

Low or No Cost Summer Activities

Here are a number of wonderful low cost summer activities for kids and families that help families keep their hard-earned \$\$\$ in their pockets.

- Visit a farm, pet store or the animal shelter
- Visit a fire station
- Have cooking lessons at home (bake bread, make homemade ice cream, grandma's cookies)
- Visit a pizza store (they'll sometimes let the kids make one for little or nothing)
- Visit a television station, radio station, or newspaper facility
- Get a giant piece of paper, colored pencils and draw
- Participate in free summer reading programs and story times offered by many local libraries
- Visit zoos and museums that have free or reduced rates for kids on special days
- Have paper airplane or paper boat races or try making and flying your own kites (books at the library have the instructions)
- Put on a theatrical performance, a puppet show or a talent contest
- Write and illustrate a story
- Plant a small garden or container garden and watch it grow
- Have sack, peanut or egg races
- Plan a picnic as an activity
- Rent a movie and have special "movie night" snacks
- Take your kids on a tour of family history and photos
- Search garage sales as family fun and walk away with a few really good deals
- Play board games on rainy days
- Go swimming at the beach, local lake or pool (you can ask for a one day guest pass at a local YMCA to check out the facilities)
- Sidewalk chalk
- Walk, hike, and enjoy nature
- Go camping in the backyard
- Bubbles

