

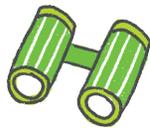


FUN THINGS TO DO THIS SPRING



Spruce up your footwear.

Decorate plain white sneakers. Using paint pens, doodle your own designs or paint blue skies, wispy clouds, green trees, and lavender flowers.



Watch nature in action.

Tour your town or an area park looking for budding leaves, early blooms, and robins.



Fashion a kids-only clubhouse

with blankets tossed over a circle of lawn chairs. Serve lunch outside.



Tie-dye T-shirts

in soft pastels or wild primary colors.



Collect rocks,

paint them sky blue, leaf green, sun yellow, and cloud white. Display them indoors on the kitchen table, or outdoors around your mailbox or ringing a favorite tree.



Tap your inner forester.

Collect leaves from local trees, identify them, and make rubbings.



Hang a bird feeder.

Then keep it stocked with goodies for feathered guests.



Spring clean to music

to finish faster. Reduce your clutter by 30 odds and ends.



Go fake camping.

Grill veggie or turkey burgers outdoors, sing songs, and feast on s'mores. Sleep inside in a makeshift tent, or a sleeping bag, on the family room, living room, or basement floor.



Learn birdcalls online.

Instead of words, use your personal chirps to say hi to other family members.



Have a water balloon toss

... and keep a stack of beach towels handy for the inevitable explosions.



Host a tea party outside on a blanket.

Serve Rice Krispies treats in pastel colors (dye the marshmallows with a few drops of food coloring).



Make a spring bouquet with tissue-paper flowers.

Fold tissue paper back and forth in a fan effect; fold in half and secure with a chenille-stick 'stem.'



Anticipate the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer.

Hose down your swing set, hammock, or porch swing now.



Fly a kite, row a boat, or take up archery.

Outdoor activities will lift everyone's mood.



Play backyard baseball.

Read bios about famous baseball players and treat your little fan to a baseball movie night.



Decorate planters, using pinwheels instead of flowers,

for an instant garden—no watering necessary!



Take your tot on a stroller-wagon-bicycle

parade on a Saturday morning.



Satisfy a sweet tooth.

Make springtime sundaes with vanilla ice cream, pastel sprinkles, and lots of whipped cream.



Do your community a favor.

Pick up trash you find in your neighborhood or local park.