

# The Exhausted Parent's Guide to Surviving Summer Break with Kids

Summer break is here, and for parents, that means finding ways to keep their kids entertained and out of trouble. But with so many options available, it can be overwhelming to know where to start. This guide will provide you with everything you need to know to survive summer break with kids, from planning activities to dealing with boredom and behavior problems.



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## Planning Activities

One of the most important things you can do to prepare for summer break is to plan activities. This will help to keep your kids busy and entertained, and it will also give you some much-needed time to relax.

When planning activities, it is important to consider your kids' interests. Do they like to be active? Creative? Outdoorsy? Once you know what your

kids enjoy, you can start to look for activities that they will love.

Here are some ideas for summer activities for kids:

- Visit the local library for story time, book clubs, and other free activities.
- Go to the park for picnics, playground fun, and nature walks.
- Visit the pool or beach for swimming, sunbathing, and sandcastle building.
- Take a day trip to a local museum, zoo, or amusement park.
- Have a family game night with board games, card games, or video games.
- Set up a craft station with supplies like paper, crayons, markers, and glue.
- Let your kids help you with gardening, cooking, or other household tasks.

## **Dealing with Boredom**

Even with all the best planning, there will be times when your kids get bored. This is especially true if they are used to being entertained by screens. To deal with boredom, it is important to have a few backup activities on hand.

Here are some ideas for boredom busters:

- Have a scavenger hunt around the house or yard.

- Set up an obstacle course with pillows, blankets, and chairs.
- Build a fort out of blankets, pillows, and chairs.
- Play dress-up with old clothes and accessories.
- Have a dance party with music and glow sticks.
- Read aloud from a favorite book or make up your own stories.
- Play board games, card games, or video games.

## **Behavior Problems**

Summer break can be a challenging time for parents, especially when it comes to behavior problems. With kids home all day, there is more opportunity for conflict and misbehavior. To deal with behavior problems, it is important to stay calm and consistent. Here are a few tips:

- Set clear rules and expectations for your kids.
- Enforce consequences for misbehavior.
- Praise your kids for good behavior.
- Spend quality time with your kids each day.
- Take time for yourself to relax and recharge.

## **Summer Break Survival Tips**

In addition to the tips above, here are a few more survival tips for parents during summer break:

- **Set a schedule and stick to it as much as possible.** This will help to keep your kids on track and prevent boredom.

- **Make time for yourself each day.** Even if it's just for a few minutes, taking some time for yourself to relax and recharge will help you to stay sane during summer break.
- **Don't be afraid to ask for help.** If you're feeling overwhelmed, don't hesitate to ask your partner, family, or friends for help with childcare or other tasks.
- **Remember that this is a temporary situation.** Summer break will eventually end, and your kids will go back to school. In the meantime, try to enjoy the time you have together.

Surviving summer break with kids can be a challenge, but it is also a lot of fun. By following the tips in this guide, you can help to make summer break a positive and memorable experience for you and your family.



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