

FREEDLOW GOST SUPER SUMMER ACTIVITIES!

Summer is here and the possibilities for fun are endless. Here are a few activities to make sure your good time doesn't break the bank!

Create a sponge necklace

You can make a fashion statement and keep cool when it's hot this summer. You'll need sponges (bright colors, if possible), a string or old shoelace, and scissors. Using the scissors—and help from an adult—cut the sponges into fun shapes. Next, make small holes in the sponges and thread the string through the holes. Tie a bow, and it's ready to wear! If the weather is warm, soak the sponges in cold water before you wear the necklace to help cool you down.

Visit a local library

Books are great, but you'll find much more than books at a library. Some have summer events for kids, computer games, audiobooks, movies or music rentals, and more. Plenty of fun things to keep you busy during the summer months.

Make a water blaster race

You'll need plastic cups, string, and water guns for this race. First, poke holes through the cups, and string them up between a couple of trees in your yard. Then, using the water guns, see who can propel the cups across the string line the fastest.

Have a costume-themed day

Superheroes? Aliens? Pirates? What theme do like best? Create costumes out of things you have at home that fit your theme. Get your friends, siblings, and parents to join the fun! End the day with a movie and snacks that match the theme.

Challenge friends to an animal spotting competition

Throughout the summer months, have a contest with your friends to see who can take the most photos of different animals. All animals count, so check for free petting zoos and discount admissions to local zoos or county fairs.

Host a blind taste test

Can you pick your favorite foods out of a line up without seeing them? Collect some snacks, condiments, and drinks for the challenge. Then, put

on a blindfold and see how many items you can name without looking. Use your smell and taste senses to figure it out. Remember, no peeking!

Visit a famous museum online

Did you know you can visit famous museums from around the world from your home? That's right: Many of the world's greatest museums have interactive, virtual tours on their website. With a little help from an adult, you'll be able to see great art, history, and space exhibits from home.

Play balloon tennis

Use paint sticks or wooden spoons, some tape (or a glue gun, with adult supervision), and a few paper plates to create the rackets. A sheet or beach towel can be used for the net, and a couple of balloons as the ball. Now you're ready for balloon tennis fun!