

SUMMER BUCKET LIST FOR BROKE PEOPLE

Have a make your own dinner night. Raid your fridge and make whatever you have available.

Visit your local zoo. Most zoos have a free day or a \$1.00 day.

Look for local splash pads for the kids. These are usually FREE or a few bucks.

Same for your local museums.

Pull out the board games and have a game day with the family.

Binge watch movies and new TV shows on Netflix.

Spend time with your best friend by giving each other a makeover. There are enough videos on YouTube for you both to watch and come with a stylish look. Or, have a total blast with it and do a vintage, retro look. Either way, it will be fun and time to bond with each other.

Swap clothes with friends. Everyone loves to have a new wardrobe, but that can get expensive. Raid each other's closets, and take their cutest summer outfits.

Make your own syrup!

Have an adult game night with your friends. If you don't have the board game Cards Against Humanity, be sure to add it to your list.

The kids can go to Apple Camp for FREE!

Change it up! Take a new route to work. A change of scenery will help you come up with new ideas, and even see life in a different perspective.

Visit your local library. When's the last time you stepped inside the public library? Head there and grab a few new books to read.

Learn how to coupon. This is a great way to save money!

Have a neighborhood parade with decorated bikes and wagons.

Geocaching.

People watch.

Write your future self a letter. Talk about where you are right now in life and what goals you want to accomplish.

Set up a hot dog bar to enjoy one night for dinner.

Go see a movie for FREE (or super cheap!)

Volunteer. Head to your local shelter and help serve dinner one night. Stop by your animal shelter and volunteer some of your time.

Do 10 random acts of kindness!

Learn how to save money by reading my frugal tips on 60 ways to save money!

Hang twinkle lights in the backyard, turn on the music, and enjoy a backyard dance. {Get ideas on outdoor entertainment from our last party!}

Give each kid \$5 and go thrifting. See who can score the coolest or most valuable find.

Go camping in your backyard. My youngest son loved doing this when he bought his first tent.

Head to your local's Farmer's Market. Not only will you find fresh produce, but at very reasonable prices.

Buy a pack of postcards at the dollar store and write some of your friends.

Plan a camping trip. Read some of my tips on camping hacks to help you plan.

Go vintage shopping.

Have a yard sale. Make some money by getting rid of the junk, I mean, stuff around your house.

Watch movies at the park. Many towns and cities participate in free movies at the park.

Get a massage. You can find really great deals on Groupon for massages for a fraction of the price!

Watch a local fireworks show. Many places have fireworks shows every weekend during the summer months. This is a great date night idea too!

Choose a local or state park and plan a hike for it.

Visit a state park. Find which National or State parks are in your area, and plan a trip.

Take the kids on a tour to your local fire station.

Attend make and take clinics at your local craft stores. Kids can enjoy making all sorts of craft items usually for free, you just have to RSVP.

Call your local city offices to find out when free events such as festivals, markets, fireworks shows, concerts, art demos, and more are offered.

Have a picnic at your local park. Let the kids plan the menu and take outdoor games with you.

Let your kids participate in local camps (usually hosted by churches in the area called vacation bible school).

Spend the day at the beach. Living in Michigan, we are fortunate enough to have Lake Michigan just an hour away!

Kids can bowl free during the summer.

Kids can also skate free during the summer.

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