

100+ Fun OFFLINE Activities for Kids on Whidbey This Summer (No and Low Cost)

We live in a great place to create a healthy balance of OFFLINE and ONLINE activities. Having a list of low and no-cost activities in advance makes it easy for families to have fun together (without screens) and try new things.

HOW TO USE THIS LIST

- Explain why OFFLINE time is important
- Limit your child's ONLINE time
- Stick this list on the refrigerator. When your child says "I'm bored", point to the list.
- Put a few activities on the calendar to plan
- Share the list with friends

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1. Host a squirt gun fight
 2. Plan a Field Day--with "old fashioned" activities like 3 legged race, egg toss, kickball
 3. Canned food drive, collect from neighbors
 4. Clean at a park or beach for 20 minutes
 5. Make a sand castle at the beach
 6. Have a popsicle party with neighbors
 7. Set out a bird feeder and watch the birds
 8. Turn your room into a "hotel room"
 9. Family bike ride
 10. Make tin can stilts
 11. Bake homemade bread
 12. Paint a ceramic piece
 13. Go to an escape room and outsmart the puzzle
 14. Volunteer at the Food Bank
 15. Commit to take one photo a day and collage them weekly
 16. Write and illustrate a comic book
 17. Make props for a photo booth and have a photo shoot with friends
 18. Make an obstacle course
 19. Guide each other outside blindfolded
 20. Play flashlight tag. Wear glow necklaces and add glow paint to faces or Tshirts.
 21. Go roller skating in Oak Harbor
 22. Go geocaching
 23. Go through your closets and donate clothes that don't fit
 24. Interview a relative and write a story about their life
 25. Make a sock puppet
 26. Grab a guidebook and identify plants and animals, then draw them.
 27. Visit the Langley Whale Center
 28. Press some flowers
 29. Make play dough
 30. Write a bucket list of things you want to do in your lifetime
 31. Play badminton or tennis
 32. Hold a chess tournament outside
 33. Write a song or poem
 34. Watch a classic movie together
 35. Do something kind for others every day
 36. Build a water balloon launcher
 37. Tour a college campus
 38. Make slime
 39. Visit Castle Park with scooters, bikes or basketballs
 40. Make a treasure hunt inside or outside
 41. Visit a farm and watch the animals
 42. Design your own car mat (for Hot Wheels to drive on)
 43. Make paper dolls and paper clothes
 44. Use Legos to depict a scene from your favorite movie or story
 45. Organize a talent show
 46. Paint a rock. Extra credit: write something inspirational and hide the rock for someone else to find
 47. Organize a neighborhood block party
 48. Make a time capsule and bury it in the backyard
 49. Find a pen pal and write letters
 50. Pretend you're a tourist in your own town and go exploring
 51. Try hula hooping
 52. Hike and picnic at Bowman Bay
 53. Make a video with siblings
 54. Take a hike on the trail system
 55. Go to the Red Cross website and collect Emergency Preparedness items
 56. Go to Farmers Market
 57. Plant an herb garden
 58. Get an early start on Halloween costumes
 59. Visit a garden
 60. Have a garage sale and earn some money
 61. Plant a tree
 62. Choose a summer camp or class
 63. Go to a program at the Library

64. Order a chrysalis and watch the life cycle of a butterfly
65. Study an ant
66. Bird watch in the backyard
67. Make a picnic
68. Make a Vision Board collage with cut outs of magazines
69. Visit a park
70. Chalk drawing on sidewalk
71. Call a friend
72. Put up a tent in the backyard
73. Write a letter
74. Swim at a lake
75. Go to The Backyard (beginning parkour, anyone?)
76. Make a pinata
77. Create a dance routine
78. Have a fancy tea party with snacks
79. Play "first, last, best" game EX: "The first game I remember playing... The last game I played... The best game I've ever played..." Start with categories like: food, game, sport, toy, pet...
80. See how long a balloon can stay in the air
81. Garden together
82. Have a water balloon fight
83. Play frisbee
84. Have a Nerf battle
85. Go to a play, musical or movie
86. Host a board game night with friends
87. Make S'mores
88. Take apart a broken small appliance to see how it works
89. Visit Meerkerk Garden
90. Sketch outside
91. Play charades
92. Play restaurant: have the kids make menus, make food and serve food
93. Cover the dining table with craft paper and create a family mural
94. Put together a jigsaw puzzle
95. Have "opposite day"--serve dinner for breakfast, wear clothes backwards...
96. Practice decoding a secret code
97. Hike Putney Woods trails
98. Write an invisible message
99. Build a fort
100. Go camping in the backyard or at a campsite
101. Karaoke sing
102. Make a first aid kit
103. Go to a parade
104. Watch the sunset
105. Play mini golf
106. Go roller skating
107. Go fishing
108. Walk a dog
109. Help a neighbor
110. Go bowling at Oak Bowl (pizza's good too!)
111. Go to the Blue Fox Drive in Movies
112. Run through the sprinklers
113. Make a scavenger hunt
114. Read a book
115. Write a story
116. Plant a sunflower seed and journal its growth
117. Make a fairy garden
118. Join Ultimate Frisbee (all ages Sun & Thur and free)
119. Participate in the Summer Reading Program
120. Go stargazing
121. Go blueberry picking
122. Fly a kite
123. Go to a water spray park
124. Make freezer jam
125. Choose a recipe and cook together
126. Take a kayak lesson

What else did your family add to the list? Email me with your suggestions!