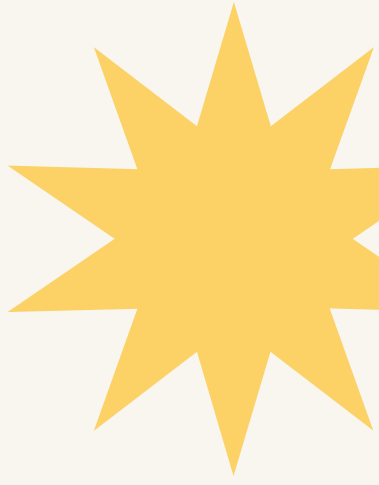


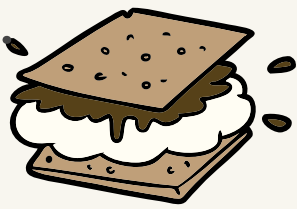
# Celebrating the Fourth of July

## with Kids

# Ideas for Planning Ahead



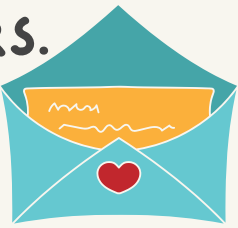
HAVE A SMALL BACKYARD S'MORES PARTY AND LISTEN TO SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE SONGS BY AMERICAN ICONS, LIKE BILLY JOEL, STEVIE WONDER, AND BON JOVI.



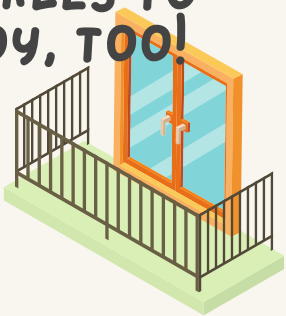
TAKE PHOTOS OF EACH OTHER WEARING PATRIOTIC CLOTHING.



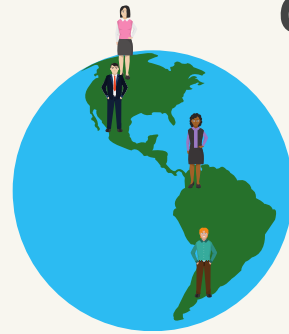
MAKE FOURTH OF JULY GREETING CARDS TO MAIL TO FAMILY MEMBERS AND GIVE TO NEIGHBORS.



DECORATE THE BALCONY, FRONT YARD, OR BACKYARD WITH FLICKERING RED, WHITE, AND BLUE LIGHTS TO ENJOY WHEN IT'S NIGHTTIME. GET SOME FIREWORK SPARKLES TO ENJOY, TOO!

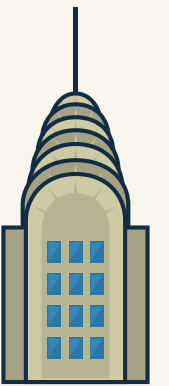


COMPLETE A FAMILY PROJECT TOGETHER THAT YOU HAVE BEEN PUTTING OFF, LIKE ORGANIZING THE GARAGE, CLEANING OUT THE PANTRY, OR DECLUTTERING CLOSETS. FOURTH OF JULY IS A GREAT TIME TO DO SOMETHING FOR YOUR HOME OR FOR YOUR FAMILY. AFTER SOME HARD WORK, GO OUT TO SEE A MOVIE TOGETHER OR OUT TO EAT!

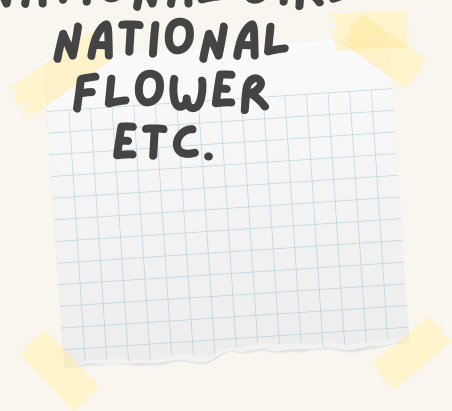


DO SOME RESEARCH ON WHERE YOUR FAMILY ROOTS ARE FROM, ORIGINALLY, AND WHAT CONTRIBUTIONS PEOPLE FROM YOUR BACKGROUND HAVE MADE TO LIFE IN THE UNITED STATES.

VISIT A HISTORIC LANDMARK.



PUT TOGETHER A SCRAPBOOK OF THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE UNITED STATES, LIKE:  
NATIONAL TREE  
NATIONAL BIRD  
NATIONAL FLOWER  
ETC.



SEARCH FOR LOCAL 5K OR 10K RUN IN WHICH YOU CAN PARTICIPATE WITH THE KIDS. SOME FAMILIES ALSO PARTICIPATE IN BIKE RIDES WITH OTHER FAMILIES.



VOLUNTEER AT A SHELTER OR A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION. IF YOU CANNOT VOLUNTEER IN PERSON, MAKE A DONATION OF EITHER MONEY OR ITEMS IN RECOGNITION OF FOURTH OF JULY.



GO FOR A PICNIC TOGETHER. YOU CAN DO THIS AT A PARK, LAKESIDE, OR EVEN IN YOUR OWN YARD IF YOU HAVE ENOUGH SPACE!

