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Keep your camping trip fun for the family

Planning a camping trip this summer?

Here are five great ideas to keep everyone entertained!

Kids love camping, but a family camping trip can be tricky to organize. Whether you are planning your first adventure or simply looking for fresh ideas to help bring your kids closer to nature, what you need are fun, kid-friendly activities. Here are five activities that will help you have a happy and successful family camping trip.

1. Go biking

If you plan to go camping on a developed campground, bringing your kids' bicycles along is a smart idea. Cycling lets your kids develop their independence as they get a chance to explore on their own. A managed campground will give them plenty of space to roam while remaining close enough that help is at hand should anything

happen.

If you plan to camp near lakes or rivers, they can provide a stunning backdrop to cycling trips. However, you may need to accompany your kids on their first outing so that they know the types of dangers to look out for. To find the right sort of environment that suits the ages of your kids, read reviews carefully to ensure that the campground is in the right type of area for your family.



2. Build a tent

The term "camping" is relative. For some families, it could mean living in a tent, while for others it may mean a stay in a log cabin. However, if you are planning your first camping holiday with your kids, be sure to introduce your kids to tenting. Teach them out to find a good spot, lay the groundsheet, and pitch the tent. Let them help you to the best of their abilities. You'll teach them a skill for life that will help them when they get older.

3. Make natural crafts

One of the biggest obstacles of taking kids camping is that most typical adult pursuits such as going for a walk in the woods or reading a book in a hammock aren't always kid-friendly. You can take two approaches. You may simply want to let your kids bring along plenty of games, books and puzzles to entertain themselves during quiet moments. Alternatively, you can get them engaged with some natural crafts and activities. Have them collect fallen twigs, sticks, and leaves and get them making models or artwork inspired by nature. One of the simplest crafts for younger kids is making a picture frame with some sticks and yarn. When you get home, you can use the frame for your favorite holiday photo.

4. Fishing

If you plan to visit a campsite or area that permits fishing, bringing your own gear and tackle is a great camping activity for kids of all ages. Fishing is a great way to introduce kids to new fish and teach them about conservation. It also helps develop their patience, which is a key skill for adult life.

5. Scavenger Hunt

One of the best ways to kill downtime with young kids is to organize a scavenger hunt. This activity works in campsites of all sizes and can be adapted to suit any environment. You can easily run your own game or join a family program that provides set activities.

These five activities should help your next family camping trip go with a bang. They'll help you have fun as a family and keep your kids engaged, happy and stimulated.



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JORDAN HUISKEN

BUSINESS BANKER

Background

Years with the bank: 10

Education: Business Administration

Hometown: Chandler, MN

Current residence: Sioux Falls, SD

Family: I am married to my wife, Ashley, and we have a 2 ½ year old daughter, Rietta (Ree for short). Ashley is a middle school ELA teacher and Rietta loves playing in her sandbox and getting spoiled by her grandparents.

What is your favorite thing about working in community banking?



The thing I like most about community banking is that our organizations goals are similar to that of our customers. That is to make the communities we live and work in better for us and our families. We wouldn't be successful as an organization without the success of our customers and it's rewarding when they feel the same about us and our organization.

Describe a typical day of work for you:

A majority of my day involves meeting with clients, listening to their needs and presenting them with loan options based on those needs. It's fun knowing that the solutions we can provide help them accomplish a significant life goal like owning their first home or starting a business. No two days are ever the same and I enjoy the variety!

Share one of your interests and hobbies:

My biggest hobby would have to be hunting. I mainly focus the limited time I get on deer hunting in the fall and coyote hunting in the winter months.

Who is your favorite musical artist?

It's tough to name just one considering I have a favorite artist in all the genres. If I had to pick one I couldn't give up, it would have to be Elevation Worship.

What your favorite TV show?

My top TV shows are Parks & Rec and New Girl...My wife got me hooked on both.

Do you have any pets?

We have a chocolate lab named Mocha, and a cat my wife took home (without discussing it with me 😊) named Micky.



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