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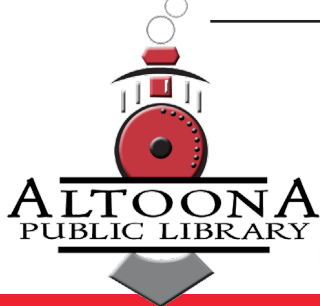


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- June 30** Tom Pease (Renowned Children's Music Entertainer)
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- \* PLAY WITH TOYS
- \* GO ON A BIKE RIDE OR WALK
- \* WRITE A STORY
- \* PLAY A BOARD OR CARD GAME
- \* MAKE UP A DANCE



# School Is Out: Grandparents Can Share Time and Build Memories

by Sandra Anderson, RM, CHT, L.U.T.

It's April and most working parents (and grandparents), know school will be out soon. The kids are excited for summer vacation to start, but it is scramble-time for grownups. You have to find out what the kids need and want, create a plan with flexibility, and finalize details for a new summer schedule of activities and responsibilities.

For parents, summer breaks can be overwhelming. They need to find new childcare arrangements and age-appropriate activities that fit the budget. It is the perfect time for parents to ask grandparents or extended family if they are willing and able to spend some time with their children during summer vacation. For parents, this can reduce childcare cost, as well as create time to decompress and relax knowing the kids are with family.

Summer breaks have their own unique challenges for working parents and grandparents. Here are few ways everyone can cope:

## **\*Good communication**

Good communication with partners, grandparents, and other caregivers is important. Knowing who is needed when and where ahead of time lessens last-minute scrambling and reduces stress. Use shared calendars or apps for better coordination and reminders. Teamwork makes the dream work.

## **\*Use local summer programs**

There are many opportunities for assistance with childcare: extended after school activities at daycare, rock climbing camp, robot camp, VBS, Groupons to museums or the zoo, or even trading caregiving with other parents.

And grandparents, if you're spending time with children this summer, remember: you're cool! Focus on quality time as even the smallest bits of time are special. Celebrate the small victories, laugh and giggle, and try new experiences.

## **\*Tailor activities to fit age and interests**

Suggestions: backyard adventures, water balloon fights, nature hikes, a day at the beach, picnics, library program, theme movie nights with snacks. Additionally, kids also do like to give back to others, so try volunteering



together at an age-appropriate opportunity such as a local animal shelter, the zoo, or food bank.

## **\*Be open to teaching/learning something new**

Grandparents and extended family are rich resources of life skills and loving guidance as kids navigate different life stages. Parents, if there is a message you have been trying to get through to your kids, talk it over with Grandpa and or Grandma and ask for their assistance while you are away.

Grandkids can teach grandparents, too. Kids often are great resources on new technology and perspectives that keep themselves engaged and mentally stimulated while inspiring grandparents to try new things.

## **\*Be flexible**

Things won't always go as planned. Smile. Build in buffer time and you will be ready to adjust your schedule as needed and don't forget backup activities for rainy days.

## **\*When in need, ask**

Don't hesitate to reach out to family, friends, or support groups when you need help. Sharing your needs gives others a chance to care for and help you.

## **\*Self-care is a need**

In the chaos, make your well-being a priority. In order to avoid burnout, make time for exercise, relaxation, mindfulness, and activities that rejuvenate you.

Summer break can be overwhelming, but with planning, good communication and teamwork, working parents, grandparents, extended family and caregivers can navigate it with success. Remember, it's okay to ask for help and support.

When kids spend time with grandparents and extended family, any time is a win-win opportunity. It benefits all generations, strengthening family connections in many ways, and creates life long memories.

*Sandi Anderson R.M., CHT, L.U.T Grandmother, Life & Spiritual coach/Midwife to the soul, Healer. She lives in the Chippewa Valley, working with individuals across the country on their life's journey to hear their soul, heal, and navigate through transitions.*

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— Mark 10:16

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-OR-

SESSION 2: **AUGUST 4-8**

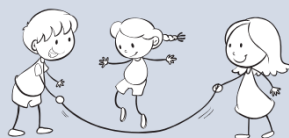
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### TEETH

BRUSH TEETH TWICE A DAY -  
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### NAILS

KEEP FINGERNAILS AND TOENAILS CLEAN AND TRIM  
THEM ONCE A WEEK. BATH TIME IS USUALLY BEST FOR  
TRIMMING AND CLEANING UNDER THE NAILS.

### SLEEP

GO TO BED AT ABOUT THE  
SAME TIME EVERY NIGHT.  
SPEND SOME TIME DOING  
A QUIET ACTIVITY SUCH  
AS READING A BOOK OR  
LISTENING TO MUSIC.



### BODY

TAKE A BATH OR SHOWER ONCE  
A DAY. WASH YOUR HAIR WITH  
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### CLOTHING

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### FALL 2025

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- ★ **Kids Day**  
Fri, July 25 & Sat July 26 **\$10**  
10 am-5 pm
- ★ **Horse Pull**  
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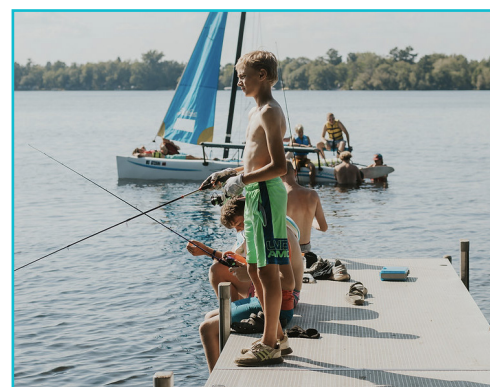
# The Benefits of Summer Camp

by Amy Peterson-Foss, YMCA of the Chippewa Valley

**S**ummer camps offer crucial benefits for childcare, fostering independence, social skills, and personal growth, while also providing opportunities for learning, exploration, and physical activity in a supportive and engaging environment.

## Developmental Benefits

- **Independence and Self-Reliance:** Camps provide a structured environment where children can make decisions, manage their daily routines, and learn to be self-sufficient, which fosters independence.
- **Social Skills and Friendships:** Camps encourage interaction with peers from diverse backgrounds, promoting social skills like communication, teamwork, and conflict resolution, while also facilitating the formation of lasting friendships.
- **Emotional Intelligence:** Camp experiences can help children navigate challenges, develop resilience, and build self-esteem, contributing to their overall emotional development.
- **Cognitive Development:** Camps offer structured activities that stimulate learning, problem-solving, and critical thinking, helping to prevent “summer slide” and enhance cognitive skills.
- **Physical Activity and Healthy Habits:** Camps incorporate outdoor activities, sports, and games, promoting physical activity and encouraging healthy habits.
- **Exploring Interests and Skills:** Camps provide opportunities for children to try new activities, explore different interests, and develop new skills in a fun and supportive environment.
- **Character Building:** Camps emphasize values like respect, responsibility, and teamwork, contributing to the development of positive character traits.
- **Resilience and Adaptability:** Camp challenges and experiences help children develop resilience, learn to overcome obstacles, and adapt to new situations.
- **Sense of Community and Belonging:** Camps foster a sense of community and belonging, where children feel accepted and supported, creating positive memories and lasting connections.





## Summer Learning Challenge June 9 - August 2

Challenge Sheets for all ages  
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## Summer Family Storytimes

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