

Baxter's Branch



Kids,

I'm sure that by now you know that this summer will be a little different. But different doesn't have to be all bad. I've compiled fun adventures you can have right at home. Remember to wash your hands often and wear a mask when you're out in public — it could save lives!

1. Make Slime

While there are several recipes out there (*DIY slime is very popular*), our favorite recipe includes Elmer's Glue, Borax (*Sodium tetraborate*), Food coloring (*optional*), water, and two bowls. To make slime, take one, 1-ounce bottle of glue and add ¼ cup water (*use measuring cup*). If you want colored slime, add food coloring to the mixture, and start mixing with a stir stick. Add ¼ cup of Borax (*Sodium tetraborate*), to the mixture and stir very slowly. The slim should start to form quickly after this step. You should observe the consistency changing. Stir as much as you can, and then start to knead it with your hands until it gets less sticky. This is a messy experience, but a fun one!

2. Enjoy NASA Experiences

NASA's Kennedy Space Center has educational and fun Facebook vides where kids can learn from astronauts and other educators. Simply search for the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex on Facebook and click Videos on their page. Enjoy!

3. Go To The DIY Drive-In Theatre

Enjoy family movie-night by creating a memorable experience. Using moving boxes or laundry baskets, have your kids decorate their own cars. You can use blankets and pillows, too. When the cars are ready, have your kids create signs for the drive-in theater and concession stand. Stock it with popcorn, juice, and candy. Go a step further and make drive-in speakers for each car by using cups and string!

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FUN	SUMMER	HOT
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SWIM	TREE	CAMP

Parent's Corner

Hello Parents,

Baxter the Bear misses seeing your faces at our branches. We can't wait to share memories again with you all very soon! In the meantime, Baxter is excited to share wonderful summer projects and activities for the whole family. It's very different this year, but we are confident that we will come out of this stronger than ever before. It's important to keep each other safe and that is why Baxter encourages you to practice social distancing while wearing masks in public. We have the power to make a difference and take care of one another. We're all in this together.

P.S. We are happy to share that our local favorite, Tumbleweeds has gone digital! Celebrating 25 years as Santa Fe's award-winning family newspaper, Tumbleweeds has moved online, with a beautifully revamped website that launched on June 1. Visit www.sftumbleweeds.com for a calendar of in-person and virtual family activities, summer children's programs, COVID-19 resources, and articles on everything from wildflowers to the stars, for parents of babies to teens. Tumbleweeds remains committed to helping families find new ways to stay connected in these new times.

Sunny Activity

Backyard Camping

By sticking close to home, your kids can feel safe and secure, be within walking distance of a bathroom, and still enjoy a wonderful family bonding experience.

Supplies:

Tent / Sleeping Bags / Blankets / Backpack / Flashlights / Pajamas / Clothes / Games / Toys / Camera / Books / Compass / Canteens / Binoculars / Drinks / Snacks / Food

Scavenger Hunt: Scavenger hunts can entertain before it gets dark: Compile a list of objects to find — like specific leaves, flowers, and plants — or hide items like bottle caps, marshmallows, marbles, and other little items.

Bug Observation: You can also search for particularly icky bugs underneath rocks. Observing insects is an excellent way for kids to learn respect for nature.

Nature Rubbing: Pick an interesting leaf, lay it down on a flat surface like the driveway, put a piece of white paper over it, turn your crayon lengthwise, and rub over the leaf.



BAXTER'S BIG KIDS

\$25 Photo Contest

Baxter wants to see your safe summer activities. Whether you are on a hike, or at the local farmer's market, send your favorite snaps to baxter@dncu.org by August 1st. Always ask your parents before sending pictures for the contest. Include your first name, first letter of your last name, and age!



Contest Winner

Help us congratulate Connor on his awesome coloring skills! He is the winner of our April Youth Month Coloring Contest!

Baxter's Book Corner

a. Bloom (Ages 9-12) by Kenneth Oppel

Part 1 in The Overthrow trilogy, this action-thriller is part Hatchet, part Alien. An invasion begins with rain carrying seeds that sprout everywhere overnight. They take over everything, releasing toxic pollens and blooming into Venus flytrap-like pods that swallow people and animals. They seem unstoppable — except three kids on a remote island (who all have strange allergies) seem to be immune. Can they be the key to stopping the invasion?



b. The President of the Jungle (Ages 6-8) by André Rodrigues, Larissa Ribeiro, Paula Desgualdo & Pedro Markun

When the jungle animals get tired of having a king, they decide to elect a president instead. From the announcement of candidates to voting and everything that comes in between, this book introduces children to the democratic process, just in time for election season. Kids will learn election related vocabulary, what a rally is, and how voting works. A glossary is included in the back.



BAXTER'S BIZZARE FACT

The "sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick" is believed to be the toughest tongue twister in the English language.



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