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Kid-friendly staycation ideas





Adults may see staycations as great opportunities to catch up on summer reading and finish projects around the house. Children, however, may not always approach time off at home with that same enthusiasm.

Parents confronted with the challenge of keeping kids happy and engaged during staycations can try these kid-friendly ideas to ensure everyone enjoys their time off, even if the bulk of it is spent at home.

· Hit the carnival circuit. Traveling carnivals are a staple of summer in many small communities. These special events feature rides, games and, of course, food. Families can make a night of it at a nearby carnival (one is no doubt within driving distance on just about any night in July and Au-

gust). Budget-conscious staycationers can attend carnivals on bracelet nights, when both adults and kids can typically enjoy endless rides for one set price as opposed to having to purchase tickets for each individual ride.

· Find a place to swim. Whether it's a nearby lake or a day at the ocean, a weekday afternoon spent swimming is a great way to remind the family that a staycation is still a vacation. If swimming in a lake or in the ocean is not possible and you don't have the luxury of a backyard pool, purchase an inflatable pool (or two) that the whole family can enjoy.

• Embrace your inner artists. Parents can visit a local arts and crafts store and spend a day painting or making projects with their children. Choose a theme, like making jewelry or painting a family portrait, and then exchange your masterpieces or create a family art exhibit when the session is over.

• Go fishing. Fishing can be a fun activity for the whole family and a great way to get out of the house without breaking the bank. Create a competition to see who can catch the most and/or the biggest fish. If you catch fish that you're allowed to take home, involve the whole family in making a delicious fish dinner that night.

Staycations can be fun for the whole family, especially when parents take time to organize a host of kid-friendly activities. May 2023 Supplement 3.

National Museum of Industrial History to Host 3rd Annual 1876 World's Fair Weekend in June 2023

BETHLEHEM, PA. – Attendees will have a chance to step back in time at the National Museum of Industrial History (NMIH) in Bethlehem, PA on Saturday, June 10th and Sunday, June 11th to experience 1876 World's Fair Weekend. An exploration of engineering, industry, and culture, the event pays tribute to the first World's Fair hosted on U.S. soil.

147 years ago, in 1876, Philadelphia hosted the Centennial International Exhibition. Visitors from 37 countries traveled to the site, located on a sprawling 450-acre campus, with nearly 10 million visitors taking in the sights, sounds, and tastes across the span of six months.

The Exhibition's Machinery Hall, the second largest building on the grounds, played an important role in the country's industrial history and is prominently showcased in the Museum's exhibits. Everything from massive steam engines to intricate woodworking machinery were on display in 1876, introducing America's industrial might on the world's stage.

The event will include live demonstrations, music, food, pop-up exhibits and youth activities. From seeing a 115-ton steam engine like the one that powered the fair's Machinery Hall in action to playing Victorian parlor games, to meeting "President Ulysses S. Grant" and enjoying a reenactment of the fair opening ceremony, there will be something for visitors of all ages.

All activities are included in the museum's regular admission. World's Fair Weekend takes place June 10th and 11th from 10am to 3pm. NMIH is located at 602 East Second Street, Bethlehem, PA 18015. More information, including schedule, sponsorship opportunities, and directions can be found at https://www.nmih.org/event/1876worldsfairweekend/.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF INDUSTRIAL HISTORY

A Smithsonian Institution-affiliate, the National Museum of Industrial History is dedicated to preserving America's rich industrial heritage. Housed in an 18,000-square-foot, 100-year-old former Bethlehem Steel facility on the largest private brownfield in America, the Museum is home to exciting exhibits, engaging programs and amazing history. Learn more at nmih.org.



Make the most of your staycation with these activities





Staycations have grown in popularity in recent years. A 2018 poll from YouGov Omnibus found that 53 percent of the more than 100,000 participants had taken a staycation at some point, proving that forgoing traditional vacations for relaxing respites in the comfort of home is a wildly popular trend.

While they might not be as exotic as venturing off to parts unknown, staycations need not be limited to days spent lounging by the backyard pool or laying out on the living room couch. The following are a handful of activities that can help people make the most of their staycations.

- · Spa experience: Who doesn't like the chance to engage in a little pampering when staying in a fancy hotel? That same luxury can be enjoyed during a staycation by booking an appointment at a local spa that offers all the amenities, including a sauna, steam room, beauty treatments, and, of course, massage services.
- · A day on the links: The opportunity to test one's mettle on a new course in an idyllic setting is one golf lovers simply cannot pass up while vacationing. A similar challenge can be found when staving at home. Do a little homework to find the most challenging course within driving distance of your home and then book a tee time, treating yourself even further by indulging in a good meal in the clubhouse once your 18 holes are up.
- The wonders of nature: Professional and

have personal lives can make by in it hard to enjoy the great outdoors, even when it's steps from your front door. During a staycation, commit to exploring local parks, hitting the trails to hike or mountain bike or renting a boat or kayak and taking to the water.

- · City life: Just because you aren't traveling far away doesn't mean you cannot still get out of town for a day. Plan a day trip to a big city within driving distance of your home. See the sights, visit a museum and cap it off with a visit to a restaurant serving your favorite ethnic cuisine.
- · "Go" camping: Parents of young children can make a staycation more special by spending a night camping in the backyard. Leave your devices indoors as you sit around the firepit telling stories and making some delicious s'mores. Then set up the tents and sleep under the stars for a memorable night in the "wild."
- · Rainy day: If the weather is not cooperating during your staycation, create a backup plan to add a little life to rainy days. Plan a daylong film festival in which each member of the family gets to choose a movie everyone can watch together. Make sure you have plenty of popcorn on hand and order in a few pizzas so everyone can focus on the films.

Families planning staycations can make these relaxing respites at home more enjoyable by incorporating a few unusual activities throughout the week. MAY 2023 Supplement 5.

Lehigh Valley Zoo is excited to announce

Construction of a New Habitat for Lemurs and Tortoises!

Habitat Madagascar will provide both indoor and outdoor living space for these animals, as well as additional behind-the-scenes living space for them when they are off-exhibit.

This modern habitat will be climate controlled to ensure the optimum environment for the Lemurs and Tortoises year round. The animals will be able to spend time in their outdoor habitat during the warmer, inseason months at the Zoo. They will also be able to be viewed by guests during the colder months of the year in the indoor exhibit space. This indoor space will include a separate "suite" which we hope will be occupied by future Lemur moms and babies! Our goal is to provide our Lemurs with a habitat conducive to breeding, where guests will also get a close-up look of our newest additions. Habitat Madagascar is set to open very soon, stay tuned!



Celtic Cultural Alliance announces the 36th Annual Celtic Classic Highland Games & Festival

The Celtic Cultural Alliance (CCA) is 'Bringing the bagpipes to Bethlehem' again, and it will be a jammed packed weekend of culture, entertainment and competitions. The event will take place September 22nd – 24th in Historic Downtown Bethlehem.

The Celtic Classic is known as the largest, free Celtic festival in North America. And this year will be no different. Kicking off on Friday with the Haggis Bowl 2023, challenging participants to eat 1 pound of haggis as quickly as possible, followed by the caber toss, border collie demonstrations and 5 stages of world-renowned Celtic music.

One of the most popular parts of the festival is the U.S. National Highland Games Championship, featuring the top ten pros in the U.S. competing for the title. While the highland games are happening, you will hear the bagpipes (lots of them!), from the grade 3 and grade 4 pipe band competitions.

Do not miss the 'Showing of the Tartan Parade' on Saturday. It will wind through downtown Bethlehem and end on Highland Field to kick off opening ceremonies.

The entertainment stages will be non-stop jigs and reels to Celtic rock all day. There is a great line up this year with many new names including: Mec Lir, Jiggernaut and On the Lash. Crowd favorites such as Blackwater, Kilmaine Saints and Glengarry Bhoys will return.

Celtic Heritage Hollow located in the Colonial Industrial Quarter, will showcase Scottish clans, Celtic societies, children's activities and Heritage Stage with lectures and musical performances.

And of course, lots of food & shopping! Over 30 food vendors will offer everything from Celtic dishes to poutine and everything in between. 50 Celtic retail merchants will have their wares available such as: Irish Aran sweaters, kilts, headwear, jewelry, baby clothing, baked goods and more.

'We have been notified by our hotel partners of some being at 80% capacity already', says Jayne Ann Recker, Executive Director of CCA. Recker says 'Now is the time to make your reservations even if you are local. This is a great staycation weekend and a way to get to know the Lehigh Valley better'.

For more information visit www.celticfest.org, or contact info@celticfest.org.

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Adventure awaits: 4 ways to soak up summer on the water

(BPT) - Summer fun is right around the corner, and boating is the perfect addition to your bucket list. No boat? No problem. There are plenty of ways to get on the water and enjoy the unique adventures only boating provides, in addition to its many wellness benefits. Studies show being on the water boosts creativity, happiness, relaxation and mental health.

"Americans today prioritize experiences, worklife balance and outdoor recreation. There's no better way to do that than spending time on the water with loved ones," said Ellen Bradley, Discover Boating Senior Vice President. "Boating delivers fun, freedom and relaxation in a special way you can't get on land - and we're seeing more people giving it a try than ever before as they learn about the proven benefits of time on the water.

Whether you're into fishing, watersports, riding personal watercraft, sailing or simply cruis-



ing around the open waters, boating offers something for everyone, and it's more accessible than you may think. Boaters come from all walks of life, backgrounds and areas of the country, with an estimated 100 million Americans going boating each year, according to the National Marine Manufacturers Association.

Discover Boating, the

leading resource for all things boating, helps people find easy ways to get on the water and provides tools and articles to get started. Check out these tips to start planning your next on-water adventure and make the memories of a lifetime this summer.

Rent or share a boat.

Rental options available on most waterways and provide hourly, daily or weekly access to a variety of boat types. Rental outfitters should provide tutorials on operating a boat, share safety instructions and suggestions on destinations. Another option is peer-to-peer boat sharing, which allows you to rent boats near you directly through the boat owners and offers the choice to hire a captain.

Join a boat club.

Boat clubs offer access to a variety of boats. You'll pay a monthly fee and be able to book your time on the water online. Most boat clubs take care of docking, cleaning, maintenance and boat

training courses.

Take a class.

Take the helm and become a confident boater. Sign up for a boating lesson to hone your powerboating, sailing or watersports skills by mastering the basics while having fun along the way. On-water training courses, watersports camps, youth boating programs and more are offered across the U.S.

Find your dream

Chart your own course to boat ownership by visiting DiscoverBoating. com, where you'll find resources such as the boat finder and loan calculator to help you find a boat that fits your budget, lifestyle and interests.

Visit Discover Boating's

Go Boating Today tool to find out how you can secure your boating vacation on-demand this summer. Use the social media hashtag #SeeYouOutHere to share your boating moments.



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Turn your yard into a vacation-worthy oasis

Warm weather means more time to relax outdoors. For those homeowners lucky enough to have entertaining spaces outside, spring and summer provides plenty of opportunities to enjoy fresh air under the sun or stars.

Over the last few years, families have become especially familiar with what works about their vards and where there is room for improvement. Pandemic-related el restrictions and early stay-at-home mandates resulted in plenty of time spent in backyards on staycations. Even though many such restrictions have been lifted, homeowners may have seen the benefits of having functional respites right outside their doors.

A backyard renovation can cost anywhere from \$5,000 to \$50,000. The American Society of Landscape Architects suggests homeowners budget the cost of a major landscaping project at between 5 and 10 percent of their home's value. Large or small, here are ways to make an outdoor oasis at home.

Create living privacy

Living in close proximity to neighbors may make privacy harder to come by. Wood or vinyl fences, however effective, may not provide the all-natural look many



people desire. Vertical gardening, which trains easy-care vines like English ivy, Clematis or various climbing roses to grow on trellis or fencing adds greenery and privacy. Hedges and fast-growing shrubs also can be used for natural barriers.

Install a pool

Pools are the ultimate spots to cool off on hot days. An elaborately shaped inground pool can blend in with the landscape and offer the ultimate hang-out zone.

However, above-ground pools also serve the purpose and are more budget-friendly. Stock tank pools are popular among those who want minimal pool expenditure or have small spaces to work with. Stock tanks are metal vessels traditionally used as watering holes for livestock. They also can be "adult kiddie pools" when combined some plumbing. Galvanized steel frames make them sturdy. With floats and other accessories, they can become the perfect oasis.

Provide outdoor atmosphere

Create a bespoke bistro vibe by using freestanding planters and posts along with hanging lights to make an intimate outdoor hangout spot at night. For those with permanent structures, like a deck or a gazebo, lights can be strung across the area or on railings or edging.

Extend the living space

Decks and patios can help make outdoor entertaining areas more comfortable by eliminating the need to sit on the grass or gravel. Plus, they add another "room" to the home. When paired with weatherproof patio furniture, such as sofas, loungers and tables, a private seating area can be crafted and utilized for any number of entertaining desires.

Hang a hammock

Few things evoke feelings of relaxation better than a hammock. Fitted between two trees (or two posts if trees are sparse), a hammock is an ideal place to grab a nap or read a book.

Additional oasis-inspired ideas include outdoor kitchens, letting up lanterns, cascading water features, and bird feeders to attract the sounds of nature.



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TUESDAY, MAY 9:

EDUCATION DAY PRESENTED BY MLB PLAY BALL TAIL WAGGIN' TUESDAY PRESENTED BY TO BANK \$1 HOT DOGS PRESENTED BY BERKS



WEDNESDAY, MAY 10:

RUNNER'S WORLD



THURSDAY, MAY 11:

MAMAJUANA NIGHT PRESENTED BY BRUGAL RUN HAPPY HOUR: 5-7 P.M.

\$3-4 SELECT DRAFTS & \$1 HOT DOGS



FRIDAY, MAY 12:

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FRIDAY NIGHT FIREWORKS PRESENTED BY BAYADA



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Tips for memorable family camping trips

haps nothing is more enjoyable than packing up the camping gear, traveling to a favorite campsite and getting away from it all while sleeping under the stars. Such an experience can be transformative, turning first-time campers into lifelong enthusiasts.

The opportunity turn youngsters into nature enthusiasts who can't wait to spend time outside may be one reason why so many families go camping. A 2018 report Kampgrounds of America found that 52 percent of campers have children, making camping among the most popular and family-friendly ways to enjoy the great

Camping with youngsters can help families make lasting memories. Parents who have never before taken their children camping may benefit from employing a few

as fun as possible.

Make a trial run in the backyard. A night camping in the backyard won't be exactly the same as a night in the woods, where wildlife, and particularly insects, may be less welcoming hosts. But a backvard camping night can acclimate children to their sleeping bags and their tents. A fun night sleeping under the stars in the backvard also may make kids more enthusiastic about an upcoming camping trip in the woods.

· Go over safety early and often. Use every opportunity to explain camping safety measures to youngsters in advance of vour trip. Emphasize the importance of staying together in the woods, and teach youngsters how to identify potentially harmful plants like poison ivy, making sure they know to avoid coming into contact with these and other

For nature lovers, per- strategies to make the trip poisonous plants. Contact make sure to include a few your local parks department, or the campground where you will be staying, for some additional advice on camping safety.

· Let kids help when choosing camping equipment. Youngsters may be more excited about camping if they're allowed to choose certain equipment, including their sleeping bags and tents. Before visiting your nearby camping retailer, explain to kids that tents come in various styles because they're designed to protect campers from certain elements that may be more common in certain areas than others. Such an explanation can make it easy to explain to voungsters why vou're purchasing certain items, even if those items weren't kids' top choices.

· Plan the family menu in advance. Plan the menu in advance so you can ensure everyone will continue to eat healthy. But kid-friendly camping classics, like s'mores, in the meal plan as well.

· Prepare a camping-friendly first-aid kit. Bandages and topical antibiotic creams are part and parcel of any first-aid kit, regardless of where you're going. But the elements pose a different set of challenges that require a more extensive firstaid kit. When designing a first-aid kit for your camping trip, be sure to include all the usual items but also over-the-counter medications that can treat pain. allergies, constipation, and diarrhea. An extra gallon or two of water also makes for a wise addition to campers' first-aid kits.

Family camping trips can instill a lifelong love of the great outdoors in youngsters. A few simple strategies can help parents make such trips safe and memorable.

Enhance staycations with themed fun days

tion for budget-conscious vacationers or people who simply do not want to travel too far from home due to mobility issues or other restrictions.

Enhancing staycations with entertaining themes up in his or her colors, can improve the fun fac-donning a superhero

Staycations are an op- tor. While any themed T-shirt or watching an day can be inspired by an active imagination, these ideas can get the creativity flowing.

> Superhero Embrace your favorite superhero by dressing

action-packed superhero movie.

· Pajama day: This is a fun theme for rainy days Mother Nature keeps you indoors. Stay in your pajamas all day and enjoy a cozy, lazy day.

· Alma mater day: Parents and children can pull out their trusted college T-shirts, sweatshirts or other school attire. Bake up some tasty treats in school colors and then find some old photos or look for highlights of your alma mater's sports teams online.

Throwback day: Take a step back in time by playing games or engaging in activities from your youth. Teach youngsters about the toys you enjoyed or watch movies from the era in which you grew up.

· Crazy hair day: Embrace bed head, plug in the curling iron, double down on hair gel or pomade, or put those wacky coiffures into full effect.

· Cultural day: Tap into your personal heritage by researching your family tree and then preparing a meal that coordinates with your heritage.

· Arts and crafts day: Get crafty by tackling a creative project that the family will enjoy. Or engage in individual projects before comparing the final results collectively.

Push staycations to the next level with entertaining days based on certain themes.



Kutztown Folk Festival Announces 2023 Dates

The Kutztown Folk Festival will return in-person this summer from July 1-9, at the Kutztown Fairgrounds.

"We are so happy to be back again this summer with some new offerings, as well as our traditional festival favorites." Heather
Zimmerman Festival Director. "Honoring our rich Pennsylvania Dutch heritage, while simultaneously appealing to new audiences, will keep our event around for generations to come."

The Festival will continue to offer the food, folklore, and fun that guests have enjoyed for decades. There will be daily entertainment on five different stages, traditional food and music, and the country's largest quilt sale. new craftsmen and food vendors are joining the Festival this summer, as well as some new entertainment offerings.

Fresh Fest Market, offering healthy food options, local craft beers, and specially crafted cocktails made with local ingredients, will be back in 2023. There will be more hands-on activities for children, including fun educational sessions, presentations, games, and baby goats and pot bellied pigs. Be sure to save the dates for German-American Music Tribute Day on July 1 and the live Quilt Auction on July 8 at 12:00 p.m.

For those who want to learn more about the ways of the Pennsylvania Dutch, the Festival offers seminars on dialect, traditions, and other areas of interest. To introduce visitors to Pennsylvania Dutch culture, the festival works closely with the Kutztown University Pennsylvania German Heritage Center, which will moved to a new headquarters this past fall, The DeLight E. Breidegam Building.

Tickets for the Kutztown Folk Festival are available online.

About the Kutztown Folk Festival

The Kutztown Folk Festival is the oldest continuously operated folklife festival in America, drawing visitors from all over the world. The Kutztown Folk Festival features authentic folklife demonstrations; a wide variety of Pennsylvania Dutch food; over 200 nationally recognized, juried folk artists and traditional American artisans; over 2,500 locally handmade quilts on display and for sale; antiques and collectibles; six stages of entertainment; music and dancing; and a wide range of children's activities. For more information, visit www. kutztownfestival.com.



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Summer safety tips

Summer is synonymous with relaxation and fun in the sun. The easygoing nature of summer can make it easy to overlook safety concerns that run the gamut from heat-related illnesses to bug bites to water play injuries. Though no one wants to rain on their own summer parade, keeping these safety tips in mind can ensure the coming months are as safe as they are fun.

Safeguard against the threat of heat-related illnesses. Sizzling summer days pose a significant threat if the proper measures aren't take to avoid heat-related illnesses. According to the National Safety Council. occurs when the body excessive water and salt, and heat stroke. which the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes is marked can escalate rapidly. The to cool itself, which can mosquitoes.

als who work outdoors. infants and young children, people who are 65 and older, people who are ill, and people who are overweight as those most at risk of heat-related illnesses. Such illnesses are entirely preventable, and CDC recommends aining indoors in remaining air conditioned rooms, drinking plenty of fluids but avoiding alcohol, wearing loose and lightweight clothing as well as a hat, and replacing salt lost from sweating by drinking fruit juice or sports drinks.

Apply sunscreen. Long days in the summer sun may be a great way to relax, but it's imperative heat exhaustion, which that individuals apply sunscreen before going outside and then reapply it throughout the day as necessary. Sunburn is not only unpleasant, it also increases a person's by the body's inability to risk for skin cancer and control its temperature, affects the body's ability

NSC identifies individu- increase the risk for heat stroke.

> Protect against mosquitoes. Mosquitoes are more than a mere nuisance. Mosquitoes can carry an assortment of viruses, including Zika virus and West Nile virus. And though such viruses are often thought of as a problem for people in faraway lands, the NSC notes that the Aedes mosquito, which is a known transmitter of the Zika virus, has appeared in various regions of the globe, including the continental United States and popular vacation destinations like Mexico and Central and South America. The NSC recommends that everyone, and especially individuals who work outdoors, apply mosquito repellant before going outside and to continue to do so as necessary throughout the day. In addition, clothing treated with the insecticide permethrin may help to repel

Exercise caution around water. The CDC reports that drowning is the leading cause of unintentional death for children between the ages of one and four. Though children might be most vulnerable to water-related accidents and death. adults also must exercise caution when around the water. The NSC recommends individuals avoid the water, be it in a lake, river, ocean, or pool, unless they know how to swim. Individuals also should never swim alone and only swim in areas supervised by a lifeguard. When swimming at a private residence, children should never be allowed to swim unless an adult is supervising. Adults also should avoid alcohol when swimming.

Summer is a season to relax, but it's also a season when safety should be a top priority for people of all ages.

Outdoor televisions up the ante in outdoor living areas

ing the things they love. That includes watching favorite shows. Many homeowners take

Outdoor living areas indoors outside when provide a great way for hosting game watches homeowners to spend or movie nights under more time outdoors do- the stars. While such televisions can function outdoors, unless they're specifically designed for outdoor use, chances televisions designed for are they are not protect-

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Special enclosures built to protect indoor televisions can do just that, but homeowners also can consider televisions designed for outdoor use. Outdoor televisions have become more popular as more and more homeowners look to extend their living spaces outdoors, and these uniquely designed televisions can often withstand elements like rain without losing their functionality. Many outdoor televisions also are designed to handle reflection from the sun, ensuring that homeowners won't have to limit their outdoor viewing experiences to evenings or

ed against the elements. late nights when the sun has set. When shopping for outdoor televisions, consumers should their homework and pay attention to features they may not consider when shopping for indoor televisions. For example, outdoor televisions should offer wide viewing angles, as backyards tend to be bigger than living rooms. That means more people can make it over for backyard game watches and movie nights, which underscores the importance of wide viewing angles that make it easy for people seated all over the vard to make out what's on the screen.

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Crafts families can enjoy together

Things seem to slow down in summer. Come summer, the hurried pace that dominates much of the year takes a backseat to vacations, lounging around the pool, diving through ocean waves, and setting up tents at campsites near or far.

When the weather is accommodating. there's a seemingly endless list of ways to enjoy time spent outdoors. But as everyone knows, Mother Nature tends to be a bit unpredictable during the hazy days of summer. Thunderstorms can roll in quite suddenly, or rain may persist for a few days as the atmosphere attempts to right itself after an abundance of steamy days. Keep a list of craft ideas at the ready to make the most of time spent inside or out. The following are a few ideas.

- · Friendship bracelets: There have been different iterations of friendship bracelets for every generation. With some general craft supplies, such as embroidery thread, beads, plastic lanyards, or other jewelry-making materials, kids can make and share a variety of friendship bracelets.
- · Seashell creatures: At the next beach excursion, pick up differently shaped shells. They can be painted and glued together to resemble different animals or whatever designs one can imagine.
- Dreamcatchers: With some twigs, yarn and feathers, crafters can make dreamcatchers to hang bedside.

- out the craft store for a special light-sensitive solution that can be painted onto thick craft paper. Set various natural items on top (such as fern boughs, shells, feathers, and more) and let the sun do its work. You'll ultimately be left with some beautiful silhouettes.
- Leather sewing kits: Evoke the feelings of summer camp right at home with leather sewing kits that enable everyone to make handcrafted leather wallets or small purses.
- · Painted stones: Kids can have fun gathering smooth pebbles from trails or at the shores of lakes. They can be painted with various designs or sweet sentiments, only to be left around the neighborhood for others to discover.
- Sea glass jewelry: An adult can use a very thin drill bit to make holes in sea glass remnants that washed up on beaches. Feed through earring hooks or chains to create one-of-a-kind jewelry.
- · Dyed shoes or accessories: Use commercially produced or homemade dyes made from teabags, berry juice, turmeric powder, or more to color certain items. Dress up canvas sneakers with summertime hues, or make colorful bandanas to help keep you cool.

Summer craft ideas abound to keep everyone entertained all season long.

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