

# KIDS SUMMER

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**Have an ice block treasure hunt**

Freeze toys in a large container of water, then have kids chip away at the ice with a hammer. Submerge the container in hot water to release them.

**Build your own water bottle sprinkler**

Drill randomly-spaced holes in an empty water bottle. Then, using waterproof tape, attach it to the end of a hose.

**Make glow-in-the-dark sand**

Add salt to a zip top bag, squirt in glow-in-the-dark paint, and mix until the salt color is evenly distributed. Open the bag and allow the salt to dry for 24 hours.

**Make s'mores cones**

Fill sugar cones with mini marshmallows and chocolate chips. Wrap in aluminum foil and cook for 7-10 minutes.

**Create a jar of summer bucket list ideas**

Brainstorm a bunch of summer activities, and write them down on popsicle sticks. When boredom strikes, choose a stick and complete an activity.

**Play glow-in-the-dark ring toss**

Insert a 12-inch glow stick in the ground. Assemble glow-in-the-dark bracelets using the connector provided, then toss on the sticks.

**Turn a pool noodle into a racetrack for marbles and more**

Cut a pool noodle in half lengthwise, wide enough for race cars and marbles to slide down. Attaching an empty shoe box at the end will stop runaway objects.

**Prepare writing prompts and have kids start a summer journal**

Have kids choose a new prompt every day to encourage creative play. For example, they could go outside and write down what they hear, see, smell, and feel.

**Make chalkboard paint**

Mix equal parts water and cornstarch until smooth. Stir in 12 drops of food coloring, and use paint brushes and sponges to decorate the sidewalk.



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**Make window clings using Kool-Aid and glue**

Pour a packet of Kool-Aid into a school glue bottle, and mix thoroughly with a skewer. Create art on a canvas or paper, or make designs on stretched plastic wrap that can be dried and used as window clings.

**Go backyard bowling using empty cans, socks, and rice**

Fill small socks with rice and tie the ends with rubber bands. Cover six empty, clean 15-ounce cans with colored tape, and set them up in a pyramid.

**Play glow-in-the-dark bowling with water bottles and glow sticks**

Insert glow sticks into bottles filled with water, replace the cap, and use a ball to knock them over.

**Conduct a science activity by inflating balloons with baking soda and vinegar**

Fill an old water bottle about 1/3 of the way full with vinegar, and fill the balloon up halfway with baking soda. Cover the top of the bottle with your baking-soda balloon, lift the balloon, and let the baking soda fall into the vinegar.

**Make penny tap shoes**

Use hot glue to attach pennies to the bottoms of your child's shoes for instant tap shoes.

**Make costume jewelry using colored hot glue**

Using colored glue sticks, create one large blob of glue on a silicone baking mat, then a line 13 – 15 inches long, with a second large blob at the other end. Allow it to dry, punch a hole in each end's big blob, and use string to tie the ends together.

**Make edible treats with grapes, chocolate chips, skewers, and cake icing**

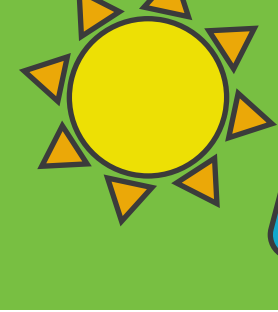
Skewer grapes from end to end, and use a toothpick to dab vanilla icing on the end grape. Add mini chocolate chips on top of the icing to create a caterpillar face.

**Repurpose a shower curtain into an art-inspired craft**

Use colored sharpies to draw on a clear shower curtain liner. Let your kiddos get busy drawing their hearts desire.

**Make ice cream sandwiches**

Cut a pint of ice cream into 1-inch circles. Discard the label and place between two large cookies.



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**Make easy yogurt pops**

Insert a popsicle stick in the middle of an individual yogurt cup, and freeze it. After at least 3 hours, pop them out, and enjoy!

**Fill a binder with free coloring pages for kids on road trips**

To a large binder with their name, add fun things like crayons and coloring pages, scavenger hunt checklists, bingo scoreboards, and activity printables.

**Throw eggs filled with paint**

Drain 12 eggs using a push pin and break away a portion of an egg. Create a large enough hole to pour paint through, then watch your kids have fun creating modern masterpieces.

**Paint with flowers**

Using real flowers and leaves, have kids dip them in paint and create artwork on construction paper.

**Throw sponge balls instead of water balloons**

Cut 2 sponges into six long strips, then stack the strips. Wrap a rubber band around the center of all the pieces, then manually move the pieces to form a star shape.

**Set up a tent in the backyard**

Set up your gear in the backyard with all of the accessories - snacks, pillows, sleeping bags, and a tent. Don't forget the s'mores!

**Make Kool-Aid-scented playdough**

Over medium heat, mix flour, salt, cream of tartar, oil, Kool-Aid, and water. Stir until the dough clumps together and reaches playdough consistency.

**Make your own shirts with fabric paint**

Use an old white t-shirt and fabric paint for kids to have a paint party using their hands or brushes.

**Invent a summer game using balloons and toilet paper rolls**

Take an empty toilet paper roll and fit a balloon around one end. Add a couple of mini marshmallows to the balloon end and watch out as your kid shoots them at you!

**Play tic-tac-toe in the yard**

Make a reusable tic-tac-toe board with an old shower curtain liner, duct tape, and frisbees.