

More Summer Fun

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Tips & Ideas for Making Anything More Fun

- Invite another person or family along – more people = more fun!
- Carpool or mix up drivers – swap riders and drivers so people can ride and talk.
- Know the rules before you go.
- Pack a picnic lunch.
- Sunscreen & water.
- Go prepared: take extra water, snack food, jackets, towels & a change of clothes for everyone.
- Keep a stocked bag in the car as a grab and go. Replenish it when you get home. Be prepared and enjoy the freedom to be spontaneous!
- Stop along the way and look at something you've never seen before – anything: a waterfall, a cool rock, a mom & pop shop, a scenic view, Try local foods, museums & activities near home.
- Take wacky pictures with friends and family in weird places.
- Go native – ditch the tourist areas and head where the locals go.

Remember life is about living not just planning or dreaming, start small, find new habits.

- Remember God made this world for us to enjoy as well as use – it's ok to indulge in nature, you'll find it refreshes your soul.
- Walk whenever you can, turn off your cell phone, leave your computer at home
- Turn off the DVD player in the car or van, teach your kids how to look for interesting stuff, plants, flowers and wildlife as you drive.
- Turn off your cell phone. When you leave your house, leave it. Don't chat with people who call. Give your full and undivided attention to the people who are with you or later you will never feel that you did anything special with them. Be present in the here and now.

- Finish household chores in the morning with your family. Set the afternoons aside for fun. Nap when you can, play outside as much as you can.
- Parents, don't let summer pass you by. Arrange for a babysitter at least once or twice and take in an adult event that you enjoy free of hassle and strife. It will do wonders for your mind & spirit.
- Cheap thrills: roll down the windows and be prepared to get blown away! Run around the corner of the house yelling and soak someone on designated "get wet" days. Race the sun: eat a popsicle or ice cream cone outside on a hot day.



Activities within Driving Distance:

- Local Music Groups at Coffee Shops
- Local Hiking including Mary's Peak
 - http://www.localhikes.com/MSA/MSA_1890.asp
- Local Farmer's Markets
 - <http://www.oregonfarmersmarkets.org/directory.html>
- Osborn Aquatic Park & Local Pools
 - <http://www.ci.corvallis.or.us/index.php?option=content&task=view&id=532&Itemid=471>
- 363 Miles of Open Coastline & Tidepools
 - <http://www.traveloregon.com/Explore%20Oregon/Oregon%20Coast.aspx>
- Oregon Lighthouses
 - <http://www.nwcoast.com/lighthouses/oregon.asp>
- OSU Hatfield Marine Science Center, Newport, OR
 - <http://hm.sc.oregonstate.edu/>
- Glass Blowing, Near Mo's in Lincoln City, OR
 - <http://www.oregoncoast.org/foundry/>
- Lewis & Clark Replicas, Astoria, OR
 - <http://lewisandclarktrail.com/section4/orcities/astoria/fort-clatsop/index.htm>
- Southern Oregon Sand Dunes
 - <http://www.southernoregon.org/regions/coast.html>
- Wildlife Safari, Winston, OR
 - <http://www.wildlifesafari.org/>



- <http://detroitlakeoregon.org/dam.htm>
- Detroit Lake & Dam
- High Desert Museum, Bend, OR
 - <http://www.highdesertmuseum.org/>
- Summer Activities, Mt. Hood
 - http://www.viamagazine.com/top_stories/articles/Mount_Hood04.asp
- Carousels, Salem Waterfront Park
 - <http://www.salemcarousel.org/>
- Gilbert Children's Museum
 - <http://www.acgilbert.org/>
- Oregon Garden, Silverton, OR
 - <http://www.oregongarden.org/>
- Oregon Zoo, Portland, OR
 - <http://www.oregonzoo.org/>
- OMSI, Portland, OR
 - <http://www.omsiedu/>
- Rose Gardens & Washington Park, Portland, OR
 - <http://www.rosegardenstore.org/>
- Crater Lake National Park
 - <http://www.nps.gov/crla/>
- Columbia Gorge
 - <http://www.bestgorge.com/>
- Oregon State Parks
 - <http://www.oregon.gov/OPRD/PARKS/index.shtml>
- Stargazing – drive outside of the city lights





Local & Regional Festivals and Activities:

- Oregon Humane Society Doggie Dash
<http://www.oregonhumane.org/doggiedash/>
- Mutts Master's Dog Show & Olympics
 Lincoln City, OR, May 16
<http://www.oregoncoast.org/mutts/index.php>
- Iris Festival
 Schreiner's & Cooley's Iris Gardens Open
<http://www.irisfestival.com/>
- Lebanon Strawberry Festival
 Lebanon, OR, June 4 - 9
<http://www.lebanonstrawberryfestival.com/>
- Portland Rose Festival, June 7-14
 Parades, Carnival, Rose Gardens & Events
<http://www.rosefestival.org/>
- Jacksonville, Oregon Sequitennial Re-enactments
 Call: 541-899-8118
- Cowboy Shoot-outs, Civil War Encampment, Wagon Rides, etc
 Cannon Beach Sand Sculpture
<http://www.cannonbeach.org/sandcastlepage.htm>
- Oregon Bach Festival
 Eugene, OR, June 26 - July, 12
<http://www.oregonbachfestival.com/>

- Summer Kite Festival
 - Lincoln City, OR, June 27-28
 - <http://www.oregoncoast.org/kite-festival/kites-summer.php>
- Linn County Fair
 - Albany, OR, July 8 - 13
 - <http://www.thelinncountyfair.com/>
- DaVinci Days
 - July 17 - 19
 - <http://www.davinci-days.org/>
- Salem Art Fair & Festival
 - Salem, OR, July 17 - 19
 - http://www.salemart.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=13&Itemid=35
- Benton County Fair
 - Corvallis, OR, July 29 - August 1
 - <http://www.bentoncountyfair.com/>
- Festa Italiana
 - Portland, OR, August 27 - 29
 - Food, Music, Fun @ Pioneer Courthouse Square
- Oregon State Fair
 - Salem, OR, August 28 - September 7
- Carnival, Animals, Music, Food
 - <http://www.oregonstatefair.org/>
- Shrewsbury Renaissance Faire
 - Kings Valley, OR, September 19 - 20
 - <http://shrewfaire.com/>
- Oregon Shakespeare Festival
 - Ashland, OR (all year)

