



Jr. Ranger Guide

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Happy New Year 2023

Just for RCU kids

WINTER BOREDOM BUSTERS

Affordable activities for when it's cold, wet, and gloomy outside

Now that the weather has changed, you'll spend more time inside than usual. Here's a list of budget-friendly activities to enjoy while you're warm and cozy indoors.

MAKE A "BOREDOM BOX"

You'll need a shoebox, a sheet of paper, scissors, and a marker for this activity. The first step is to have your parents help cut the sheet of paper into slips. Then, write fun indoor activities on the slips. Here are a few examples: one hour of video game play, complete a puzzle, watch a movie, and draw characters for 30 minutes. Step two is decorating your box. You can use tin foil, newspaper, wrapping paper—whatever is available. The last step is putting your slips in the box and giving it a good shake. Now, the next time boredom starts to hit you, reach in and grab an activity slip!



☆ **Bonus Idea:** Add the activities on this list to your activity slip collection.

CREATE A WINTER FAIRY HOUSE

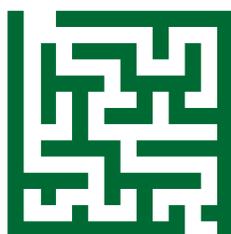
Enjoy making gingerbread houses over the holidays? Make a non-edible version for a fairy winter getaway! You can use cardboard, paper, buttons, ribbon, glue, paint, tape, or any other crafting supplies you have at your home.



☆ **Bonus Idea:** Make it last year round by changing the decorations with the seasons. Your winter house can turn into a spring cottage!

MAKE A TAPE MAZE

Using masking or painter's tape (something that won't leave glue marks), map out a maze on the floor of a large room in your house. See who can make it through the maze without running into a dead end.



☆ **Bonus Idea:** Use a timer to see who can quickly get through the maze without touching any tape walls.

MAKE A WIGGLE JAR

This activity aims to release some of that energy that has been building up while you're inside for too long. First, write a bunch of different "move-your-body" activities on small pieces of paper. Then fold them, and add them to an empty jar or jug. Activities can include things like doing five push-ups, bouncing on one foot for 30 seconds, creating a new yoga pose, dancing like a robot for two minutes, or any other idea that gets your body moving.



☆ **Bonus Idea:** Add a degree of difficulty to the activities. For example: instead of push-ups, make it one-armed push-ups.

PAPER AIRPLANE COMPETITION

For this one, you'll need lots of paper. Thick, thin, white, colored—whatever you can find around the house. Using different folding techniques, have all the competitors make a few paper airplanes out of the paper. Once the planes are flight ready, the competition can begin. See which plane has the best hang time, the most accuracy, and the best distance.

☆ **Bonus Idea:** Have each competitor name their team and create a scoreboard to track the results.

TAKE A TROPICAL VACATION

Not really, just pretend you're on one. So shut the curtains and ask your parents to turn up the heat; it's summer in January! Time to pull out your swimsuits, beach towels, and sunglasses. Watch a summer movie, toss a beach ball, play island music, or have a beach towel picnic.

☆ **Bonus Idea:** Have a limbo contest! All you need is a long stick, and you're ready. How low can you go?



TURNING WISHES INTO GOALS

Most wishes cost money (for instance video games, skateboards, and toys). But without a plan, it may be hard to afford your wishes. On the other hand, with some planning, you'll be able to convert your wishes into achievable goals.

STEP 1

Write down your goal:

Example: A new bike that costs \$150

STEP 2

Write down how much money you can save each week:

STEP 3

Divide your goal by your weekly savings:

(This tells you how many weeks it'll take to save for your goal.)

Hint: If you want to reach your goal faster, you'll need to save more each week.

Here's an example of how to achieve your goal:



In this example, you'll have enough money to buy a new bike in 15 weeks.

REDDY'S MONEY SCRAMBLE

Someone has scrambled the list of money-related terms below.

Can you help Reddy unscramble the words?

- The cost of something: R _ _ C _ _ I _ _ E _ _ P _ _
- Something you're saving for: O _ _ A _ _ G _ _ L _ _
- Money you put away: G _ _ V _ _ S _ _ A _ _ S _ _ I _ _ N _ _
- Another word for dollars and cents: H _ _ A _ _ C _ _ S _ _
- The best place to save your money: E _ _ R _ _ W _ _ O _ _ D _ _ O _ _ D _ _
D _ _ E _ _ R _ _ C _ _ T _ _ I _ _ N _ _ N _ _ O _ _ I _ _ U _ _

Answers:
1) Price (2) Goal (3) Savings (4) Cash (5) Redwood Credit Union



Reddy the Redwood "SAVE SOME FOR LATER"



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