

# Epic Summer Scavenger Hunt!

*12 activities and clues for an  
unforgettable summer day*



## Have a water fight!

**Prep:** Gather squirt guns. Fill a five-gallon cooler with water. Or bring gallons of water and a pair of scissors to cut the tops off. Or head back home for this activity and fill a small pool or tote with water.

### Clue:

It's time to cool off.  
You may get wet.  
But with water and squirt guns,  
The fun is all set!

### Activity Challenges:

- Put empty water bottles on a table; see who can knock theirs down first with water.
- Play tag using a squirt gun. Whoever is "it" holds the squirt gun and anyone he or she gets wet is "it" next.
- Give everyone a gallon of water to "paint" with, and have them use the squirt gun to draw on the ground.

**Driving Challenge:** Sing all the songs you can think of that mention water.



## Play catch with a baseball!

**Prep:** Gather a baseball and gloves.

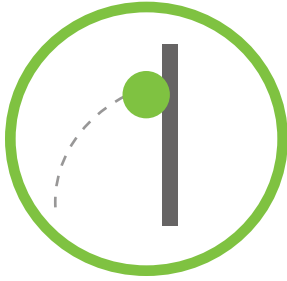
### Clue:

Grab a mitt and a ball,  
But you don't need a bat.  
Simple tosses back and forth  
Are where this fun is at!

### Activity Challenges:

- "Draw" shapes by tossing the ball around the field. For example, have everyone move around to draw a star or a checkmark.
- Try increasing the arc of your toss each time you go and see how high you can get before someone misses the catch.
- Once the person tosses the ball, have the catcher do one spin before he or she can catch it.

**Driving Challenge:** Watch/listen the "Who's on First?" skit by Abbott and Costello on YouTube.



## Play wall ball on the tallest wall you can find.

**Prep:** Gather a wall ball or tennis ball.

### Clue:

For this game, one thing is tall  
and one's small.  
One is a building and one is a  
ball.

### Activity Challenges:

- Work together to see how many times you can hit the ball off the wall before it bounces away.
- Instead of getting out when you miss the ball, head to a "singing time out" where you have to serenade everyone for 30 seconds while waiting to rejoin the game!
- Designate spaces where people can only hit the ball when it's in their area.

**Driving Challenge:** Try gently bouncing the ball in the palm of your hand. Take turns seeing how many times in a row you can bounce it in your hand.



## Play Frisbee baseball!

**Prep:** Gather a Frisbee.

### Clue:

Find a court with a hoop  
And you're ready to go.  
But don't use a ball—  
Find a Frisbee to throw!

### Activity Challenges:

- Follow the normal rules of basketball but use a Frisbee instead of a ball.
- When playing in teams, don't run with the Frisbee; stop where you are when you receive it and throw into the hoop or to another person from there.
- Play H-O-R-S-E with your Frisbee.

**Driving Challenge:** Hand the Frisbee from person to person in the back seat. Have someone up front turn off the radio at random times. See who is holding the Frisbee when the music stops and have everyone share something nice about him or her.



## Look for shapes in the clouds

**Prep:** Gather a blanket!

### Clue:

It's time to make art, and your canvas is blue.

With little white shapes that want to come, too!

Just lay on a blanket and look up above.

And find all the shapes that you can think of!

### Activity Challenges:

See who can be the first to find clouds that look like:

- An animal
- A food
- A clothing item

**Driving Challenge:** Take turns forming a shape with your arms and feet and have everyone guess what you are!



## Enjoy a picnic at the park.

**Prep:** Gather a picnic blanket and your lunch! Find a shady place for a break from the sun. If you'll be having a water fight after, keep the empty water bottles for target practice (see the clue for the water fight).

### Clue:

It's time to eat,  
But our hunt is not through!  
So let's pause at a park  
For a sandwich or two!

### Activity Challenges:

- Try to eat with just one hand!
- Have someone try to feed you a sandwich while standing behind you where they can't see your mouth!
- Eat in reverse order—with dessert first!

**Driving Challenge:** Pretend you have food in your mouth for the entire conversation!



## Play a game of crazy mini golf.

**Prep:** Collect random outdoor toys, like bats, balls, Frisbees, plastic shovels, tennis rackets, etc.

### Clue:

Some people use golf clubs and start with a tee,  
But we're mixing things! It's a little crazy!  
Use a shoe for a "hole," then pick objects—two—  
And use one to hit the other to get to the shoe!

### Activity Challenges:

- Try hitting the object with your eyes closed!
- Use only one hand to hold your "club."
- Let someone else pick which objects you use.

**Driving Challenge:** Come up with all the crazy combos you want to use for your next game of crazy mini golf!



## Feed ducks at a pond.

**Prep:** Gather a loaf of bread.

### Clue:

It's time to eat—but not for you.  
Instead, find a feathered friend or two.  
You'll definitely want some bread in a sack  
To toss to your friends that say,

### Activity Challenges:

- See who can throw the bread the farthest.
- Before you throw a piece of bread, guess which duck will get to it first!
- Have each person throw a piece of bread at the same time. Whoever's piece is eaten last gets to choose the next place to throw from.

**Driving Challenge:** Create silly songs about ducks. You could even pretend that you're creating a new company that sells duck food and come up with a jingle!



## Make Ice Cream in a Bag

**Prep:** Search “make ice cream in a bag” online and choose a recipe. Prep the gallon bags with ice ahead of time and put them in the cooler so all you need to do is add the rock salt when the ice cream is mixed up.

### Clue:

I scream. You scream.  
But first we have to play as a team.  
Mix things up well. Give the bag  
many throws.  
And soon you’ll be eating a treat on  
the go!

### Activity Challenges:

- Do jumping jacks with the bags.
- Stand in a circle and toss the bags from person to person.
- Hold an impromptu dance party to help shake things up. Take turns having someone create their own music to dance to.

**Driving Challenge:** At random times, have someone call out, “Freeze like ice cream!” Then see who can hold their pose for the longest; remember that statues don’t talk, so be sure to stay quiet whenever you’re frozen!



**Write notes with sidewalk chalk outside a retirement home where residents can enjoy them when they open the window.**

**Prep:** Gather sidewalk chalk. Contact a retirement home to see if it’s okay if you chalk their sidewalks.

### Clue:

Play is so fun, but we love to  
serve, too,  
With a little sidewalk chalk and  
creativity from you!  
Find a place where grandmas  
and grandpas reside,

### Activity Challenges:

- Draw a happy nature scene.
- Write a happy greeting.
- Draw a flower garden.

**Driving Challenge:** Share your favorite ways to serve others, or talk about times when people have helped you!



## Roll down the biggest hill nearby.

**Prep:** None!

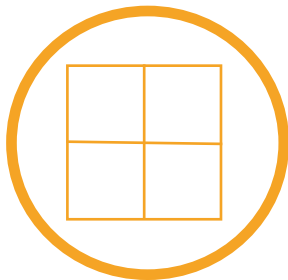
### Clue:

Drive around, and find a hill—  
The biggest one you can see.  
From top to bottom, you'll need  
to go.  
But you can't go down with your  
feet!

### Activity Challenges:

- Can you rotate your body in a complete circle while rolling down the hill?
- Can you get everyone to roll at the same speed (number of rolls) for 10 seconds?
- Who can roll in the straightest line down the hill?

**Driving Challenge:** Come up with as many car dances as you can that include rolling your arms, hands, legs, or feet!



## Enjoy a game of four-square at an elementary school.

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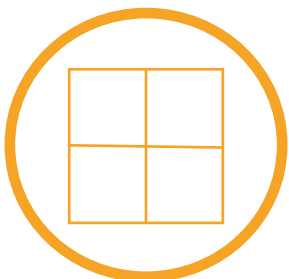
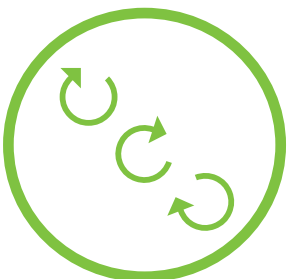
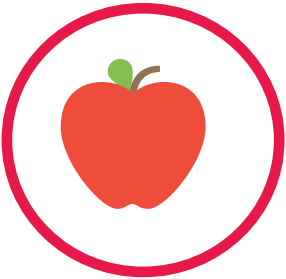
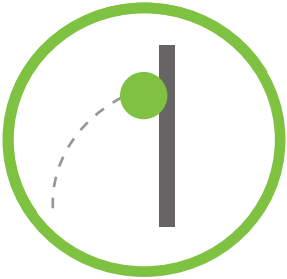
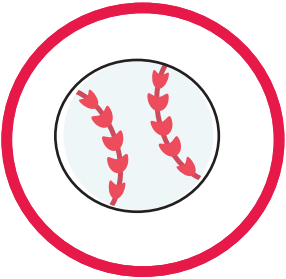
A shape of four sides and an ob-  
ject that's round  
Create hours of fun on your  
school's cool playground.

### Activity Challenges:

- Rather than seeing who can take the top spot, see how many times you can successfully pass the ball.
- Try playing facing outside the circle!
- Play only with your nondominant hand.

**Driving Challenge:** Take turns coming up with objects that are square. Try giving categories, such as "square objects that are red" or "square objects at a school."

Print and punch these images and add them to gift bags as needed to accompany the clue cards.





If you want to assign a specific order instead of choosing clues randomly, you can add numbers to the clue cards.

