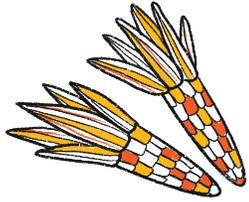


Highlights



WEEKEND IDEAS FOR FAMILIES

Looking for some awesomely cool things to do on crisp fall weekends? Try some of these.



Set colorful corn on the table.

Scoop out kernels using fingers or tweezers. Count kernels and sort by color. Divide them and decorate holiday cards.



Walk to town with the kids.

Choose a colorful route and gather interesting leaves along the way. Get to know the area. Stop for a warm-me-up cup of hot chocolate.



Scout out wide-open spaces

where kids can hop, skip, jump, and run around safely. Try a county park, basketball court, or a local middle school or high school track.



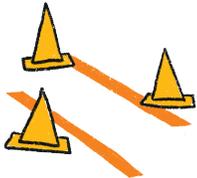
Commune with nature.

Take a hike and follow a gentle path—or head for high ground to look for points of interest. Been there and done that? Head for the hills in another town.



Build forts, tents, and spaceships

out of old blankets and sturdy lawn chairs. Set them up in your backyard or in the den or playroom. Serve lunch and snacks in these fun spaces.



Create an obstacle course

with leaf piles, trash cans, baskets, or traffic cones. Ready, set, go!



Teach the kids preparedness.

Buy shovels, salt, window scrapers, warm coats, boots, and other cold-weather supplies now.



Explore the night sky.

Name the constellations. Watch the moon. Look for planets.



Write your names on your backyard lawn.

Use sticks, stones, logs, or leaves. Then head to the lawn at the front of the house and this time write "Happy Fall" for all the neighbors to see.



Make autumnal placemats.

Gather fall leaves and iron them (on a low setting) between sheets of wax paper. Use the placemats tonight.



Paint faces on acorns.

Use markers or acrylic paint.



Create a pinecone centerpiece.

Add faux leaves and flowers from the dollar store.



Raid your closet to build a scarecrow.

And don't forget to make eyes, nose, and a mouth!



Visit a sculpture garden.

Run around. Admire.



Celebrate your family.

Take outdoor selfies and turn one into your holiday card this year.



Bake pumpkin muffins.

Supply powdered and colored sugars to decorate the goodies.



Embrace your backyard.

Play tetherball, tag, or touch football. Rake the leaves.



Watch the birds feast.

Hang apple slices from trees you can see from the kitchen window.



Host a popcorn party.

Munch on homemade popcorn, make popcorn balls, and create popcorn garlands.



Paint pinecones.

Use acrylic paint and tiny brushes or cotton swabs. For sparkly fun, add glitter glue.