



SUMMER FUN ESSENTIALS



Keep kids engaged all summer long



Go outside!

- Scavenger hunt
- Have a picnic
- Catch fireflies
- Ride a bike
- Play tag
- Walk
- Build a fort



- Camp in backyard
- Obstacle course
- Stargaze
- Jump rope
- Plant a garden
- Water balloons
- Make a birdfeeder



Virtual learning

- [Become a Junior Ranger](#)
- [Captain Foundation](#)
- [Cosi Connects](#)
- [Empowering Distance](#)
- [Library of Congress](#)
- [Scholastic](#)



Stay connected



- [EDCY](#) - Empowering Darke County Youth
- [Support local](#)
- [YFCMV](#) - Youth for Christ of the Miami Valley Facebook
- [YMCA On Demand](#)



Get crafty



- Button tree art
- Cereal box puppets
- Clothespin cars
- Coffee filter snails
- Collages
- Craft stick frames
- Cupcake liner flower
- Dyed pasta necklace
- Flower pens
- Handprint flowers
- Ladybug rocks
- Paper dream catcher
- Pom pom rainbow
- Sponge paint
- Stained glass window
- Tissue box monsters
- Yarn wrapped vase

Indoor fun

- Act out favorite book
- Assemble a puzzle
- Build something
- Clean the house
- Create own board game
- Dance party
- Do a science experiment
- Hide and seek
- Learn about something new every day
- Make a sensory bin
- Play dress-up
- Read together
- Redesign favorite movie or book cover
- Start a daily vocabulary word jar
- Write your own song



Mental health matters

- [Child Mind Institute](#) - Articles & Guides for Parents
- [Crisis Text Line](#) - 24/7 Support
- [Focus on the Family](#) - Help for the Whole Family
- [K-LOVE](#) - Positive & Encouraging Resources
- [Nationwide Children's Hospital](#) - Behavioral Health Tips & Resources for Kids



Cook and learn



- Learn budgeting skills and go grocery shopping
- Make a meal/snack together
- Practice math skills by doubling a recipe

Adventure awaits

- [Columbus Zoo & Aquarium](#)
- [Darke County Parks](#)
- [Google Arts & Culture](#)
- [GPL Summer Reading Prog.](#)
- [Ohio attractions](#)
- [Virtual Exhibits](#)
- [Visit the Holy Land](#)

