Family Activities Collection

We all know that Summer Break is a time to turn your brain off, get outside, spend time with family, and a great time to be bored (it’s actually good to be bored). We also know that we’ve been at home with family for a while now, and since vacations are on hold, we may be a little tired of one another and might need some more creative ways to spend the next week with our families! So, if you aren’t going to lock your children outside until dark, the list below is for you!

Non Screen Time Activities:

1. Scavenger Hunts: go for a walk and hunt for letters, or colors, or count up items you see.
2. Collages: go through old photo collections, cut up magazines, make a gift for a family member or friend.
3. Painters tape games: Hop scotch, tinker time (create and build using recycling), design a race track for cars, invent something new!
4. Fashion show: Do a family fashion show- Raid your home closet, create categories, and put on a show! Don’t forget the music and the crowd ;)
5. Balloon tennis: Using hands, tennis rackets, back scratchers, pool noodles or anything else you can find, make your own tennis court using a balloon for the ball!
7. Living room picnic: spread out your favorite blanket, make lunch together (who knows it might inspire future self-created lunches... a parent can dream)
8. Paper airplanes: There are so many ways to make airplanes! Books, online, or templates online help if you need it. Make a runway and see how far it can go! Hang a hula hoop and see if you can get it through!
9. House of cards: grab a pack of playing cards and see how high your kids can build a tower.
10. Learn a new card game: complex or not!
11. Rock painting: With warm sunny days ahead, be outside, paint some rocks, make a fairy garden, or a family set of rocks with your names on them!
12. Forts: Need I say more? Don’t forget to stock your fort with cushions, flashlights, books, and snacks!
13. Freeze Dance: Put on some fun music, and let the games begin!
14. Puppet Show: With a few supplies and a bunch of creativity, kids make their own puppets, write a script and perform a show. Hours of entertainment.
15. Twister
16. Obstacle Course: inside or outside using only household materials
17. Get out in the garden: sunshine is good for everyone!
18. Board/Card Games: Think: Sorry, Monopoly, Yahtzee, Set, Uno, Farkle, etc..
19. Puzzles: of any kind! Bookshop Santa Cruz is delivering for 99 cents, or you can do curbside pick up. They have games, puzzles, and books galore.
20. Bake: channel your inner Paul Hollywood and Mary Berry, and have a bake-off challenge, or just try something new!
21. Learn to juggle!
22. Take a walk at Land of Medicine Buddha or your favorite outside spot
23. Keep a journal
24. Read a book, then watch the movie: write a critique- which was better?
25. Set up a tent in your backyard, and pretend you are on a camping trip
26. Teach your pet a new trick
27. Play 20 questions: it really doesn’t ever get old.
28. Make a time capsule: One day we’ll want to look back and reflect on this time.
Some online fun:

Virtual Tours (Parks, Museums, etc):
- 12 Museums from around the world
- The Louvre
- The British Museum
- Yellowstone National Park
- Explore the surface of Mars on the Curiosity Rover
- FarmFood 360 offers 11 Virtual Tours of farms
- The Great Wall of China
- Smithsonian’s National Zoo
- San Diego Zoo
- Monterey Bay Aquarium
- Great Barrier Reef Live cam
- National Geographic Kids
- Explore.org- animal live cams

Stories/Activities:
- Storytime from space
- Free audiobooks
- Books read aloud by our favorites
- Lunch Doodles with Mo Willems
- Go Noodle- Movement fun
- Mindfulness/Meditation: 8 Meditation Apps for Kids
- For MS Spanish
- For Spanish
- Typing Club (you’ll need your log in)

Online games:
- Jigsaw Puzzles
- Word Searches
- Logic Puzzles