



170+ Summer Bucket List Ideas for Kids

Water Fun for Summer Bucket Lists

1. Run through the sprinkler
2. Play in the pool
3. Learn a new swimming stroke
4. Have a water balloon fight
5. Race toy sailboats
6. Dance in the rain (only without thunder and lightning!)
7. Play spray bottle tag
8. Freeze small toys in ice and dig them out
9. Knock down water balloon “piñatas”
10. Play baseball or catch with a water balloon ball
11. Make a DIY slip-and-slide in the yard
12. Try sponge toss games with soaked sponges
13. Have a pool noodle sword fight
14. Set up a water sensory bin with scoops and cups
15. Create a water wall using recycled bottles and tubes
16. Have a water relay race using sponges or cups



Nature Exploration Activities

17. Go on a nature walk
18. Collect and display rocks or leaves
19. Go on a bug hunt
20. Pick wildflowers
21. Watch the clouds and find shapes
22. Make a birdfeeder
23. Plant a garden
24. Save seeds from sunflowers
25. Count butterflies
26. Listen for and identify bird songs or insect sounds
27. Create nature rubbings with leaves and bark
28. Visit a local nature preserve
29. Make a nature journal to record discoveries all summer long
30. Set up a bug hotel in the backyard
31. Go fishing or paddle boating at a local pond or lake
32. Go geocaching



Classic Summer Activities for Kids

33. Blow bubbles

34. Draw with sidewalk chalk

35. Catch fireflies

36. Build a sandcastle

37. Fly a kite

38. Go on a family bike ride

39. Camp out in the backyard

40. Play flashlight tag

41. Hold a backyard scavenger hunt

42. Feed dried corn to local ducks

43. Go stargazing

44. Host a lemonade stand

45. Watch a fireworks show

46. Build a blanket fort

47. Play with glow sticks after dark

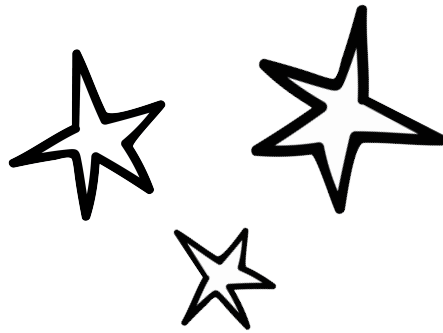
48. Build a bonfire

49. Light a sparkler

50. Try an outdoor science experiment like a vinegar and baking soda volcano

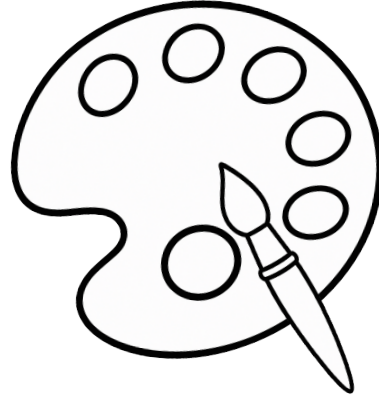
51. Have a paper airplane competition

52. Play classic lawn games like cornhole or ring toss



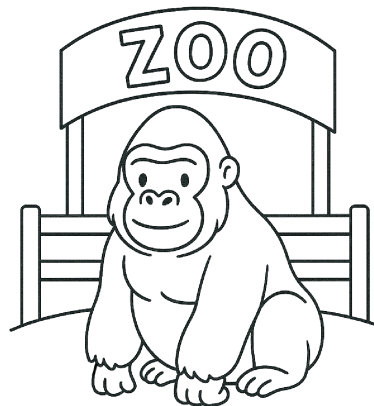
Creative Summer Bucket List Ideas

- 53. Paint rocks and leave them for others to find
- 54. Tie-dye t-shirts or other items
- 55. Put on a play or puppet show
- 56. Craft homemade instruments
- 57. Hold a concert or play for friends and family
- 58. Assemble a summer collage of your choice
- 59. Build something with cardboard boxes
- 60. Invent a new game
- 61. Create a new dance and teach it to others
- 62. Make designs with sun print paper
- 63. Create a summer photo album or scrapbook
- 64. Try sand art in bottles or jars
- 65. Make your own wind chimes with recycled materials
- 66. Build a fairy garden
- 67. Do a weekly summer craft



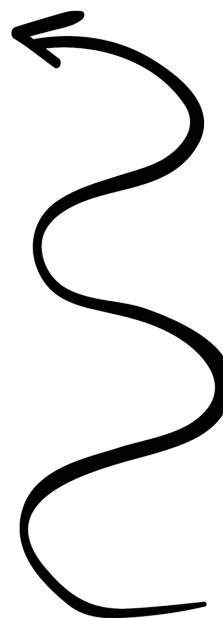
Out-and-About Activities for Kids

- 68. Visit a local playground
- 69. Have a picnic in the park
- 70. Go to the zoo
- 71. Ride a carousel
- 72. Watch a movie outdoors
- 73. Shop at the farmer's market
- 74. Visit the Little Free Libraries in your neighborhood
- 75. Ride on a train or boat
- 76. Go to an outdoor concert
- 77. Play mini-golf (try glow-in-the-dark mini golf too!)
- 78. Visit the county fair
- 79. Join a summer reading program
- 80. Check out a new playground or park
- 81. Visit a nature center
- 82. Attend a baseball game or other sports event
- 83. Go on a short road trip to a nearby town
- 84. Take a guided tour of a local farm
- 85. Visit a splash pad or water playground
- 86. Try a kids' workshop at a home improvement store
- 87. Explore a historical site or landmark in your area



Quiet Time Bucket List Ideas

88. Set up a cozy spot outdoors and read a book
89. Have a stuffed animal tea party
90. Listen to an audiobook on a rainy day and complete some summer worksheets
91. Write and illustrate your own book
92. Look at old family photos
93. Draw a picture to send to a friend
94. Watch the sunrise or sunset
95. Form a family book club or a book club with friends
96. Clean out a closet and donate unwanted items
97. Learn 10 words in another language
98. Try kids' yoga outdoors or with a video
99. Write and mail postcards to friends or family
100. Listen to relaxing nature sounds while working on summer coloring pages
101. Tell riddles or silly Dad jokes to a friend or family member



Summer Bucket List Food and Treats

- 102. Cut up and eat a watermelon
- 103. Squeeze homemade lemonade
- 104. Wash and eat fruit or vegetables straight from a garden
- 105. Freeze your own popsicles
- 106. Make fresh fruit kabobs
- 107. Eat cotton candy at the fair or amusement park
- 108. Make some homemade jam
- 109. Roast hot dogs over a fire
- 110. Make s'mores
- 111. Enjoy homemade ice cream
- 112. Make a no-bake dessert together
- 113. Create your own trail mix with favorite nuts, seeds, and dried fruit
- 114. Host a backyard picnic with finger foods and a picnic blanket
- 115. Try a new fruit or veggie you've never had before
- 116. Make flavored ice cubes with juice or fruit pieces
- 117. Create edible art with fruit slices, yogurt, and graham crackers
- 118. Have a build-your-own taco or sandwich night
- 119. Make a smoothie together and give it a fun name
- 120. Make popcorn and flavor it with fun toppings for a movie night



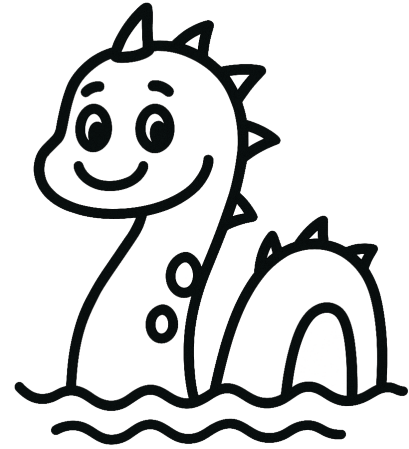
Active Summer Bucket List Ideas

- 121. Build a backyard obstacle course
- 122. Toss a frisbee with friends
- 123. Run relay races
- 124. Draw the longest hopscotch course you can
- 125. Climb a tree
- 126. Try to beat your jump rope record
- 127. Learn how to hula hoop
- 128. Host a family Olympics
- 129. Learn to do a somersault, cartwheel, or headstand
- 130. Take a hike someplace new
- 131. Dig a hole in the sand and then fill it back up (this is important for wildlife)
- 132. Climb a tower at a park
- 133. Play freeze dance with favorite songs
- 134. Go rollerblading, biking, or scootering around the neighborhood
- 135. Create and complete a sidewalk chalk maze
- 136. Do a silly walking contest (crab walk, bear crawl, etc.)
- 137. Learn and perform a short jump rope routine
- 138. Find a new way to play catch (like using a laundry basket or grocery bag)



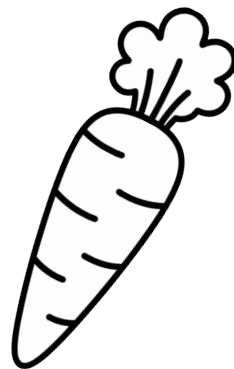
Pretend Play Activity Ideas

- 139. Dress up as superheroes
- 140. Bury toy dinosaurs and dig them up as paleontologists
- 141. Create a tent for shelter on an expedition
- 142. Run a car wash for toy vehicles
- 143. Set up a pretend restaurant
- 144. Make a treasure map for a parent or sibling
- 145. Run an ice cream shop
- 146. Create a backyard stuffed animal zoo or farm
- 147. Go on a backyard safari
- 148. Have a beach day in the backyard
- 149. Set up a pretend post office and deliver mail to family members
- 150. Create a pirate ship using cardboard boxes or lawn chairs
- 151. Host a fashion show with dress-up clothes and a homemade runway
- 152. Build a pretend rocket ship and go on a space adventure
- 153. Set up a “vet clinic” for stuffed animals
- 154. Pretend to be chefs and create a cooking show video
- 155. Act out a fairy tale using costumes and props
- 156. Create a pretend grocery store and shop for play food
- 157. Set up a school with toys as students and play teacher



Community Summer Bucket List Activities

- 158. Hold a neighborhood parade
- 159. Host a backyard carnival with simple games and events
- 160. Participate in an enormous game of hide-and-seek
- 161. Work in a community garden
- 162. Organize a neighborhood sidewalk art show
- 163. Help a neighbor with a chore or task
- 164. Volunteer as a family
- 165. Have a bicycle-decorating contest
- 166. Host a neighborhood book swap
- 167. Throw a community bubble-blowing party
- 168. Have a front yard potluck party for everyone on your street
- 169. Organize a neighborhood outdoor story time
- 170. Start a “share table” with extra garden produce
- 171. Organize a summer talent show



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