

The Summer Bucket List

40 things to do this summer. Cross them off. Argue about the order.

THIS BELONGS TO _____

SUMMER OF _____ Goal: 20 of 40. Nobody does all 40.

FREE

10 IDEAS

- ☐ Freeze toys in a bowl of water and dig them out
- ☐ Sidewalk chalk hopscotch, all the way to 50
- ☐ Nature scavenger hunt on a walk
- ☐ Build a mud kitchen with old pots
- ☐ Sign up for the library summer reading program
- ☐ Chalk road system for toy cars
- ☐ Trace your shadow at 10am, then again at 4pm
- ☐ Hide painted rocks at the park
- ☐ Run a lemonade stand on the driveway
- ☐ Have a one-hour Yes Day

AT HOME

10 IDEAS

- ☐ Turn a giant box into a house
- ☐ Blanket fort with fairy lights
- ☐ Baking soda + vinegar on a sheet pan
- ☐ Marble run from paper tubes taped to the wall
- ☐ Rice sensory bin (on a bedsheet)
- ☐ Make playdough from scratch
- ☐ Paper airplane contest with a taped runway
- ☐ Painter's tape road maze on the floor
- ☐ Build a cardboard arcade
- ☐ Let them build their own lunch

WATER

10 IDEAS

- ☐ Put the sprinkler under the trampoline
- ☐ Hang a water balloon pinata from a branch
- ☐ Make frozen sponge bombs
- ☐ Tarp + dish soap = slip and slide
- ☐ Squirt bottle target practice with paper plates
- ☐ Freeze colored ice cubes and mix them
- ☐ Wash the car (they think it's a favor)
- ☐ Go to a splash pad
- ☐ Freeze-dance in the sprinkler
- ☐ Glow stick bath at dusk

RAINY / CAMP

10 IDEAS

- ☐ Run a home camp day (badge required)
- ☐ Indoor camping in the living room
- ☐ Family talent show, with scorecards
- ☐ Make a board game, then play it
- ☐ Friendship bracelets
- ☐ Puzzle marathon
- ☐ Video call grandma for a house tour
- ☐ Fort-building contest, one room each
- ☐ Movie afternoon, no guilt
- ☐ Do nothing. Be bored. See what happens.

THE ONES YOU MAKE UP YOURSELF (always the best ones)

- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

CUT + FOLD

The Boredom Buster Jar

Cut these out, fold them, drop them in a jar. When they say they're bored, they pull one.

THE RULE: they pull the slip, they do the thing. No swapping. (One re-draw per day. Be generous.)

PULL ME

Ice excavation

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PULL ME

Sidewalk chalk

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Sprinkler run

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PULL ME

Bug hunt with a jar

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PULL ME

Build a box fort

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PULL ME

Bubble mix + bubbles

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PULL ME

Paint rocks

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PULL ME

Mud kitchen

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PULL ME

Water balloon toss

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Cloud watching

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PULL ME

Marble run

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PULL ME

Rice bin

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PULL ME

Paper airplanes

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Nature walk hunt

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Freeze dance

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Backyard bowling

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Make playdough

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Sock basketball

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Balloon keep-up

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Toy wash in the sink

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Baking soda volcano

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Dress-up show

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Shadow tracing

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PULL ME

Draw a treasure map

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FILL IN TOGETHER

Our Home Camp Day

Pick a theme the night before. Let the kids fill this in. The badge does most of the work.

OUR CAMP IS CALLED _____

TODAY'S THEME _____

OUR CAMP CHANT _____

DRAW YOUR
CAMP BADGE

cut it out, tape it on

THE SCHEDULE

One messy thing. One active thing. A snack. A hard stop.

9:00 Opening ceremony _____

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9:30 The messy one _____

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10:30 The active one _____

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11:15 Snack we made ourselves _____

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11:45 Talent show / journal page _____

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12:00 CAMP IS OVER. Go be bored. _____

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KIDS' REVIEW OF CAMP TODAY (color in the stars)

Best part: _____



The Summer Scoreboard

Rate the activities. Be brutal. Mom needs to know which ones were a waste of time.

WHAT WE DID	WHO PICKED IT	STARS (color them in)	AGAIN?
1.		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆	☐
2.		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆	☐
3.		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆	☐
4.		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆	☐
5.		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆	☐
6.		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆	☐
7.		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆	☐
8.		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆	☐
9.		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆	☐
10.		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆	☐
11.		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆	☐
12.		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆	☐

THE BEST THING WE INVENTED OURSELVES THIS SUMMER

Draw it. Name it. It goes on next year's list.

draw it here

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