

OPEN HOUSE

Structuring Your Summer For Success



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Summertime Activities

The kids are out of school and they have long, hot days ahead. Here are some ideas to help children continue to build social skills, have fun, stay healthy, and interact with their families and other children. Remember: it's not the amount of time you spend with your child or where you go, it is the *quality* of the time you spend with your child that is important.

Outdoor Ideas

Picnics, parks, playgrounds, water parks, biking, swimming, camping, hiking, letter-boxing, local sporting events, beach, canoeing, kayaking, lawn games, running, miniature golf, lemonade stands, roller skating, fishing, outdoor concerts, horseback riding, whale-watching trips, amusement parks, nature walks

Indoor Ideas

Roller skating, musical instruments, board games, public swim, art projects, stamps, read, bowling, paint-your-own-pottery stores, cooking, arcades, aquariums, libraries, public play spaces

Day Trips

Old Sturbridge Village
Boston Children's Museum
Boston Science Museum
Plymouth Plantation
Freedom Trail (Boston)
Plum Island (Newburyport)
Berkshires
Audubon centers

Boston Harbor Islands Nat'l Park
Science Discovery Museum (Acton)
Forest Park Zoo (Western MA)
Cape Cod Scenic Railroad
Gloucester Waterfront
Lupa Zoo (Western MA)
Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory
Walden Pond

The Boston museum scene is alive with art, activity, and history. **Be sure to check your local library for discount coupons and free passes!** Also, take advantage of free and low-cost events in your area. Check the newspaper for a "Calendar of Events" section with upcoming activities.