

❧ 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 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-View) – 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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