

# Summer Fun

Pass  
It  
On!

INSIDE...



for KIDS,  
games and puzzles to  
keep your summer sunny

for PARENTS,  
quick tips to de-stress  
back-to-school planning



Weekly **Reader**

# Ready, Set, Summer!

Pass on some summer fun. Try these twists on classic playground games with your friends or family.

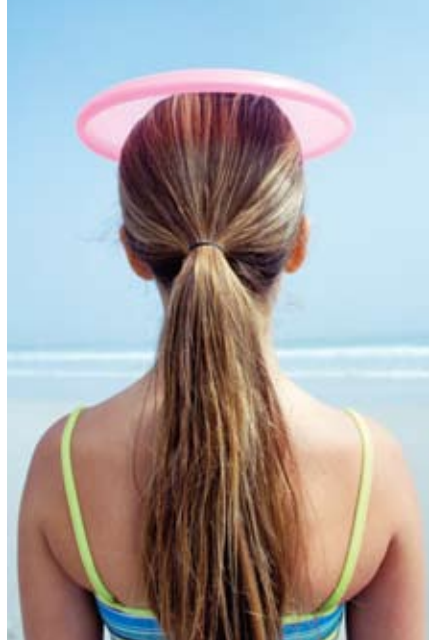
## 1 No-Hand Relay

**A variation of group relay activities**

**Rules:** Players select pieces of play equipment (ball, flying disc, baseball bat, etc.) and then divide into teams of two.

Each team randomly picks two pieces of equipment to move from one end of the playing field to the other without using their hands and without the equipment touching the ground.

The team to finish moving both their objects to the finish first shouts “No hands!” to win.



## 2 Sneeze Tag

**A variation of playground tag**

**Rules:** Every time a player is tagged, they shout out “Sneeze!” When that happens, the last player to react by shouting “Cover up!” is “it.”



## 3 Ah, Ah, Choo

**A variation of duck, duck, goose**

**Rules:** The rules are the same as duck, duck, goose, but the “it” player has a long cloth representing a tissue in his or her back pocket or waistband.

Instead of saying “duck, duck, goose!”, they say “ah, ah, choo!” The player who gets the “choo!” must grab the tissue from the “it” player before he or she can make it around the circle to the empty seat—otherwise they are “it.”



## 4 Accordion Critter Puppet Show

**Arts and craft activity**

**Rules:** Use construction paper, glue, sticks, and other available materials to create an animal puppet.

Draw an animal, then cut it half vertically down the middle. Fold another piece of paper accordion style.

Then tape or glue one half of the animal picture to each end of the folded construction paper. Attach a wooden stick to both ends.

Next, prepare and present a puppet show about a wild adventure!



### Summer Word Jumbles

Each line has a jumbled summer word. Solve them all and then unscramble the circled letters to decode the special summer message. We've added some letters to get you started.

#### Summer Food Favorites

LONTERMEWA          ○     

NCOR NO HTE OCB          ○     

MONADELE     ○      ○      ○     

CEI ECRMA     ○      ○      ○     

HTO GDO          ○     

#### Summer Hot Spots

AEHCB     ○     

ENTMUSEMA KARP          ○                    

AUAQIMUR               ○      ○     

RAETW AKRP                    ○     

ABESALBL AMEG               ○           ○     

#### Summer Gear

AEARMC          ○     

WSUMISIT                    ○      ○     

UNSLASSEGS                         ○      ○     

SDSNAAL          ○     

Secret Message:         K                     U           R  
          M           E      !

Summer Word Jumble Answers: watermelon, corn on the cob, lemonade, ice cream, hot dog, beach, amusement park, aquarium, water park, baseball game, camera, swimsuit, sunglasses, sandals, Secret Message: Make it a summer to remember!

### Warm Weather Favorites

Find and circle these hidden summer words. Look across, down, backwards, and up to find the hidden words.

- SWIM
- CAMPING
- TRIP
- SURFING
- SUN
- BIKING
- HIKING
- BASEBALL
- PICNICS
- KICKBALL
- SOCCER
- SKATEBOARD

K	I	C	K	B	A	L	L	V	O
I	B	A	S	E	B	A	L	L	K
H	I	K	I	N	G	T	C	I	A
S	K	A	T	E	B	O	A	R	D
P	I	C	N	I	C	S	J	E	S
T	N	U	S	H	E	P	Y	C	W
R	G	N	I	F	R	U	S	C	I
I	E	B	I	K	I	N	G	O	M
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### Summer Fun Poll

Find out which activity comes out on top! Ask friends and family which of these is their favorite.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Visiting the beach      | <input type="checkbox"/> Visiting a zoo or aquarium  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Going to the water park | <input type="checkbox"/> Going on a bike ride        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Riding a roller coaster | <input type="checkbox"/> Running through a sprinkler |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Playing sports outside  | <input type="checkbox"/> Going on a camping trip     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seeing a baseball game  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                 |

## Smooth Moves

The parents' guide for an easy back-to-school transition

- **Start early.** Plan ahead to avoid the September rush. If your state has tax exempt days, put them on the calendar.
- **Learn from last year.** What items didn't get used last year? What items ran out quickly?
- **Buy in bulk.** Talk to other parents about pooling needs and buying common items such as paper, pencils, and glue sticks together.
- **At-home reserves.** Designate a closet or drawer in your home to fill with extra supplies. This prevents last-minute shopping all year long.
- **Give your kids the lead.** Go over the school's list of supplies with your children. Give them responsibility for looking out for these items on shopping trips.

Stick with the classics. Simple #2 pencils, pink erasers, wooden colored pencils, and a basic sharpener are sure to work.

Most teachers recommend having craft supplies such as construction paper, tape, blunt scissors, glue sticks, and watercolor paints and brushes. However, check your school's list before buying large numbers of these items and sending them to school.



Make sure your markers are water-based so they will wash off of clothes and fingers. Buy inexpensive pens in bulk to save money if they get lost.

## Super Supplies

Schools will be specific about the kind of lined paper for each class and grade level. Wait for teacher instructions before buying these.

Note cards or index cards come in handy for making flash cards or preparing class presentations.



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# Family Game Time

Ready for more hands-on activities this summer? Try these...



## Trace Chase

Working in teams of two, an “artist” traces the outline of a nearby object on the “gopher’s” back. Without talking, the gopher goes and finds that object. How many items do you think you could find without seeing or hearing any clues?

## Prints & Papers

Players trace their own hands onto a sheet of paper. Hand prints are placed in a random pile on a table. The youngest player starts out as the matcher. The other players cover their eyes and hold out the hands they traced. The matcher has 10 seconds to match as many hand prints to the correct players as possible. After 10 seconds, all the hand prints are placed in the middle again and the next player goes. The winner is the person who gets the most matches the fastest.



**More fun  
games  
inside!**

## The Magic Mobile

Use your imagination to cast a spell with this arts and crafts project. Make a magic wand using rolled up black construction paper or a paper towel tube. Then draw or cut out photos of things that represent what you would do if you could wave a magic wand and go on your dream summer vacation.

Visit [CampParents.org](http://CampParents.org) to find fun summer camps for your kids.