakfast in bed on Father’s Day
- draw family portraits on driveway with sidewalk chalk — outline bodies and draw details
- go berry picking in the cool of the morning — hunt wild blackberries or visit local farm
- make fresh blueberry muffins and blackberry crisp — eat with milk and ice cream
- picnic under the trees on chicken salad, cold watermelon, and fresh lemonade
- have a cherry pit spitting contest — use a tape measure to record distances
- hold family canoe and/or paddleboat races at the lake
- video the kids’ tricks off the diving board at the pool to critique at home
- play a game of charades as a family — boys against the girls?
- teach kids to skip rocks off the lake — compete to see who can get the most “hops”
- make homemade ice cream, or at least some homemade popsicles
- build sandcastles at the beach, hunt seashells, bring bread crumbs for seagulls
- make your own kites and fly them at the park
- family movie night — watch a fun comedy like Evan Almighty or Enchanted
- train for a local charity 5K and run as a family
- hold a family spoons, speed or ping-pong tournament — winner gets a prize
- play Putt-Putt — make up a cheer for all to do when anybody gets a hole-in-one
- roller skate around the park or at a local rink — be sure to do the “Hokey-Pokey”
- go to Sonic for a game of sand volleyball — drinks are half-price during happy hour
- spend a day at the water park — bring sunscreen if it’s not an indoor park
- host a summer block party — the neighbors bring the franks and we cook ‘em
- stay up to see Independence Day fireworks — listen to patriotic music while you watch
- eat at Chick-fil-A — dress as a cow on the 2nd Friday in July and get a free meal
- go camping and sleep under the stars — even if you just pitch a tent in your own
- go to the drive-in (Tyler has Sky-Vue) — bring a Frisbee to toss between features
- visit a local museum — many offer free admission on certain days of the month
- volunteer at a local food pantry or soup kitchen — donate non-perishables
- visit the nursing home — bring your instruments and give residents a recital
- shop garage sales early Saturday morning — take the kids so you can hunt together
- visit an amusement park — check online for discount admission
- plant a garden — flowers or vegetables, give the kids a patch to call their own
- host a mother/daughter “Back to School Brunch” — send handmade invitations
- sponsor a father/son “Splash Bash” — play lots of water gun/water balloon games
- spend a day at a working farm — milk cows, gather eggs, pick vegetables
- read every picture book in our library aloud to kids — mark place on shelf w/index card
- make a piñata from newspaper and flour paste — fill it with candy and bust it open

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