Social Studies Activities & Resources

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SUMMER
History
Take your child on a guided tour of a historical landmark or of the old part of a city. Choose a tour that introduces the history of the area or landmark and have a discussion with your child about life at that time. You can also take your child to a history or war museum and explore the different exhibits together.
Social Studies Activities

http://www.dearteacher.com/summer-social-studies

Your children learn about what is happening and has happened in the world in their social studies classes. The following activities are designed to broaden their knowledge of this area and increase their interest. Many will also provide family members a chance to work together. These activities are especially fun in the summer.

• Celebrating the Fourth of July
• Your Family History
• Making Salt Maps
• Go Back in Time
• Birthday Events
• Learning about Immigrants
• Visiting Seats of Government Power
• Making Paper-Mache Globes
• Getting a Head Start on Geography
Geocaches are everywhere, from the deep woods to the center of New York City, and the only tool needed is a smartphone. Check out www.geocaching.com

How to Get Started Geocaching


Geocaching 101: Family Fun for All, in Every Season

ASTRONOMY
• Get your child a guide to stargazing, including different constellations and where to find them in the sky.

• Get your child a telescope. You and your child can enjoy stargazing on summer evenings, pointing out different constellations and focusing your telescope on the moon and different planets.
Astronomy Calendar of Celestial Events

This astronomy calendar of celestial events contains dates for notable celestial events including moon phases, meteor showers, eclipses, oppositions, conjunctions, and other interesting events. Most of the astronomical events on this calendar can be seen with unaided eye, although some may require a good pair of binoculars for best viewing. Many of these events and dates used here were obtained from the U.S. Naval Observatory, The Old Farmer's Almanac, and the American Meteor Society. Events on the calendar are organized by date and each is identified with an astronomy icon as outlined below. All dates and times are given in Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) must be converted to your local time. You can use the UTC clock below to figure out how many hours to add or subtract for your local time.

Family Fun with Sky Watching

http://www.skyandtelescope.com/astronomy-resources/stargazing-basics/family-projects-and-experiments/

• Solar Eclipse Activities for Kids & Families
• “Star Deck”: It’s All in the Cards
• How many Pleiades Can YOU See?
• Predictive Prowess: See an Iridium Flare
• Toddlers at the Telescope—Resources
• How to Make a Star Wheel the Simple Way
• Stargazing, Family Style
• And More!
Social Studies Resources

http://www.jumpstart.com/parents/resources/social-studies-resources

http://interactivesites.weebly.com/social-studies.html

https://www.si.edu/kids

https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/