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Staycation

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No need to travel this summer. Brainstorm some down-home activities your family can do that combine fun and learning! Summer is a great time for families to rediscover what their communities have to offer. It can be as simple as exploring your neighborhood with a walk, going further on a city bus or other public transportation, or participating in community classes and events.

By exploring local sites your child could:

- * use a pedometer and make a graph of the total steps taken every week

Directions for a pedometer scavenger hunt and other ideas, [Click here.](#)

- * practice using a GPS, or a map app to go Geocaching

Ready to try some treasure hunting? Watch this YouTube video to learn more. [Click here.](#)

- * play on an accessible playground

Look up accessible playgrounds in your area and get a guide for designing an inclusive playground. [Click here.](#)

- * take photos of local stores and classify pictures of what is sold in different stores

More classification games and ideas, [Click here.](#)

- * keep a written/pictorial journal of summer activities

Directions for eight different books to make for your journals, [Click here.](#)

Make a Fun Activity Passport for Children, [Click here.](#)

By participating in typical community classes/events your child could:

- * connect with new/old friends and help others learn children with disabilities are more like children without disabilities than different

Use this checklist to help determine how inclusive your local community classes are. [Click here.](#)

- * participate in local library's reading program

Read how summer reading programs can be more inclusive, [Click here.](#)

Summer reading activities from Reading Rockets, [Click here.](#)

* have fun being a kid

Try some new games from this site, [Click here.](#)

* gather neighborhood kids for some Olympic games

Here are some activities and games for ages 3- 19, [Click here.](#)

Rediscover your hometown this summer and be surprised how much fun and learning can be had on your staycation!

Identify your vision: Think outside of the ESY and summer therapy box.

Use your voice: Share ideas for summer fun with other families.

Work together: To create more inclusive recreation opportunities.

Take an action step now and email this newsletter to others!



Resources

*Playing Smart: The Family Guide to Enriching,
Offbeat Learning Activities for Ages 4-14*

By Susan K. Perry



Websites

48 Ultra-Cool Summer Sites for Kids and Teachers

Great puzzles, games, and learning activities, [Click here.](#)

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