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School closures and a largely empty obligation schedule makes summer a great time for families to go on vacation. Traditional vacation hotspots like adventure parks and resorts merit consideration, but the following are some unique family vacation ideas that can help parents and their children make lasting memories.

- **Ballpark tour:** For families that love baseball, a summer ballpark tour can be a truly unique experience. Whether families prefer Major League Baseball and its large ballparks or the more intimate settings at minor league stadiums, there's no shortage of options on a ballpark tour. Both MLB and minor league stadiums tend to be located in large or mid-size cities, which means there's plenty to do in between games as well.

- **Camper/RV trip:** A family vacation in a camper or RV is a cozy way for families to bond as they vacation at their own pace. National parks across the United States and Canada make for ideal places to visit when touring

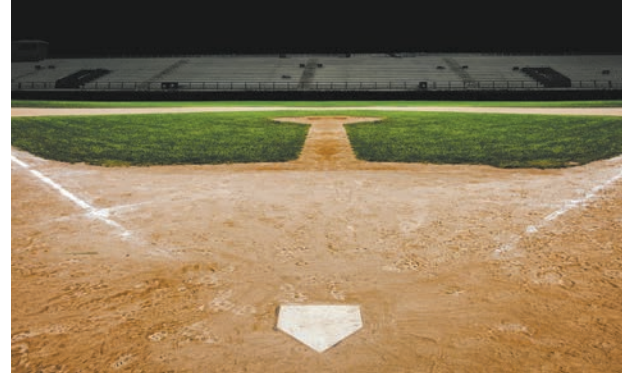
each country in a camper or RV. But there's really no limit to the experiences families can enjoy on self-driving trips when their beds are on board for the ride.

- **History road trip:** Historical landmarks dot the North American landscape, making a history road trip a fun way to hit the road and learn a little something along the way. American history buffs have no shortage of historic sites to see regardless of which region of the country they plan to visit or which period of history most intrigues them, from the Revolutionary War to the California Gold Rush to the American Civil War and more. Canadian history buffs can go all the way back to the days of the dinosaurs at the Dinosaur Provincial Park in Alberta or visit Nova Scotia to see the eighteenth century economic and military hub the Fortress of Louisbourg, which is the largest historical reconstruction in North America.

- **Urban tours:** One of the joys of visiting Europe is the chance to travel from city to city without spending too much time in the car or on the train between stops. Though North America might be more spread out, families can still tour various urban locales in a single vacation. Parents can pick a region of the country (such

as the northeastern United States) and then plan road trips that enable them to visit different cities in that area over the course of a week to two weeks. Make an effort to try the foods each city is known for and visit a local landmark, making sure to leave time to walk around so everyone can get a feel for what a day in each city is like.

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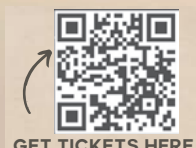
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# 8 TIPS TO MAKE FOR A FUN DAY AT THE WATER PARK

**8** When summertime temperatures are hot and climbing, people look for ways to cool off. Trips to the beach or a pool often top the list of ideas, but water parks also make for great places to spend a hot summer day.

Water parks may be stand-alone facilities in town or components of larger amusement parks. They often feature a combination of wading pools, slides, lazy rivers, and splash zones to cater to visitors of all ages. Water parks can be great family fun for those who do their homework and prepare for visits accordingly. Certain tips can make the experience that much more enjoyable.

**1. Pack light.** Belongings can be tricky when it comes to water parks because most items cannot get wet. Leaving them beside rides also leaves you vulnerable to theft. Bring only the essentials and plan to stash car keys, mobile phones and minimal cash in lockers. Lockers in many modern facilities are paid for with your credit card and work by entering a self-generated code. This way there are no keys or locks

to worry about.

**2. Bring three bags.** Bring a backpack or a tote bag that is filled with a change of clothes. Unless you dry off for the last hour by walking around the park, you likely will not want to get in your vehicle in your swimsuit. Leave the clothes in the aforementioned locker. Stash a plastic shopping bag or garbage bag inside the backpack, as it can hold wet swimsuits and other damp items after you've changed. Bring a mesh or breathable shoulder bag that can hold a few essentials, like towels and water bottles. The mesh will enable air flow so that you don't end up with a sopping, mildew-riddled towel by the end of the day.

**3. Wear comfortable swim gear.** It's hard to get out of the sun at a water park, so covering up is key. A rash guard or swim shirt can be paired with swim trunks or one- or two-piece swimsuits. Avoid any swimsuits that have flimsy straps, as they're more likely to come undone while crashing through waves or during high speed water slide excursions.

**4. Plan locker trips strategically.** Aim to

visit your locker at least two or three times if you're spending a full day at the water park. This gives you chances to reapply sunscreen (which you should always wear at the park) and grab a few dollars for snacks and beverages. Remember to stay hydrated while out in the sun, even if you are in the water most of the time.

**5. Utilize water shoes.** Water park pavement can get hot and slippery. Water shoes are ideal so that you do not injure your feet. Many rides prohibit flip flops, but secured water shoes are allowed.

**6. Arrive early.** Try to get to the water park shortly after it opens. Crowds will be sizable on hot days. You don't want to waste all of your time waiting in line for rides. Plus, the earlier in the day you arrive, the less steamy and the greater chance you will find parking near the entrance.

**7. If budget allows, rent a cabana.** Some parks rent cabanas. A cabana can be a family's home base and a place to cool off and relax. For an extra cost, some cabanas come with food service.

**8. Have extra adults on hand.** When the kids outnumber the adults, it can be

tricky keeping eyes on everyone, especially in larger attractions like wave pools. Plus, there's bound to be some kids who are more adventurous than others. An extra adult or two can wait with children who do not want to go on particular slides or other rides.

Water parks are entertaining ways to cool off on hot days. Following certain tips can make visits even more fun.




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# STAY SAFE AROUND THE POOL AND SPA



Learning to swim using the proper safety gear is one step to keeping swimmers safe in and around pools.

**W**arm weather often leads to more time spent outdoors. For homeowners lucky to have a backyard pool, hot tub or community water amenities, these spots can be great for relaxing, cooling off, exercising, or spending enjoyable times with family and friends.

While pools and spas are ideal spots for family fun, they're not without their dangers. The American Red Cross warns that 69 percent of young children who drown were not expected to be in or near water. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advises that drowning is the leading cause of injury-related death among children between the ages of one and four. However, anyone can drown or suffer a water-related injury - even people who are strong swimmers. Let's dive deep into pool-related dangers and how to avoid them.

### Pool chemical injuries

Pools and spas need to be sanitized for safe use. Mishandling pool chemicals can cause serious injuries and leads to roughly 4,500 emergency room visits in the United States each year, says the CDC. More than one-third of these preventable injuries affect children or teens. All product instructions should be followed carefully. Chemicals should be stored out of reach of children or pets. Ample time should be left between adding chemicals and swimmers returning to the water.

### Stay away from drains

Children and adults should not swim or hang around near drains or suction outlets in pools and spas. In addition, drain covers should be installed over all drains and returns. Hair, limbs, jewelry, bathing suits, and more can be sucked into these openings and cause serious injuries, according to PoolSafely.gov.

### Supervision is key

Swimmers should not venture into the water without a buddy present and children should never be left unattended around the water. Homeowners can install safety fencing and self-latching gates around pools to prevent youngsters from wandering into the water. All items that can be used to climb fencing should be kept away from the pool. Consider putting locks on gates on fences around the perimeter of the yard. This way no one can wander into the yard and into the pool when homeowners are not home.

**Dive safely**  
No one should ever dive into shallow water, advises Poolonomics. Water depth should be tested prior to any diving, and generally pools with depths of eight feet and up are considered safe for diving. Do not dive into inner tubes or into shallow ends or spas.  
When jumping into the pool, try going feet-first or doing cannonballs. Avoid flips or positions that will result in landing flat on the back, which can injure the spine.  
Teach kids to swim

Swimming knowledge can keep children more secure in the water. Basic competence of simple swimming strokes may help to avoid drowning. Relying on water wings or flotation devices that are not U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets can be risky.  
Summertime is pool and spa time. Safety is paramount around the water.

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# SUMMERTIME PROJECTS FOR KIDS

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- Become amateur meteorologists, keeping track of changing weather patterns and which signs indicate precipitation.
- Stock up on summer reading books that everyone in the family can enjoy while sitting poolside or at the beach.
- Visit a museum or a local point of interest and learn about something historical.
- Conduct informal science experiments, such as growing the biggest vegetable or studying butterflies or insects that visit the backyard.
- Maintain a journal about adventures during summer vacation through personal narratives or even through creative fictional accounts based on the child's experiences.
- Search for patterns in nature, such as those in shells or flowers.
- Learn about money by keeping tallies on souvenir purchases or the cost of items in stores.
- Calculate distances from home by using maps and mileage.

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# SUMMER CRAFTS FAMILIES CAN ENJOY TOGETHER

Things seem to slow down in summer. Come summer, the hurried pace that dominates much of the year takes a backseat to vacations, lounging around the pool, diving through ocean waves, and setting up tents at campsites near or far.

When the weather is accommodating, there's a seemingly endless list of ways to enjoy time spent outdoors. But as everyone knows, Mother Nature tends to be a bit unpredictable during the hazy days of summer. Thunderstorms can roll in quite suddenly, or rain may persist for a few days as the atmosphere attempts to right itself after an abundance of steamy days. Keep a list of craft ideas at the ready to make the most of time spent inside or out. The following are a few ideas.

• **Friendship bracelets:** There have been different iterations of friendship bracelets for every generation. With some general craft supplies, such as embroidery thread, beads, plastic lanyards, or other jewelry-

making materials, kids can make and share a variety of friendship bracelets.

• **Seashell creatures:** At the next beach excursion, pick up differently shaped shells. They can be painted and glued together to resemble different animals or whatever designs one can imagine.

• **Dreamcatchers:** With some twigs, yarn and feathers, crafters can make dreamcatchers to hang bedside.

• **Sunprints:** Check out the craft store for a special light-sensitive solution that can be painted onto thick craft paper. Set various natural items on top (such as fern boughs, shells, feathers, and more) and let the sun do its work. You'll ultimately be left with some beautiful silhouettes.

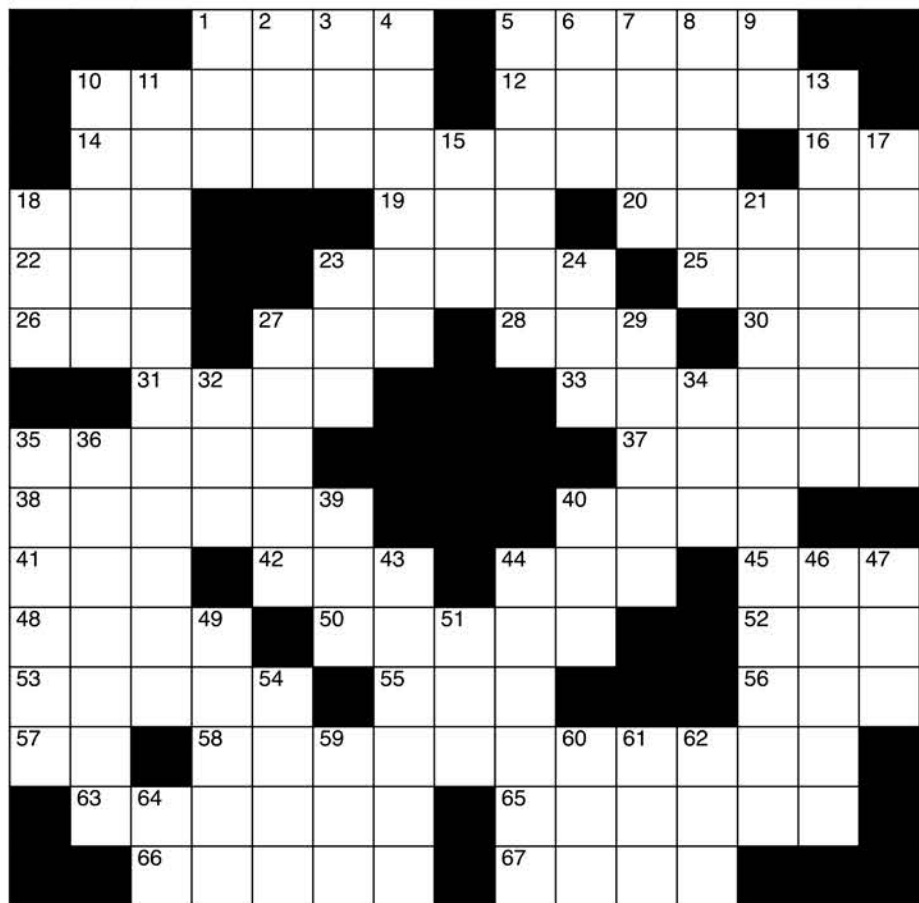
• **Leather sewing kits:** Evoke the feelings of summer camp right at home with leather sewing kits that enable everyone to make handcrafted leather wallets or small purses.

• **Painted stones:** Kids can have fun gathering smooth pebbles from trails or at the shores of lakes. They can be painted with various designs or sweet sentiments, only to be left around the neighborhood for others to discover.

• **Sea glass jewelry:** An adult can use a very thin drill bit to make holes in sea glass remnants that washed up on beaches. Feed through earring hooks or chains to create one-of-a-kind jewelry.

• **Dyed shoes or accessories:** Use commercially produced or homemade dyes made from teabags, berry juice, turmeric powder, or more to color certain items. Dress up canvas sneakers with summertime hues, or make colorful bandanas to help keep you cool.

Summer craft ideas abound to keep everyone entertained all season long.



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- 37. French river
- 38. Told on
- 40. Hillside
- 41. Peyton's little brother
- 42. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 44. Cathedral city in Cambridgeshire
- 45. Witness
- 48. Brews
- 50. Yellowish-brown
- 52. Arctic explorers, abbr.
- 53. Mexican agave
- 55. A type of "cast"
- 56. Encourage
- 57. Atomic #52
- 58. Relating to position north of south of equator
- 63. Gadget whose name you forget
- 65. Another recording
- 66. Small blisters
- 67. Dark brown or black

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Licensed for Wall Street
- 2. " \_\_ and flow"
- 3. A very large body of water
- 4. Accumulate on the surface of
- 5. Central cores of the stem
- 6. Angry
- 7. Ceramic jar
- 8. Scraped a car
- 9. \_\_ route
- 10. Soviet labor camp system
- 11. Strong hostilities
- 13. Vitamin of the B complex
- 15. Go quickly
- 17. Toast
- 18. A team's best pitcher
- 21. A Philly culinary specialty
- 23. Small child
- 24. Unhappy
- 27. Trims away
- 29. Characterized by crying eyes
- 32. Soft touch
- 34. American spy organization
- 35. A person's chest
- 36. Came from behind to win
- 39. Fall back
- 40. Nellie \_\_, journalist
- 43. Great places to kayak
- 44. Suffer patiently
- 46. Majestic bird
- 47. Electroencephalograph
- 49. Organic compound used as an antiseptic
- 51. Objects connected to the web (abbr.)
- 54. Ship as cargo
- 59. The bill in a restaurant
- 60. Upper-class young woman (abbr.)
- 61. Judge in OJ Simpson trial
- 62. One's grandmother
- 64. Siberian river

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# TOP PLACES TO FISH IN NEBRASKA

With about 450 lakes and streams open to public fishing, deciding where to fish in Nebraska can sometimes be challenging, but the following water bodies have proved to be Nebraska's best fishing spots year after year.

### MERRITT RESERVOIR

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### LAKE MCCONAUGHY

Lake McConaughy is the state's largest reservoir and has been the fishing destination for untold numbers of Nebraska anglers over generations. As the reservoir has aged, its habitat has changed and so has the fishing. Historically it offered excellent panfish, rainbow trout, and striped bass. Currently, McConaughy is perennially one of the best walleye waters in the state, and usually one of the best for trophy walleyes.

### LEWIS AND CLARK SRA - GAVIN'S POINT DAM

Many people believe that all of the Missouri River reservoirs belong to the Dakotas. Most of them might, but the last one, Lewis and Clark Lake, is on the Nebraska/South Dakota border. Lewis and Clark Lake itself is an excellent fishery for catfish, walleye, sauger, smallmouth bass, big white bass and who knows what else that might swim down the Missouri River.

Walleye and sauger fishing are excellent and

this water is Nebraska's best smallmouth bass fishery. There are acres and acres of backwater habitats to explore and catch crappies, largemouth bass, rock bass and northern pike. A person could spend years exploring and catching fish on this stretch of water and never get bored with the fishing or the scenery.

### BOX BUTTE RESERVOIR

Way out west in the Nebraska panhandle sits Box Butte Reservoir. Another irrigation reservoir, water levels do fluctuate on Box Butte and during droughts can be relatively low. However, even then there is enough water to support fish, and the water in Box Butte is excellent quality. Couple that with hard, even rocky bottoms, aquatic vegetation, and at times flooded timber and you have another reservoir that provides great habitat and a variety of species of fish.

Box Butte has a high density of northern pike, along with walleye, bass, and large channel catfish. A variety of panfish, bluegills, yellow perch, crappies, rock bass and even pumpkinseeds are found in its waters.

### SANDHILLS LAKES

Already mentioned were the uniquely Nebraska sandhills in the north-central part of the state. The natural lakes nestled in those sandhills are also unique. Nebraska has few natural lakes, not created by man, and that alone makes these waters special. Their incredible productivity makes them outstanding fisheries.

A number of sandhill lakes can provide some of the best panfish fishing to be found anywhere. These lakes are known for producing bluegills as

big as any place. The yellow perch fishing can be excellent as well as black crappies as big as garbage can lids. That is not all. Some sandhill lakes support northern pike in abundance and can produce some of the fattest, prettiest largemouth bass you've ever seen!

Because of their shallow depths the sandhill lakes can be choked with an abundance of submerged aquatic vegetation during the summer. For that reason, fishing is usually best in spring, early summer and fall, but most Nebraska anglers will tell you the very best time to fish the sandhill lakes is through a hole in the ice.

### BURCHARD LAKE

The curse of Nebraska geography is that much of our fishing water is found "out west" while the majority of our population lives in the eastern part of the state. There is not a body of water in eastern Nebraska that is not fished hard. In spite of that, Burchard Lake continues to consistently produce some of the best largemouth bass fishing in Nebraska.

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## CATFISH FAMILY

Channel Catfish



Blue Catfish



Flathead Catfish



Black Bullhead



Yellow Bullhead



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## BASS & CRAPPIE FAMILY

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# MUST-HAVE ITEMS FOR SUMMER ENTERTAINING IN THE BACKYARD

Summer entertaining season provides ample opportunities to soak up some sun and have some fun with family and friends. Backyard barbecues and other get-togethers at home are even more fun when hosts ensure they have certain must-have items for summer soirees.

• **Fire features:** The days when summer hosts only needed a few extra lawn chairs and some burgers and hot dogs on the grill for a backyard barbecue are long gone. Though those items still have a place at backyard barbecues, summer parties have taken a step up. Fire features, whether it's a standalone fire pit, one built into a patio or a gas-powered fire table, are now wildly popular. Fire features provide a welcome place to relax and converse with guests after the sun goes down. And much to kids' delight, a fire feature also paves the way for some post-meal s'mores.

• **Insulated wine cooler:** Coolers are great places to store water, soda, beer, seltzers, and other popular beverages. But what about wine? An insulated wine cooler ensures wine stays properly cooled but doesn't get too cold, which can happen when wine is stored in a more traditional cooler filled with ice. Bottles are simply placed in the insulated cooler (much like canned beverages slide easily into can koozies), and the bottle can be kept on the table much like you would for

formal dinners indoors. Hosts can go the extra mile by pairing insulated wine tumblers with their wine cooler.

• **Games:** Summer entertaining season might be all about relaxation, but games can up the fun factor at backyard gatherings. Cornhole is a wildly popular game, and customized cornhole boards can help hosts come across as party professionals. Ladder toss, bocce and wiffle ball are some additional games that can make the festivities more fun. Hosts who don't have a pool also can invest in an inflatable pool big enough to fit all the kids who will be coming to the party.

• **Outdoor storage cabinet:** Hosts can save themselves the stress and effort of walking in and out for dinnerware and other table accessories by investing in a sturdy outdoor storage cabinet. As meal time draws near, hosts will appreciate that all the plates, napkins, utensils, and placemats are already outside. The top of the storage cabinet can double as a small but convenient buffet station for sides that aren't being cooked over an open flame.



• **Projector and screen:** A projector and screen can really up the ante on summer entertaining, turning a backyard barbecue into a great place to watch a game or cuddle up after dinner for a movie night under the stars. Projectors and screens won't bust the

budget, but those who have more to spend may want to consider an outdoor television. Outdoor televisions are built to handle the glare of the summer sun, but a retractable awning may be a good safety net for hosts who plan to spend many a weekend afternoon outside watching games or movies with family and friends.

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# SUMMERTIME PROJECTS FOR KIDS



Summer slide is a concept that has been on educators' minds since 1996, when the first comprehensive study on the topic was published. Students lose significant knowledge in core subjects over the summer break, and those losses increase each year. There's much parents can do to help their children continue learning over the summer. Educational projects may be a good start. Here's a brief list of educational projects children can work on this summer.

- Conduct informal science experiments, such as growing the biggest vegetable or studying butterflies or insects that visit the backyard.
- Maintain a journal about adventures during summer vacation through personal narratives or even through creative fictional accounts based on the child's experiences.
- Search for patterns in nature, such as those in shells or flowers.
- Learn about money by keeping tallies on souvenir purchases or the cost of items in stores.
- Calculate distances from home by using maps and mileage.
- Become amateur meteorologists, keeping track of changing weather patterns and which signs indicate precipitation.
- Stock up on summer reading books that everyone in the family can enjoy while sitting poolside or at the beach.
- Visit a museum or a local point of interest and learn about something historical.

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# THIS SWEET 'SANDWICH' IS A FAVORITE SUMMERTIME DESSERT

Ice cream sandwiches are a treat any day of the year, but can be particularly refreshing when the mercury climbs. According to the ice cream novelty company Ice Cream Social, ice cream sandwiches may have evolved from a treat called "okey-pokey" that was once served by street vendors in London. This dessert was a slice of vanilla ice cream cut from a large slab. Providing an easier and more portable way

to enjoy a serving of ice cream, ice cream sandwiches, food historians believe, were invented in 1899 by an unnamed pushcart vendor in New York City's Bowery neighborhood. This vendor served vanilla ice cream between two graham wafers. The modern ice cream sandwich, which is the more recognizable rectangular serving of vanilla ice cream nestled between two chocolate cookie wafers,

is attributed to Jerry Newberg. Newberg began selling these novelties at Forbes Field in Pittsburgh in 1945. Ice cream sandwiches gained popularity around this time for their portability as well as their flavor, so much so that the popular Carvel® ice cream company unveiled its own take on the ice cream sandwich - The Flying Saucer® - in 1951 to celebrate the opening of its 100th franchise shop.

topping, as desired. Extras like chopped nuts, sprinkles, crumbled cookies, or chopped up chocolate bars can be added to the cake to customize flavor. End with a top layer of whipped topping for the "frosting." The ice cream cake should be covered and frozen for at least 30 minutes before serving. The internet is full of ice cream sandwich cake recipes in greater detail for those who need more guided instruction. This is one treat that probably won't have many leftovers.

Ice cream sandwiches originated more than a century ago and remain a delicious treat on a hot day.

Other manufacturers have their own ice cream sandwich incarnations, and ingredients vary around the world. Cookies, cakes, biscuits or other ingredients serve as the "bread" to hold the ice cream in place. The novelties also are not difficult to make at home. People can experiment at home by scooping softened ice cream and placing it between home-baked or store-bought cookies.

Ice cream sandwiches also can be turned into other desserts, such as an ice cream sandwich cake or an icebox cake. All that is needed are a few ingredients and some imagination.

Unwrap ice cream sandwiches and layer them in a cake pan, such as a rectangular or a round springform pan (cut the sandwiches in half for the springform pan and layer vertically versus horizontally in a rectangular pan), with hot fudge, caramel sauce and whipped



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overall health. According to the American Academy of Family Physicians, insect-borne diseases are viral and bacterial illnesses that develop from insect bites. Mosquitoes, sand flies and fleas are some examples of insects that can pass on disease. Fever, chills, headache, and muscle soreness are just a few of the more common symptoms linked to insect-borne diseases.

The good news for avid gardeners is that certain plants can help repel insects and provide the additional benefits like fresh food and aesthetic appeal that so many people love.

- **Basil:** The aroma of fresh basil is enough to compel any gardener to make a place for it in their garden. But there's more to fresh basil than its scent, as the Farmers Almanac notes it can be used to repel mosquitoes and moths.

- **Lavender:** Fleas, flies, mosquitoes, and moths are not fans of this aromatic and colorful member of the mint family. Bees tend to be drawn to lavender, a durable plant that many garden centers recommend in areas prone to drought or hot summers without much precipitation.

- **Mint:** Mint is another plant that is instantly recognizable for its aroma. But mint lovers may not realize that it's also great for keeping ants at bay. Mint also can be used to repel mosquitoes, but gardeners with no experience

planting mint should plant it in pots. That's because the Farmers Almanac notes mint is an especially aggressive spreader that can quickly take over a garden. Separating mint in pots can prevent it from bullying its way into other plants' domains.

- **Lemongrass:** Lemongrass is a tropical grass that's so fragrant it's often used in perfumes. Lemongrass contains citronella, which many people associate with repelling



mosquitoes. A potted lemongrass plant can repel these unwanted guests, keeping them away from decks, porches and/or patios all summer long.

- **Chrysanthemums:** The Farmers' Almanac® recommends using chrysanthemums, which repel a range of insects from bedbugs to fleas to ants, as border plants around a home. That's because they contain the natural insecticide pyrethrin, which can serve as something of an insect-repelling boundary around a home.

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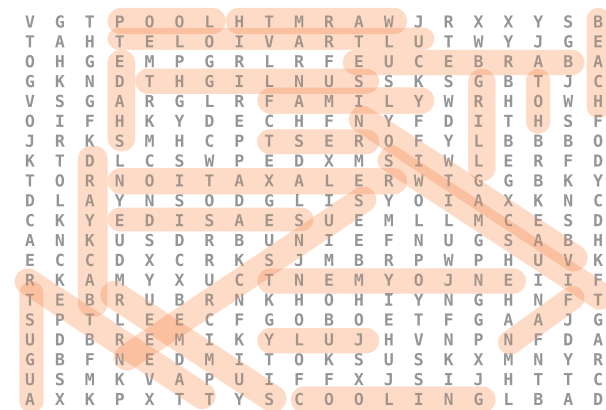
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be kept, which species are safe and which are protected, and even when people can fish. In a study led by researchers with the U.S. Geological Survey that was published in the journal Fisheries, thousands of distinct populations of fish were studied. Researchers determined that as many as four out of 10 freshwater species in North America are in danger of approaching extinction. As a result, fishing is regulated by Fish and Wildlife officers and game wardens. Those who are new to fishing or to a particular region must learn and follow the rules regarding fishing. Fishing licenses are typically required to fish in a given state or area. Always speak with a licensing agency about size restrictions and any other rules

regarding species of fish. Also learn about which methods of fishing are legal. Drag nets or other methods of mass fish collection or luring the fish with lights or other equipment may be prohibited. Learning how to safely catch and release fish if the need arises also is an essential component of responsible fishing. When done correctly, catch-and-release methods can ensure high survival rates and preserve native fish populations. The National Park Service advises those who fish to follow these tips.



Learn when to keep a fish or toss it back, and how to do so to safely preserve species.

- Avoid fishing when conditions are stressful for fish, such as when water temperatures are high.
- Use equipment that enables one to land the fish quickly without struggle.
- Avoid the use of scents and artificial baits that encourage fish to swallow hooks. Learn which bait are prohibited in certain bodies of water. Artificial lures that hook the fish in the lip are preferred.
- Avoid playing with the fish to exhaustion.
- Keep the fish wet and calm, and treat it gently to remove the hook. Hold the fish underwater and allow it to ventilate before release so it can regain its swimming strength.

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than two hours at room temperature. Items should be moved indoors or discarded even more quickly in especially hot conditions.

**2. Learn how to smoke.** Grilling is one skill, and smoking is another. Novices can visit barbecue competitions

and talk to professionals about their tips for smoking foods, or learn more by watching tutorials online. Smoked foods take a lot of time to cook, allowing hosts an opportunity to mingle with guests.

**3. Keep things simple.** Serve only a handful of

items to cut down on the amount of preparation required. Two main proteins and maybe three side dishes is adequate. Chips or other pre-made snacks can fit the bill. Condensing options also reduces how much you have to manage.

**4. Set up clusters of seating.** Grouping sets of chairs at tables around the yard encourages guests to mingle. Also, it helps space out people for social distancing and avoids a bottleneck around the food.

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# MAKE THE MOST OF A DAY AT THE LAKE

Water becomes the center of attention when the temperature climbs because of the cooling relief it can provide. Making a day of splashing through sprinklers, swimming laps in a pool or horsing around with friends at a waterpark is part of the summertime experience.

Even though most people equate summer fun with ocean escapes, those who do not live close to the coast often turn to other bodies of water to cool off and chill out. Lakes can be great places to spend summer afternoons and evenings. Discover how to make time at the lake even more fun with these ideas.

**FISHING**  
Cast your line right into the lake and take a shot at catching some fish. Bass, trout, perch,

and pike may be interested in the bait hanging off of your hook. Be sure to check local fish and game ordinances to see if you need a license for fishing for the season, as well as the recreational size limits, possession limits and fishing seasons if you plan on keeping your catch.

**WATER SPORTS**  
Water sports and lakes often go hand-in-hand. Certain water activities are easier on the calm waters of a lake than in the waves and swells of an ocean - particularly for beginners. Canoes and kayaks are one- or two-passenger vessels that can be launched from just about anywhere. They make areas of the lake exploratory that may not be



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they require no fuel other than the power of rowing. If you prefer more speed, personal water craft like jet skis may be used on lakes in certain areas. Waterskiing or wakeboarding behind powerboats are some additional options for thrill-seekers.

**TUBING**  
Although tubing is often enjoyed on rivers where the rapids carry people along from a starting point to the end, those who desire a more relaxing day may opt for tubing on a lake. Tie several tubes together and create a fleet of friends or family floating leisurely under the sun. With the addition of a floating



cooler full of drinks and snacks, you can stay out on the lake for hours.

**LAKESIDE CUISINE**  
If you're lucky to have a lodge or restaurant dockside, you can enjoy a delicious meal overlooking a sunset on the lake. Time in or on the water can build up an appetite, which can be satiated by a meal while you listen to the water lap against the shoreline.

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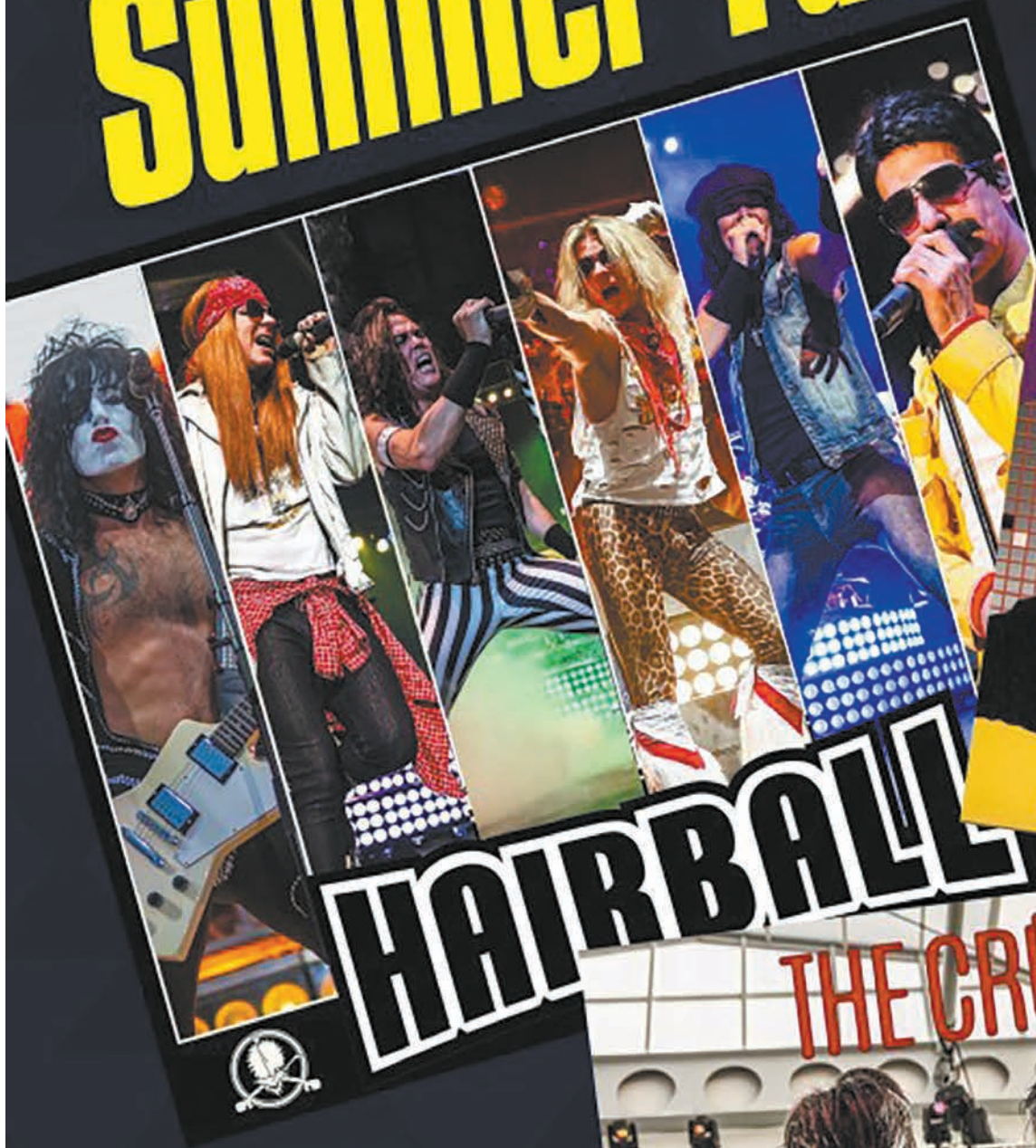
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# CAMPSITE SAFETY TIPS

The appeal of camping is undeniable. According to The Business Research Company, a market research and intelligence company, the market will grow from just under \$40 billion in 2020 to reaching \$56.6 billion by 2025.

Camping has long been a popular pastime for outdoor enthusiasts, but it may have developed an entirely new group of devotees in 2020. Traditional vacations may not have been possible in 2020, when governments across the globe urged citizens to avoid conventional travel as the world found itself in the throes of a global pandemic. In an effort to overcome cabin fever, many people viewed camping as a safe way to get out of the house while still limiting contact with people from other households. That no doubt inspired new generations of camping fans, many of whom will continue to pitch their tents and sit around campfires long after

the pandemic has ended.

The National Park Service recognizes the popularity of camping and urges people to stay safe. Veteran campers and novices alike can benefit from reviewing these safety tips, courtesy of the NPS.

- Plan ahead. Camping trips may not require hours of scouring travel websites in an effort to find the best deals on flights and hotels. But camping trips still require ample planning. When planning a trip, take into account who's coming along. Assess their camping skills and physical fitness to determine the most appropriate place to camp. Campers with limited mobility may be best suited for accessible campsites. The NPS urges campers to consider if everyone in the group will be able to make a long hike from the parking lot to the campsite. If not, choose a site that you can pull right up to or is just a short, easy walk from the

parking lot.

- Research the campsite and surrounding area. Know as much as possible about the campsite prior to embarking on your trip. Learn about everything from the local wildlife you may encounter while camping to the condition of surrounding areas, including the altitude, the difficulty of nearby hiking trails and where to go in case of emergency.

- Develop an emergency plan. The NPS urges campers to develop an emergency plan, noting that it's always wise to expect the unexpected when camping. Bring a first aid kit along when leaving the campsite to engage in activities like hiking or fishing. Go over safety protocols before going on a hike, including the need to stay together and remain on the trail at all times. More

information about what to do should anyone be injured during your trip is available at [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov).

- Bring the right gear. The NPS notes that each camping trip will have its own equipment needs, which will be dictated by the setting, the time of year of the trip, the difficulty of the terrain, and the duration of the trip. Navigational supplies, sun and insect protection, insulation (i.e., extra clothing and blankets), shelter, flashlights and headlamps, first aid kits, extra food and water, firestarters, repair kits and tools, and a communication device like a smartphone or satellite phone are the essential necessities that should be brought along on all camping trips.

Camping is a great way to get away. Campers of all skill and experience levels can make the most of their trips by emphasizing safety at all times.



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# HOW TO HANDLE FIREWORKS SAFELY



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*"The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to watch the professional displays," said Alex Hoeh-Saric, chair of the CPSC.*

Three-quarters of fireworks injuries occur the weeks before and following the July 4th holiday in the United States. The Canadian Government indicates two-thirds of all fireworks-related injuries in Canada occur between May and August, with nearly one-third happening on days surrounding Victoria Day and Canada Day.

Fireworks can injure any part of the body, but burns to the hands and fingers,

trunk, and arms are the most commonly affected areas. Injuries to the eyes, including blindness, also may occur.

Sparklers are not necessarily safe, either. The CPSC reports that 1,100 injuries result from sparklers each year.

As fireworks become widely available, it's imperative that individuals follow these crucial safety tips when using them.

- Never allow children to play with or ignite any type of firework, including sparklers.
- Keep a bucket of water or garden hose nearby to extinguish fires or sparks.
- Only buy and use fireworks if they are legal.

- Light fireworks one at a time in accordance with manufacturers' instructions.
- Choose a field or area free from trees and other obstructions, far away from spectators to light fireworks.
- Never use fireworks while impaired by alcohol or drugs.
- Never point or fire fireworks in the direction of other people.
- Do not place any part of the body directly over fireworks when lighting a fuse.

Fireworks can be beautiful, but are best left to the professionals.

**W**arm weather generally translates to more time spent outdoors. That means more barbecues, days spent poolside, trips to the beach, and even camping excursions. This time of year also inspires people to celebrate. What better way to signal the party has started than with fireworks?

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With more time on their hands due to vacations from school and work and less hectic activity schedules, particularly for families that include school-aged children, individuals often find summer affords more time for leisure. With that in mind, people from all walks of life can consider these summertime leisure activities.



• **Relax by the water:** Whether it's a pool, lake or even the ocean, the water beckons each summer. Simply sitting on a beach or beside a lake or pool is a great way to pass the time without much stress. Nothing needs to be scheduled when relaxing poolside, lakeside or on a beach; simply enjoy some time to relax by the water.

• **Paddleboarding:** Paddleboarding is another leisurely way to spend a summer day. Paddleboarding requires physical exertion, so this might not be the ideal activity for those looking to relax without lifting a finger. However, paddleboarders typically take to the water when it's at its most calm, making this a great activity

for those who want to capitalize on peaceful, serene summer vibes.

• **Fishing:** Few activities may be more relaxing than fishing. Though there are many different ways to fish, some of which require considerable physical effort, casting a line and waiting for a fish to bite is a relaxing way to spend a day in nature. That might not seem like much to novices, but spending time in nature has been found to reduce stress and lower heart rates, which the U.S. Forest Service notes are both risk factors for cardiovascular disease.

• **Read:** Books make for great companions on warm summer afternoons. Reading is such a popular summer pastime that

many bookstores set up displays featuring books that make for great beach reads, providing inspiration for individuals who aren't sure which book or books to dive into this summer. And much like other summertime leisure activities, reading has been linked to reducing stress. A 2009 study from researchers at the University of Sussex in England found that reading can reduce stress by as much as 68 percent.

• **Visit a museum:** On summer afternoons when it's raining or too hot outside or individuals simply want to spend some time indoors, a museum makes for the perfect place to visit. Museums do not typically draw crowds in summer, making this an ideal season to visit. Many offer discounted prices to individuals like seniors and students, so this is a great way to relax without breaking the bank.

Summer is a season of leisure, and there are many activities that align with that spirit of relaxation.



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### 3 TECHNIQUES TO KEEP MOSQUITOES OUT OF YOUR BACKYARD OASIS

The value of a retreat-like backyard was never more apparent than in 2020. Over the last year-plus, much of the world has been forced to stay home as a global pandemic has claimed millions of lives while countless others have had to fight to survive in hospitals. It's no surprise people have looked for a respite from the harsh realities of living during a deadly pandemic, and many turned their attention to their own backyards to provide such an escape. The online home remodeling platform Houzz reported a 58 percent annual increase in project leads for home professionals in June 2020. Contractors who specialize in outdoor spaces saw the biggest increase in demand. A revamped outdoor space can provide the perfect retreat for homeowners who want to get away from it all. But one winged, unwelcome guest can quickly transform an oasis into an uninviting

space. Mosquitoes make their presence felt in many areas each summer. These pesky, often hungry insects can carry disease, and their bites can be painful and itchy. Homeowners can try these three techniques to keep mosquitoes out of their backyards.

1. Remove standing water. Standing water is a breeding ground for mosquitoes, who don't even need a lot of water to successfully breed. A daily



walk around the property may uncover kids' toys, empty flower pots or other small receptacles that can collect water. Even clogged gutters can lead to the accumulation of a small amount of water, and that can be enough for mosquitoes to breed. Remove these potential breeding grounds when you find them, and do so each day, as mosquitoes mature from eggs to nymphs in roughly four days.

2. Mow regularly. Mowing the lawn so the grass never gets too high is another way to make a backyard less hospitable to mosquitoes. The pest experts at Terminix® note that mosquitoes seek tall grass to protect them from the elements, including wind and hot summer sun. Mowing enough so grass

never gets too high in summer can make backyards less inviting to mosquitoes.

3. Plant with mosquitoes in mind. The home remodeling experts at HGTV note that plants can be part of homeowners' strategy to repel mosquitoes. Various plants have mosquito-repellant qualities. For example, bee balm releases a fragrance as it grows, and mosquitoes don't like that fragrance. Homeowners can speak with a local lawn and garden professional for recommendations about plants that can thrive in their region and repel mosquitoes at the same time. Mosquitoes can make it hard to enjoy a backyard oasis. But various strategies can help homeowners keep these unwanted guests out of their backyards.

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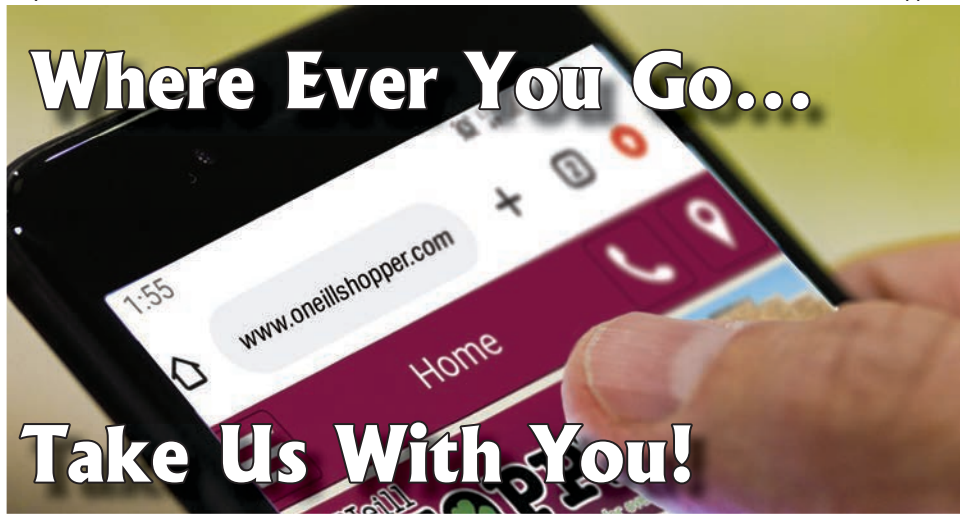


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### POTATO SALAD WITH BACON AND PARSLEY

Serves 6

- 1½ pounds new potatoes, about 15
- Kosher salt and black pepper
- 4 slices bacon
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 1 cup fresh, flat-leaf parsley, roughly chopped

Place the potatoes in a pot with 1 teaspoon salt and enough water to cover and simmer until tender, 15 to 18 minutes. Drain and run under cold water to cool. Cut into quarters.

Meanwhile, cook the bacon in a medium skillet over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until crisp, 6 to 8 minutes. Transfer to a paper towel-lined plate. Let cool, then crumble.

In a large bowl, whisk together the oil, vinegar, mustard, ¾ teaspoon salt, and ¼ teaspoon pepper. Add the potatoes, bacon and parsley and toss to combine.

*Tip: The potatoes can be cooked and tossed with the dressing and parsley up to 1 day in advance; refrigerate, covered. Bring to room temperature and add the bacon just before serving.*

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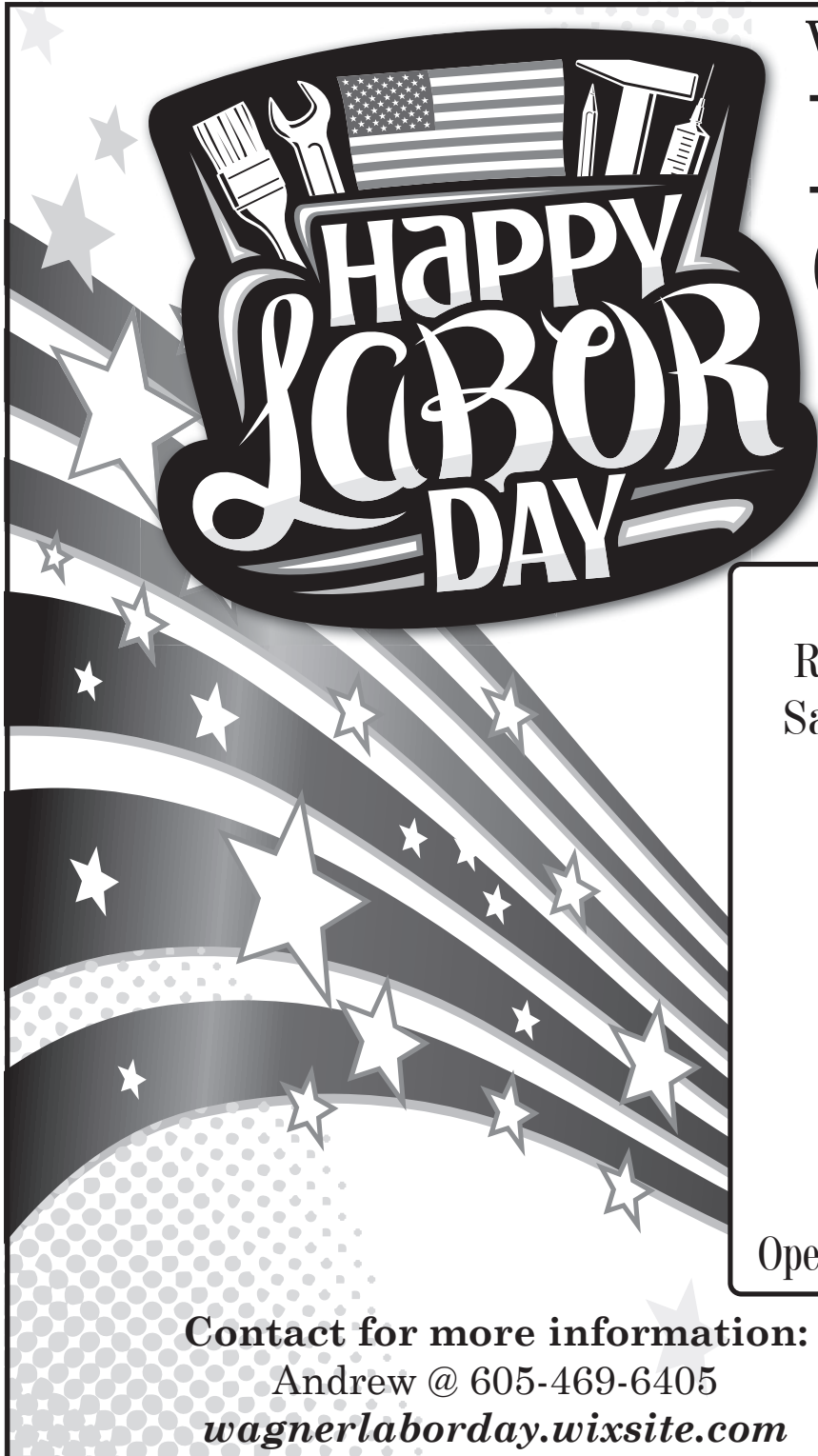
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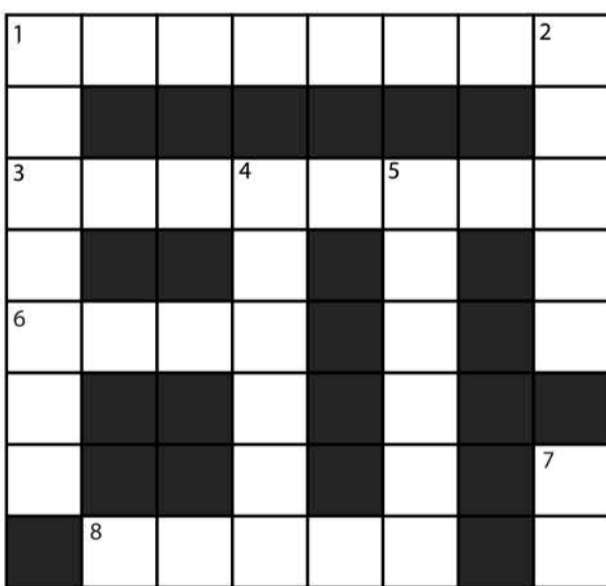
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**Check equipment** — Before you launch, ensure your boat or kayak is in good running condition and all essential equipment is present, including a life jacket for every person on board. Paddlers of kayaks or canoes also should physically inspect their planned take-out point to make sure it is accessible.

**Tell someone your plans** — Before leaving home, let someone know where you are going

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## Sunshine, Skin, and Self-checks

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Here are some fast facts, according to the Skin Cancer Foundation:  
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Now that you know some of the facts, let's look at assessing your skin by performing

self-checks. It is as simple as "ABCDE". Pick out a mole on your body and ask yourself the following questions:

**A – Asymmetrical.** A mole is considered asymmetrical when one half does not match or look like the other half.

**B – Border.** Look at the borders of the mole; are they uneven, irregular, ragged or have undefined edges?

**C – Color.** This pertains to the actual color of the mole itself, especially if it is red, blue, or black, but also if there is color variation

throughout the mole.

**D – Diameter.** Moles bigger than 6mm in diameter should be evaluated.

**E – Evolving.** Changes in a new or existing spot or mole over variable time could mean it is suspicious.

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**Math Blocks**

Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-10. The numbers in each row add up to the totals on the right. The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

9	0		14
		3	12
	7	4	13
12	15	12	

Solution

6	7	2
3	8	1
5	0	6

**Crossword Puzzle**

1	2					3
4						
5		6				
7					8	

**ACROSS**

1. Warm coverings
4. Provides shade
6. Surface of Earth
7. Upper layer of soil
8. Grass used as fodder

**DOWN**

2. Patches of grass
3. Weekend day
5. Trim

Down  
 1. Lawns 3. Saturday 5. Cut

Across  
 1. Blankets 4. Awning 6. Ground 7. Turf 8. Hay

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## AINSWORTH

**JUNE**  
9-11 ..... Middle of Nowhere Carnival Days

## ALBION

**JUNE**  
17 ..... Alumni Weekend/Street Festival

**JULY**  
8-12 ..... Boone County Fair

## ATKINSON

**JUNE**  
3 ..... City Wide Garage Sale

**JULY**  
14-15 ..... Christmas in July

**AUGUST**  
18-20... Atkinson Hay Days/Ranch Rodeo Celebration

## BASSETT

**JUNE**  
21-22 ..... Sandhills Ranch Expo

**AUGUST**  
2-5 ..... Rock County Fair

## BLOOMFIELD

**AUGUST**  
10-13 ..... Knox County Fair

## BURWELL

**JUNE**  
2-3 ..... Calamus Carp Tournament

8-11 ..... Neb. HS Rodeo Finals

13-15 ..... DC Lynch Carnival

23-24 ..... City-Wide Garage Sales

24 ..... Alumni Reunion

**JULY**  
24-29 ..... Garfield County Fair

26-29 ..... Nebraska's Big Rodeo

29 ..... Nebraska's Big Rodeo Parade

**AUGUST**  
25-26 ..... Catfish Chasers Tournament

## BUTTE

**JUNE**  
29-30 ..... Pancake Days

**JULY**  
1 ..... Pancake Days

1 ..... Tractor Pull and Cruise Night

## CHAMBERS

**JULY**  
4 ..... Independence Day Celebration

**AUGUST**  
9-12 ..... Holt County Fair

## CLEARWATER

**JUNE**  
23-25 ..... Clearwater's Big Rodeo

24 ..... Clearwater Rodeo Concert

..... featuring Warren Zeiders and Trey Lewis

## COLUMBUS

**JULY**  
3 ..... Red, White, Kaboom

**AUGUST**  
10-13 ..... Columbus Days

## CREIGHTON

**JUNE**  
15-18 ..... Berry Pepper Days

## DUNCAN

**JUNE**  
24-25 ..... Annual Duncan Ribfest

## ERICSON

**JULY**  
1 ..... Pancake Feed

1 ..... Bake & Craft Sale

1 ..... Maryann Hagedorn Memorial Golf Cart Parade

2 ..... 6th Annual Paddle Poker Run

2 ..... Fireworks over Lake Ericson

4 ..... Parade & Junior Rodeo

4 ..... James Lee Band

**AUGUST**  
3-7 ..... Wheeler County Fair

## FULLERTON

**JUNE**  
10 ..... Fireman's Street Dance

30 ..... Extreme Bull Riding

30 ..... Carnival

**JULY**  
1 ..... Demolition Derby & Carnival

2 ..... Fun in the Park, Parade & Fireworks & Carnival

21 ..... Jackpot Barrel Racing

22 ..... Ranch Rodeo

23 ..... Team Penning

## GREELEY

**JULY**  
15-16 ..... Greeley Days Rodeo

**SEPTEMBER**  
16 ..... Greeley Irish Festival

## LONG PINE

**JUNE**  
17 ..... Long Pine Day

17 ..... Blue Grass Concert

**JULY**  
15-16 ..... SYC Family Fun Days

## LYNCH

**JUNE**  
16-18 ..... Alumni Celebration

**JULY**  
7-8 ..... Dirt Road Rally@Springlake Angus Center

**SEPTEMBER**  
8-9 ..... Steel Creek Bikefest@Springlake Angus Center

## MADISON

**JULY**  
11-16 ..... Madison County Fair

**AUGUST**  
12-13 ..... Madison Gun show

## NIORRARA

**JUNE**  
2 ..... Sage Memorial Ceremony

30 ..... Alumni Golf

**JULY**  
1 ..... Alumni Banquet

14-16 ..... Niobrara Bridge Days

**AUGUST**  
4-5 ..... City Wide Garage Sales

## NORFOLK

**JUNE**  
2 ..... Downtown Concert

10 ..... Christian Cross Festival

22 ..... Music in the Park

23 ..... Downtown Concert

**JULY**  
6 ..... Music in the Park

20 ..... Music in the Park

21 ..... Downtown Concert

22 ..... Aquaventure Christmas In July/Family Fun Night

**AUGUST**  
3 ..... Music in the Park

12 ..... Aquaventure Family Fun Night

18 ..... Downtown Concert

## O'NEILL

**JUNE**  
10 ..... KBRX Garage Sales

**JULY**  
4 ..... Fireworks

13-17 ..... Summerfest/Rodeo/Car Show/Family Events

## ORD

**JUNE**  
30 ..... Stars & Stripes Patriotic Concert

**AUGUST**  
7-12 ..... Missoula Children's Theatre

..... Cinderalla Production

## PETERSBURG

**JUNE**  
10 ..... Fire Dept. Cruise Night and Dance

20-25 ..... Carnival Days

## PIERCE

**JULY**  
26-30 ..... Pierce County Fair

## PLAINVIEW

**JUNE**  
2-4 ..... Klown Days

3 ..... Hwy 20 Hot Rod Assoc. Car Show

## ROYAL

**JULY**  
8 ..... Celebration Day, Tractor Ride, Barbecue

## SPARKS

**AUGUST**  
26 ..... Old Settlers Reunion

## SPENCER

**JUNE**  
24 ..... Alumni Banquet

**JULY**  
19 ..... Ladies Night Quarter Auction

26-29 ..... Boyd County Fair

**SEPTEMBER**  
16 ..... Rescue Unit BBQ Fundraiser

## SPRINGFIELD, SD

**JULY**  
3-4 ..... 4th Celebration

## SPRINGVIEW

**JUNE**  
Every Friday ..... Sandlot Baseball

3 ..... Golf Tournament

10 ..... Ranch Rodeo

10 ..... Norden Dance (Loretta Lush)

11 ..... Golf Club's Family Fun Golfing

18 ..... Golf Club's Father's Day Tourney

## SPRINGVIEW cont.

**JULY**  
24 ..... Norden Dance (Clay Creek)

25 ..... Golf Club's Family Fun Golfing

4 ..... Community Potluck, Baseball & Fireworks

9 ..... Golf Club's Open Tourney

10 ..... Mud Volleyball Tourney

16 ..... Golf Club Family Fun Golfing

21 ..... Fire & Rescue Water Fight & Street Dance

22 ..... Fire & Rescue Kids Fun Day

22 ..... Norden Dance (Full Gallop)

23 ..... Golf Club's Family Fun Golfing

**AUGUST**  
5 ..... Norden Dance (Clay Creek)

5 ..... Golf Club's Glow Ball Tourney

13 ..... Golf Club's Family Fun Golfing

18-20 ..... Keya Paha County Fair

19 ..... Norden Dance (West Bound)

**JUNE**  
9 ..... Norden Dance (Full Gallop)

23 ..... Norden Dance (Loretta Lush)

## STUART

**JUNE**  
4, 11, 18, 25 ..... Races at Stuart Raceway

**JULY**  
2 ..... Large Fireworks Show and

..... Races at Stuart Raceway

16, 23, 30 ..... Races at Stuart Raceway

**AUGUST**  
6, 13 ..... Races at Stuart Raceway

## TILDEN

**JULY**  
28-30 ..... Tilden Prairie Days

## VALENTINE

**JUNE**  
3-4 ..... Niobrara River Festival

3 ..... Sandhills Marathon

23-24 ..... Alumni Weekend

**JULY**  
4 ..... Independence Day Celebration

15 ..... City Wide Garage Sale

29 ..... Chamber Golf Tourney

**AUGUST**  
5 ..... Crazy Days

9-13 ..... Cherry County Fair and Rodeo

## VERDEL

**SEPTEMBER**  
2 ..... Ponca Creek Renegades Saddle Club Playday

3-4 ..... Ponca Creek Renegades Labor Day Trail Ride

## VERDIGRE

**JULY**  
1 ..... Vendors in the Valley

**AUGUST**  
5 ..... Vendors in the Valley

5 ..... City Wide Garage Sales

**SEPTEMBER**  
2 ..... Vendors in the Valley

## WAGNER, SD

**SEPTEMBER**  
1-4 ..... Labor Day Celebration

## WAYNE

**JULY**  
7-9 ..... Chicken Show

27-30 ..... Wayne County Fair

## YANKTON, SD

**JUNE**  
Every Tuesday Night ..... Summer Concert Series

Every Saturday ..... Kids in the Park

Every Saturday ..... Market at the Meridian

10 ..... Lake Yankton Festival & Homestead Day

10 ..... Ribfest

10 ..... Devil Dogs Hot Rods and Hogs

29 ..... Bragging Rights

**JULY**  
Every Thursday Night ..... Music at the Meridian

Every Tuesday Night ..... Summer Concert Series

Every Saturday ..... Market at the Meridian

3 ..... 3rd on 3rd Block Party

4 ..... 4th of July @ Riverside Park

6-8 ..... Tri-State Old Iron Assoc.

..... Tractor Ride and Parade

20 ..... Mighty Mo Photo Show

22 ..... Rock 'N' Rumble

27 ..... Bragging Rights

**AUGUST**  
Every Saturday ..... Market at the Meridian

Every Tuesday Night ..... Summer Concert Series

18-20 ..... Riverboat Days & Summer Arts Festival

19 ..... Extreme Bull Riding Tour

31 ..... Bragging Rights

**SEPTEMBER**  
Every Saturday ..... Market at the Meridian

28 ..... Bragging Rights