

Fifty Fun things to do as a family...

1. Choose a fine day to hold a 'whip cream duel' in the back yard/garden.
2. 'Camp out' over night in the Living room/Lounge.
3. Have an all family pillow fight/tag team challenge.
4. Hold a 'midnight feast' with everyone's favourite sweets/candy.
5. Organize family 'Alternative Olympics' - invent crazy & wacky challenges for everyone to partake in.
6. Organize a treasure hunt either around the house or in the yard/garden or if it's safe enough, the neighbourhood.
7. For Mum's & daughters have a day in the mall - with no limits on junk food.
8. For Dad's & sons have an adventure day - tree climbing, camp building etc.
9. Go indoor sledging - down the stairs on tea trays - safely!
10. Have a sand castle competition on the beach - each member building their own. Last one standing when the tide comes in is the winner.
11. All build a bonfire in the yard/garden or on the beach, bake potatoes underneath it.
12. Sleep under the stars on a warm summers night - even if its only in the backyard/garden
13. Fly kites together, and find a favourite place, which you give your own name to (Windy Bottom, Hilly Hill Top etc.)
14. While watching TV together, when the commercial breaks are on, act out your own - sillier the better.
15. Go fishing together, especially from boats on rivers, lakes, sea etc.
16. Swim together as a family (preferable unrelated to the above!)
17. Build a tree house or a camp - either in your own yard/garden or in the woods/forest.
18. Go 'rabbit hunting' - after dark go to an area renown for rabbits, take turns spotting them in the beam of a flashlight/torch.
19. Go stone skipping on rivers and even over waves - count the bounces
20. Throw stones at logs you have thrown in the pond, river, or sea.
21. Go to a big park & play Frisbee golf.
22. On a wet Saturday having a fashion modelling competition - only using newspaper.
23. Play pooh sticks every opportunity - keep a record of winners for the family pooh sticks annual 'world series/world cup'.
24. Go to the library together, have fun saying 'ssshh' very loudly several times

25. Celebrate (with parties/cakes/special meals) wacky events - finding a lost sock, clocking a certain number of miles by the family car, the cat's birthday, etc. Don't forget to mark anniversaries too, - the day of potty training, first hair cut, tying first shoe lace, etc.)
26. Hold honour days when a family member becomes King/Queen for the day. Live it accordingly!
27. On a school day get up early & go to McDonald's for breakfast.
28. On a rainy day take a suitcase each and go to the airport - walk around pretending to everyone your going on a grand holiday/vacation.
29. Have an 'inside out / back to front day'. Be as creative as you can - clothes, meals, speech, walking etc.
30. At least once a year have a pyjama day when the whole family never gets dressed but spends the whole day in their night clothes.
31. Have Dad cook breakfast, especially pancakes on a Saturday morning.
32. Play crab football/soccer as a family.
33. Hold a movie night at home - serve popcorn & ice cream, make it feel as cinema like as possible.
34. Have Easter egg hunts every year with other families
35. "TP" a friend's house (or just their car) in the middle of the night. If you don't know what 'TP'ing is - don't ask!
36. 'Notebomb' a friend's house -hide loving little notes on Post It stickers, all around their home.
37. Mail wacky gifts to each other secretly. (Little plastic garden Gnomes work well! From a Dollar/Pound/Euro shop)
38. Form special Christmas traditions that cost little, so in the hard times you can still do them e.g. Mums special stuffing's, Dad's Christmas night Club Sandwiches
39. Go walking or biking in the country, followed by a grand picnic.
40. Treat revision as work and reward them for it.
41. Work together on chores, whilst singing along to your favourite CD.
42. Read a book together as a family, out loud, each taking a paragraph at a time.
43. Have a 'night without electricity'. Use candles, lamps etc.
44. Cook a family meal together, each member preparing one course. (the bigger the family, the wilder this becomes)
45. Do something with them that they are better than you at or do things with them that you are afraid of yourself
46. Write poetry for them and with them or write a song together.
47. Build spaceships out of Lego and have a family "Inter Galaxy battle"

48. Organise a family Formula 1/Indy 500 competition using a Scalextric set.
49. On the beach write huge notes to each other, using a stick in the sand.
50. Visit the grocery store together and each choose a favourite food item to eat in store and then pay for afterward (You need to keep the wrapper for scanning!!)

Is there anything you would like to add to the list? Something that has worked really well for you? If so please email it to us, and we will add it, acknowledging your contribution. Thank you.

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