

PARENTS CHRONICLE

Growing in Grace at Grandview Park

101 THINGS TO DO THIS SUMMER

It's coming, sooner than you know it. School will be out, summer will be here, and you'll begin to hear that familiar refrain... "I'M BORED!" Here are 101 things to do this summer, based on www.homeschool.com/articles/101ThingsToDoThisSummer/. (Note: Some of the links from the online article are outdated and have been deleted from this article.)

1. **Make a scrapbook of everything you do this summer.** The Basics of Scrapbooking: 42explore.com/scrapbk.htm.
2. **Have a picnic.**
3. **Write a letter to your best friend.** English Works! Writing Letters: http://aaweb.gallaudet.edu/CLAST/Tutorial_and_Instructional_Programs/English_Works/Writing/Letters.html
4. **Visit another country.** Lonely Planet Destination Guides: www.lonelyplanet.com/destinations/.
5. **Go to a ballgame.** How about the Iowa Cubs game on Friday, August 6 with our church family?
6. **Get a job.** Teens 4 Hire: www.teens4hire.org/.
7. **Become a photographer.** BetterPhoto for Kids and Teens: www.betterphoto.com/photography-for-kids.asp.
8. **Make dinner for your family.**
9. **Compare a book to a movie.** Compare and Contrast Essay: www.csudh.edu/CLASS/services/studyskills/english/webpageworksheets/comparecontrastessay.htm.
10. **Write a poem.**
11. **Learn about fireworks.** How Stuff Works: Fireworks: <http://science.howstuffworks.com/fireworks.htm>.
12. **Bake some cookies.** Science of Cookies: www.bakingandbakingscience.com/cookies.htm.
13. **Take a boat ride.** Boat Safe Kids!: www.boatsafe.com/kids/index.htm.
14. **Sketch a picture of your house from the outside.** Perspective Drawing: www.artfactory.com/perspective_drawing/perspective_1.htm
15. **Go to camp.** Register for Iowa Regular Baptist Camp by Sunday, May 23!
16. **Visit a farm.** Visit Living History Farms (www.lhf.org) or a Virtual Farm: <http://sites.ext.vt.edu/virtualfarm/>.
17. **Take a walk and record the sounds.** Listening to Nature™ www.museumca.org/naturalsounds/.
18. **Attend a sports camp.** GPBS Basketball Camp (June 7/8), Volleyball Camp (June 14-16), or Football Camp (Aug. 2-6, 21).
19. **Keep a journal of what you do during the Summer.**
20. **Make a puzzle.** How to make your own jigsaw puzzle: www.essortment.com/all/howtomakeyour_rgzx.htm.
21. **Start a band.**
22. **Make a new kind of sandwich.** Who Cooked That Up? – The Sandwich: members.cox.net/jjschnebel/sandwich.html.
23. **Blow up balloons, put notes inside and hand them out to friends.**
24. **Go backpacking.** The Beginning Backpacker: www.backpacking.net/beginner.html.
25. **Go outside and find 10 different kinds of flowers.** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center: www.wildflower.org.
26. **Create a web site.** HTML for Kids: www.lissaexplains.com/.
27. **Go camping.** Sign up for the Father-Son Campout on June 25-26. Also see "Go Camping America Kids Pages" (www.gocampingamerica.com/kidspages/).
28. **Review your Awana verses.**
29. **Help an elderly person with house or yard work.**
30. **Visit the Blank Park Zoo** (www.blankparkzoo.com) or Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo (www.omahazoo.com). National Zoo Animal Web cams: nationalzoo.si.edu/Animals/default.cfm.
31. **Learn a foreign language.**
32. **Make an obstacle course.** How To Set Up An Obstacle Course: www.ehow.com/how_3113_set-obstacle-course.html.
33. **Make a treasure hunt.** The Ultimate Treasure Hunt: www.allthatstuff.net/treasurehunt.htm.
34. **Read a story to someone.**
35. **Have a winter theme party.** Children's Winter Theme Party Ideas: www.partyshelf.com/Childrens_Winter_Parties.htm.
36. **Recycle cans and bottles.** The Internet Consumer Recycling Guide: www.obviously.com/recycle/.
37. **Clean up a nature trail.**
38. **Build a tree house.** Tree House Guide: www.thetreehouseguide.com.
39. **Create a new world.**
40. **Set up a lemonade stand.** Lemonade Stand Game: www.coolmath-games.com/lemonade/.
41. **Learn or teach a new sport with someone.**
42. **Attend a concert.** Instruments of the Orchestra: www.sfskids.org/templates/instorchframe.asp?pageid=3.
43. **Have a family game night.**
44. **Make a movie.**
45. **Make a collage from magazine words and pictures.** Collage:



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- pbskids.org/zoom/activities/do/collage.html.
46. **Create a terrarium.** How to Make a Terrarium: www.ehow.com/how_9374_make-terrarium.html.
 47. **Go canoeing.** US Kayak / Canoe Disciplines: www.adventuresportsholidays.com/north_america/united_states.php
 48. **Discover a new favorite author or book series.** Children's Literature Web Guide: www.acs.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/.
 49. **Go to a museum.**
 50. **Make a fire plan.** www.usfa.fema.gov/kids/flash.shtm
 51. **Make up bubble solution and have a contest.** "Secret" Bubble Solutions: www.bubblemania.com/faq/solution.html.
 52. **Find a pen-pal (get parent permission).**
 53. **Plant something.** Gardens for Beginners: www.geocities.com/mastergardener2k/.
 54. **Visit a tourist spot near your home.** Tourist Information Directory: www.touristinformationdirectory.com/.
 55. **Host a yard sale.** How to Plan a Yard Sale: www.ehow.com/how_137461_yard-garage-sale.html.
 56. **Build a sandcastle.** Sandcastle Tools: www.sandcastlecentral.com/toolpages/.
 57. **Donate some of the toys and clothes you no longer use.** www.ehow.com/how_10124_donate-toys-children.html.
 58. **Research your family tree.**
 59. **Fly a kite.** Professor Kite and the Secret of Kites: www.gombergkites.com/howgen.html.
 60. **Invent your own board game.** Design Your Own Board Game: www.essortment.com/all/boardgamedesig_rxcu.htm.
 61. **Use a compass or GPS to map your neighborhood.** Mapping your Neighborhood: www.dnr.state.md.us/education/growfromhere/LESSON8/LESSON8.HTM.
 62. **Build a time capsule.** Making Time Capsules: <http://dliis.dos.state.fl.us/archives/preservation/time/index.cfm>.
 63. **Act in a play.** So You Want to Put On a Play?: www.writewords.org.uk/articles/theatre1.asp.
 64. **Throw a block party.**
 65. **Make a bird feeder.** Plans for Building Bird Feeders: <http://birding.about.com/od/birdfeeders/Birdfeeders.htm>.
 66. **Organize a bike safety clinic.**
 67. **Spend time with your grandparents.** 10 Great Activities: www.education-world.com/a_lesson/lesson136.shtml.
 68. **Attend a first aid class.**
 69. **Dig for fossils.** Dinosaur Dig: www.sdnhm.org/kids/fossils/.
 70. **Write a song.** www.robinfrederick.com/write.html.
 71. **Tie-dye some t-shirts.** How to Tie-Dye: www.essortment.com/all/tiedyedefa_rmel.htm.
 72. **Take a dog for a walk.** Tips for a Better Walk with Your Dog: rubyglenn.com/pets/dogwalk.htm.
 73. **Have a paper airplane contest.**
 74. **Go without TV for a day.** www.tvturnoff.org/
 75. **Sign up for a library Summer Reading Program.**
 76. **Learn some new outdoor games.** www.gameskidsplay.net/
 77. **Make something from recyclables.** Crafts from Recycled Products: www.makingfriends.com/recycle.htm.
 78. **Share your favorite movie with a friend.** Christian movie reviews: www.pluggedin.com/.
 79. **Make home made ice cream.** Kitchen Theater Science in a Scoop: www.carnegiemuseums.org/cmag/bk_issue/1996/julaug/dept4.htm.
 80. **Jump on a trampoline.** Trampoline Safety Rules: www.outdoorfunstore.com/trampoline-safety.asp.
 81. **Get a magazine subscription.**
 82. **Organize a scavenger hunt.** Outdoor Scavenger Hunts: www.lovetheoutdoors.com/camping/kids/scavengerhunt.htm
 83. **Go swimming.** Video Clips of the Swimming Strokes: wellness.lattc.cc.ca.us/real/strokes.html.
 84. **Paint a portrait of your best friend.**
 85. **Start a collection.** How to Start a Collection: www.ehow.com/how_10563_start-collection.html.
 86. **Write a fairy tale.** Fractured Fairy Tales and Fables: teacher.scholastic.com/writewit/mff/fractured_fairy.htm.
 87. **Travel in time.** Odyssey Online: carlos.emory.edu/ODYSSEY/MidElem_Home.html.
 88. **Stargaze and track the moon phases.** <http://nineplanets.org/>
 89. **Learn how to sew.** www.sewing.org/html/guidelines.html
 90. **Visit a National Park.** www.nps.gov/parks.html
 91. **Go horseback riding.** Sign up for the Father-Daughter Horseback Riding on Saturday, July 10.
 92. **Roast marshmallows.** How to Roast a Marshmallow: www.ehow.com/how_1164_roast-marshmallow.html.
 93. **Watch the birds.** www.birdwatching.com/tips/kids_birding.html
 94. **Arrange a bouquet of flowers.** Virtual Ikebana: <http://interiordec.about.com/library/weekly/aa021403b2.htm>.
 95. **Learn to blog.**
 96. **Re-decorate your room.** www.bhg.com/bhg/decoratinggallery/
 97. **Learn to play chess.** Chess is Fun: www.princeton.edu/~jedwards/cif/intro.html
 98. **Adopt a pet.** <http://www.petfinder.com/>.
 99. **Keep your brain going.** Brain Teasers: www.brainconnection.com/teasers/.
 100. **Teach someone to use email.** How eMail Works: www.learnthenet.com/english/html/20how.htm.
 101. **Create your own holiday.** www.educationworld.com/a_lesson/lesson018.shtml
- Bonus: Invite a friend to Kids Bible Club.** Starts Sunday, June 6.

