

New Forest Children's University Summer Newsletter

We have a packed edition full of great Family Days out and lots of 'low cost no cost' CU activities to try out at home or in your local area.

We have also compiled a Summer Challenge giving you opportunities to earn up to 20 additional credits in your CU Passport to Learning!

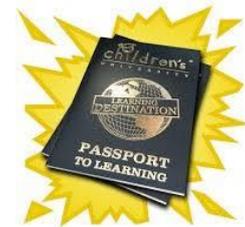
We suggest it is a good idea to start by putting together a file or scrap book to collect evidence of all the activities you have done, using any completed worksheets, photos or writing that you show us what you have been doing!

Don't forget we have a 'Children's University App' to download onto smart phones, where ever you are in the country visiting friends and family over the Summer you will be able to see where you can visit with your Passport from Lands to End to John O'Groats.

Also follow us on FB @NewForestCU for regular ideas for things to do over the holidays.

So, let's get started:

What to do this Summer with your Passport to Learning:



Family Big Days Out

New Forest and Hampshire County Show Kids go free!

There is so much to see and do at the New Forest and Hampshire County Show, its the perfect day out for all the family. Enjoy all day entertainment for all the whole family in this wonderful area of the showground dedicated to children. Watch a fun packed programme of entertainment including: circus workshops, Sing Now Choir and Nasira Belly Dancers. Meet Rufus our Show mascot who will be making frequent appearances in this area. Children's activities taking place in this area include: face painting, coloring walls and children's craft activities.

Fun Kitchen workshops provide families with the opportunity to learn new skills, explore tastes and cook up some tasty treats. Sports Zone: Hampshire Cricket, England Netball, and Saints Foundation are just some of the organisations bringing their interactive skills workshops to the Show for the first time. Providing visitors young and old with the opportunity to put their skills to the test or try a sport for the first time. This friendly, vibrant new area of the showground is certainly one not to be missed! Workshops are available for children aged 5 & over (children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult)

You will find us in The Discovery Zone offering lots of learning activities so bring your Passport to Learning

New Forest Wildlife Park

The New Forest Wildlife Park has many different opportunities to learn something new. During park tours you can meet many different native British species including otters, owls, polecats, ferrets, pine marten, wild boar, wolves, deer and bison. You can discover how animals are adapted for life in their particular environments; about animal behaviour, how they eat, where they live. You can also learn about threatened and endangered species and become aware of issues surrounding environmental changes and pollution and the need for wildlife protection and conservation thus gaining an understanding and respect for the creatures of our countryside.

Paultons Park

Paultons Park is a family theme park and wildlife park. There are many rides and attractions. It has an exciting and dedicated education department, offering a range of activities on topics from materials, forces and motion to animals, birds and plants. To gain a stamp for your passport you must complete an educational activity during your visit to the park. Amazing Animals and Fantastic Forces

You MUST download the activity before your visit and take it with you. To do this visit <http://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/home/learning-destinations/paultons-park/>. Once completed hand to guest services on your way out. The education officer will then post you a sticker for your passport.

The Medieval Merchants House (English Heritage)

The Medieval Merchants House is tucked away within walking distance from the busy city centre. Escape from the city life and take in the history of Southampton's "old town". John Fortin, a merchant who traded with Bordeaux, started building this house c. 1290. A residence and place of business, it stood on one of the busiest streets in medieval Southampton. Now restored to its mid-14th-century appearance by the removal of later additions, it is equipped with replica period furnishings. It stands near the medieval town wall, built to defend Southampton against seaborne attacks.

Hurst Castle (English Heritage)

There is loads to do at Hurst Castle this Summer – try out the Castle trail as well as hands on activities, tours and shows.

<https://www.hurstcastle.co.uk/summer-fun/>

Sea City Southampton

Check out the wide range of workshops for different age groups throughout the Summer holidays <https://seacitymuseum.co.uk/events>

Southampton City Art Gallery

See the workshops available through the holidays including the Monday morning art drop in <https://www.southamptoncityartgallery.com/visit/things-to-do/> Early booking recommended for all events to avoid disappointment, please call 023 8083 4536 to reserve your space!

Lepe Country Park

Lepe Country Park is a wonderful place to keep the whole family entertained for hours. Pack a picnic and come for the day. Let off some steam on the adventure playground, fly kites on the cliff top, go swimming in the sea and explore the wild corners of the park. There are a range of activities to try this Summer: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/countryparks/lepe/familyfun>

Moors Valley Park

Horton Road, Ashley Heath, near Ringwood, BH24 2ET

Highway Rat Trail

Follow panels and discover the forest as you head on a journey with The Highway Rat and all the characters from the story. the trail is 2km long (just over one mile) and may take up to an hour and a half to complete if walking with very young children. The trail is on forest paths which, although in the main, are firm underfoot, can get slippery and a little muddy during and after periods of wet weather.

Available every day until November.

Visiting family and friends a little further away ?

Chessington World of Adventure

Are you ready for an adventure? Meet over 1,000 animals at Chessington Zoo; from the exotic and endangered to the just plain cute.

Zoo Quest is a self-guided interactive learning experience which helps children to find out amazing facts about some of the incredible animals in the zoo and deepens their understanding in a fun way.

Find out more about Chessington World of Adventure:

<http://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/home/learning-destinations/chessington-zoo-chessington-world-of-adventures-resort/>

This activity is worth 2 credits.

LEGOLAND® Windsor Resort (CU member discount available)

Download their activity sheet to take with you when you visit LEGOLAND® Windsor. Challenge yourself at some of our favourite sections of the resort and fill in the **activity** sheet as you go.

This sheet can be completed at LEGOLAND® Windsor and stamped by Guest Services. If you're unable to finish this while at the park, parents can download answers to mark their child's sheet and then submit their completed sheet along with your Passport to Learning as you would with other activities.

If completing the activity pack as part of Children's University, before you go visit

<http://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/home/learn-with-us/downloadable-learning-activities/click> to request our exclusive discount.

<http://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/media/2074971/legoland-activity-pack-childrensuniversity.pdf>

This activity is worth 4 credits.

Low Cost – No Cost Activities

The Woodland Trust's Nature Detectives

Nature Detectives is an official Learning Destination for the Children's University. Use our activities towards your Passport to Learning.

Children can use our activities and visit our woods to learn about trees and wildlife. Simply log the time in your passport, and it will count towards your award.

The Woodland Trust is a virtual Learning Destination, so we can't stamp passports ourselves. Tell your Children's University leader about the activities you've done and what you've learnt, and they will sign and date your passport on our behalf

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/naturedetectives/activities/> and choose from a wide range of activities by age.

Forestry Commission

Download their activity sheet to take with when you visit a woodland looked after by the Forestry Commission. Fill in this activity sheet as you walk around and enjoy the forest. Learn how a well-managed forest works, and how it can be so much more than simply a place to grow trees.

Find Forestry Commission destinations here. <https://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/inf-d-9gw131>

This activity is worth 2 credits.

Pets at Home

Find FREE workshops for you and your children at your local Pets at Home store. Our workshops help teach children how rewarding pets can be and how to care for them. They also offer a fun filled set of activities that include products and pets for a hands on approach to pet care. Come along and join the fun, we can't wait to see you!

Book on line

http://community.petsathome.com/workshops/?_ga=2.161112893.1629202742.1531149576-171359381.1531149576

This activity is worth 1 credit.

The Summer Reading Challenge

We're very excited to announce the book collection for the Summer Reading Challenge 2018, Mischief Makers. The book collection comprises 70 must-have reads for children aged 4-11, with something to enthrall every young reader, and will be available in your libraries during the Challenge. The collection brings together brilliant books chosen by children and librarians which capture the Mischief Makers spirit, and includes many brand new titles which will be published this summer.

There are two lists - one for younger children and one for more confident readers - representing the best in contemporary children's fiction, poetry, non-fiction, picture books and graphic novels.

1 credit for each book, plus possible extra credits for additional activities

Bigfoot Creative Arts Activity Pack

This pack will help you learn more about the creative arts thanks to Bigfoot Arts Education! It has been designed to help you think about a variety of roles that are important in relation to the creation of an arts event, performance or film.

Download activity pack:

http://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/media/13022/bigfoot_-_creative_arts_activity_pack.pdf

Up to 6 credits.

Rooster Bank

Having some money know how, understanding the importance of saving and being smart with your cash is really important. Learn how with Rooster Money's Money Matters course.

Download PDF: <http://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/media/2074934/money-matters-cu-roostermoney.pdf>

This activity is worth 2 credits.

CERNLAND

Download our quiz sheet to be completed alongside CERN's interactive site, www.cernland.net
<http://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/media/2075111/cernland-quiz-sheet.pdf>

Take your completed sheet into school and show it to a teacher to earn 3 Children's University stamps. This quiz relates to 11 of the 13 games on the site and focuses on the science and research behind CERN's work.

This activity is worth 3 credits.

The RSPB Wild Challenge

The RSPB is an official Learning Destination for the Children's University™ Passport to Learning.

The Wild Challenge is a Children's University™ Learning Activity and earns you passport stamps. For every award level of the Wild Challenge you complete, you'll receive a sticker worth 6 hours to add to your passport. Read more at <https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/for-families/family-wild-challenge/what-is-wild-challenge/#zwe5mwYEPwyfJ8GY.99>

Up to 6 credits.

Don't Forget to complete our Summer Challenge too!

Have a great Summer!