

# 105 Days of Free Summer Activities & Experiences

## MAY

May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Visit a new playground
May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Go on a picnic
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Sign up for summer reading - <a href="#">Barnes &amp; Noble</a> or <a href="#">½ Price Books</a> & get free books
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Climb a tall tree
May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Learn a new dance (Texas two-step, Macarena or YMCA)
May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Go on a Texture Scavenger Hunt (find items that all feel different)
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Get a library card (if you don't have one) & check out 3 new books!

## JUNE

June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Play 'Simon Says'
June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Become a <a href="#">Junior Ranger</a> (free kids programs at state & Nat'l parks!)
June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Check out the <a href="#">Apple</a> & <a href="#">Microsoft</a> stores for free summer computer workshops
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Attend a free story time at the library
June 5 <sup>th</sup>	Write a poem using the letters in your name
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	Go fishing! Check free days in your state: <a href="http://takemefishing.org/nfbw/">http://takemefishing.org/nfbw/</a>
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Check your local zoo or aquarium for any free admission days this summer
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Feed the birds or ducks at a local pond or lake
June 9 <sup>th</sup>	Set up an outdoor art gallery using all the artwork the kids did at school
June 10 <sup>th</sup>	Go to a park and look for animal tracks
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Draw a racetrack with sidewalk chalk and race Hot Wheels cars
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Visit the Farmer's Market
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Rent a CD of music from the library & have a dance party
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Visit the hardware store and let the kids ride the tractors or mowers
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Catch bugs or fireflies tonight!
June 16 <sup>th</sup>	Mark where your great-great-grandparents lived on a map
June 17 <sup>th</sup>	Take a hike in the woods
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Look for fossils on rocks and stones
June 19 <sup>th</sup>	Build an outdoor fort
June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Visit your local nature center
June 21 <sup>st</sup>	Catch bugs in the backyard
June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Gather nature items and create a picture or sculpture
June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Visit a lake or pond and skip rocks
June 24 <sup>th</sup>	Call your grandparents and tell them a good joke
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Play flashlight tag
June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Take a factory tour or tour a local kid-friendly business
June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Attend a free building workshop at <a href="#">Lowe's</a> or <a href="#">Home Depot</a> (register early!)
June 28 <sup>th</sup>	Take a blanket outside at night and watch the stars
June 29 <sup>th</sup>	Roll down a hill
June 30 <sup>th</sup>	Visit a fish hatchery or wildlife preserve and watch the animals

# JULY

July 1 <sup>st</sup>	Create an obstacle course
July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Start a nature collection
July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Start a secret club (for kids only!) & make a sign
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	See a fireworks show
July 5 <sup>th</sup>	Eat breakfast outside in your pj's
July 6 <sup>th</sup>	Learn to hula hoop, play hopscotch or jump rope
July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Create a new recipe for your own smoothie
July 8 <sup>th</sup>	Fold a paper hat out of newspaper
July 9 <sup>th</sup>	Build a sandcastle (at the beach or in a sandbox)
July 10 <sup>th</sup>	Take a Sound Walk and see how many things you hear
July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Make a pet rock (all you need is a rock & some paint or markers)
July 12 <sup>th</sup>	Visit your school's playground (now that there are no classes in session)
July 13 <sup>th</sup>	Use blocks, plastic cups or rocks and see who can build the tallest tower
July 14 <sup>th</sup>	Teach the kids how to play 'kick the can' or jacks
July 15 <sup>th</sup>	Visit one of the free museums in your town (all towns have them!)
July 16 <sup>th</sup>	Play hide and seek
July 17 <sup>th</sup>	Let the kids have a Lemonade Stand or yard sale
July 18 <sup>th</sup>	Have a tea party (with the good china!)
July 19 <sup>th</sup>	Watch the sunset
July 20 <sup>th</sup>	Attend a free concert at a local park
July 21 <sup>st</sup>	Have a movie marathon with free movies from your library
July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Learn how to toss a Frisbee
July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Blow bubbles
July 24 <sup>th</sup>	Grab a blanket & read books outside
July 25 <sup>th</sup>	Go bowling for free ( details at <a href="http://www.kidsbowlfree.com/">http://www.kidsbowlfree.com/</a> )
July 26 <sup>th</sup>	Play the License Plate Game while running errands or on a road trip
July 27 <sup>th</sup>	Play a game of cards
July 28 <sup>th</sup>	Run through the sprinkler or go to a free water park
July 29 <sup>th</sup>	Learn how to do a cartwheel or headstand
July 30 <sup>th</sup>	Volunteer at a food bank, church or nursing home with your family
July 31 <sup>st</sup>	See a free summer movie (check your local cinemas)

*Aaah, summer - that long anticipated stretch of lazy, lingering days, free of responsibility and rife with possibility.*

*It's a time to hunt for insects, master handstands, practice swimming strokes, conquer trees, explore nooks and crannies, and make new friends.*

*~ Darell Hammond*



## AUGUST

August 1 <sup>st</sup>	Visit a beach
August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Learn to say 'hello' in five different languages
August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Watch a <a href="#">Kid President</a> video
August 4 <sup>th</sup>	Go geo-caching or letter boxing
August 5 <sup>th</sup>	Make a pillow fort or blanket fort and read for the afternoon
August 6 <sup>th</sup>	Wash your bike or outdoor toys
August 7 <sup>th</sup>	Explore the attic or basement for 'cool' old stuff
August 8 <sup>th</sup>	Use items from around the house to make a boat to float
August 9 <sup>th</sup>	Freeze some small toys in ice & 'rescue' them by pouring water over the ice
August 10 <sup>th</sup>	Learn how to talk in pig latin
August 11 <sup>th</sup>	Visit a construction site
August 12 <sup>th</sup>	Go outside at night and look for the Perseids Meteor Showers
August 13 <sup>th</sup>	Hunt for four leaf clovers
August 14 <sup>th</sup>	Play a board game
August 15 <sup>th</sup>	Use sticks/rocks or ice cubes to build something
August 16 <sup>th</sup>	Make a sand volcano explode (using baking soda and vinegar)
August 17 <sup>th</sup>	Fold paper airplanes and see whose will fly the farthest
August 18 <sup>th</sup>	Ask Mom & Dad if you can poke around in their closet (and play dress up)
August 19 <sup>th</sup>	Pack a lunch and go on an adventure with a friend or sibling
August 20 <sup>th</sup>	Learn a magic trick
August 21 <sup>st</sup>	Have breakfast for dinner
August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Use chalk to draw an outdoor mural
August 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Play charades
August 24 <sup>th</sup>	Use a camera to take a picture of something for each letter in your name
August 25 <sup>th</sup>	Visit a National Park (all have FREE admission today!)
August 26 <sup>th</sup>	Teach your parents something!
August 27 <sup>th</sup>	Roll up your socks and have a summer 'snowball' fight
August 28 <sup>th</sup>	Go for a bike ride, ride your scooter or take a ride in a wagon
August 29 <sup>th</sup>	Write a letter to your best friend or a cousin
August 30 <sup>th</sup>	Make up a new game to play
August 31 <sup>st</sup>	Create something out of a cardboard box

## SEPTEMBER

September 1 <sup>st</sup>	Visit a local college campus and view the artwork or one of their museums
September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Visit the library one last time this summer
September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Look through old family pictures
September 4 <sup>th</sup>	Make a list of all the fun things you did this summer
September 5 <sup>th</sup>	Take a farm tour or visit a free petting zoo
September 6 <sup>th</sup>	Color!
September 7 <sup>th</sup>	Celebrate the end of summer with your family!