

# TES PTA 2010 Summer Activity Suggestions

- Springfield Library - <http://www.ci.springfield.or.us/library> (Nikki Kinzer)
  - Have one library day every week or every other week. Make reading and learning a priority. Decide on a subject and research it with your kids at the library. Find a fun craft to do at home that relates to the research. Make it fun!
- Berry Picking (Malea Jagels)
  - J&M Farms 541-747-0065 - Strawberries in July
  - The Blueberry Patch - 541-896-3746 - 89849 Greenwood Dr. Leburg - Blueberries in July/August
  - Deterring Farms 541-995-6341 for apples, peaches and pears
  - Herrick Farm 88088 Millican Road
- NAAGS Summer Camps & Open Gyms <http://www.naag-gymnastics.org>
- Willamalane <http://www.willamalane.org> (Tornia Hill)
  - Fun summer day-camps for kids of all ages. Different themes for each week and so you choose which weeks you think would be fun and sign up. One of the great things about these camps is that they have tier pricing. You choose the price your family can afford. Sign up by May 28th and get \$10 off each week.
- Book Club (Melanie Allen)
  - A few years ago, we did a "book club" that met once a month in the summer (inspired by my then 2nd grader)! Here are a couple of the activities we did at the gathering:
  - Mad Libs (Great car/plane activity!)
  - Musical chairs: This is your basic musical chairs, except that each chair has a book underneath it (picture books). Walk around until the music stops, then sit in a chair and read the book that is under that chair until the music begins again. At the end, talk about which books were most interesting.
  - Don't Judge a Book by Its Cover: Read a short book whose cover is covered with brown paper. After reading, have kids tell what they would title the book. Or have them design and color their own cover. Then show the true title.
  - Book Tag: Freeze tag with a twist. In order to go free, you have to yell out the character in a book or the title of a book.
  - Combine Characters: Read 2 short books, and then imagine that two characters from the stories meet. What happens? Make up a new story about them.
  - Book Hide and Seek: Hide and seek where each person carries a book with them and reads until they are found.
  - Line-at-a Time Story (Great car/plane activity if you have at least 4 people!): One person starts by making up the first line of a story and writing it on a piece of paper. He hands the paper to the next person, who adds another line to the story. That person folds under the first line and hands it to the third person, who can only see the 2nd line of the story. Using only that line, he adds a third line and folds under the second line. Each person can only see the line that was written directly before them, so they don't know the rest of the story. Do as many rounds as you want and when done, unfold and read the entire story. This does work best with at least four people, so you don't really know what's happened when you write your line.
  - Story Shuffle (Great car/plane activity!): Use pictures from old cards (Christmas, birthday, etc.) or cut out pictures from magazines. Pull out one picture at a time and start a story. Add to the story by adding other pictures.
- Oakway Center [http://www.oakwaycenter.com/index.php?action=itemdetail&item\\_id=93279](http://www.oakwaycenter.com/index.php?action=itemdetail&item_id=93279) (Malea Jagels)
  - Every Wednesday evening from June 16th – August 25<sup>th</sup> they have free musical entertainment in the courtyard. Bring a blanket and picnic dinner to enjoy with your family. Then grab ice cream after at Coldstone!
- Springfield Farmers Market <http://springfieldfarmersmarket.net> (April Uffens)
  - Every Friday from 3 – 7 from May-October
- Bike rides, feeding the ducks & fishing at Alton Baker Park, pitching ball at a baseball field, nature walk and scavenger hunt, bird watching/identifying. Raising butterflies (you can order them on line. (Deva Coder)
- Picking out books at St. Vincent and reading them at Mount Pisgah <http://mountpisgaharboretum.org> (Deva Coder)
- Food For Lane County Garden <http://www.foodforlanecounty.org/index.php/programs/gardens/> (April Uffens)
  - Take the kids to the community gardens to help volunteer and learn from workshops provided

- UofO Summer All-Comers Meet (April Uffens)  
[http://www.goducks.com/SportSelect.dbml?SPSID=4584&SPID=243&DB\\_LANG=C&DB\\_OEM\\_ID=500&ATCLID=120415](http://www.goducks.com/SportSelect.dbml?SPSID=4584&SPID=243&DB_LANG=C&DB_OEM_ID=500&ATCLID=120415)
  - Super fun for the kids to experience running on Hayward Field in this popular & affordable family activity
  
- Amazon Pool (April Uffens)  
<http://www.eugene-or.gov/portal/server.pt?space=CommunityPage&control=SetCommunity&CommunityID=240&PageID=0>
  - I LOVE taking my kids here in the summer. They are open June 21<sup>st</sup> – Sept 6<sup>th</sup>. Prices are very reasonable and you can take in your own food. I love to lounge under an umbrella in the grass while the kids have a blast.
  
- Bandon Wild Animal Park <http://www.gameparksafari.com> (April Uffens)
  - A little bit of a drive....but so much fun! My kids LOVE this place.
  
- UofO Museum of Natural and Cultural History <http://natural-history.uoregon.edu> - FREE each Wednesday
- Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art <http://jsma.uoregon.edu> - Pay “what you wish” every Wednesday
- Emerald Valley BMX Track <http://evbmx.com/7009.html> - You can take the kids to ride
- Cottage Grove Speedway <http://www.cottagegrovespeedway.com>
- Lane County Ice Center <http://www.laneicecenter.org>
- Splash! <http://willamalane.org/pages/swimcenters/lpsc.shtml>
- Skate World <http://www.spfdskateworld.com>
- Kick City <http://www.kickcity.com>
- Grand Slam <http://www.grandslamequipment.com>
- Putters, Laser Tag & Strike City <http://www.bowlstrikecity.com/putterspizza>
- Wild Life Safari <http://www.wildlifesafari.net>
- Enchanted Forest [http://www.enchantedforest.com/enchanted\\_forest.html](http://www.enchantedforest.com/enchanted_forest.html)

**Thank you to all the parents who submitted suggestions.  
 We will try to add to this list each year with new ideas!**