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VIRTUAL CENTER

Welcome to The Family Center!

Franklin County's newest resource for families with young children.

The Family Center website is now LIVE! Visit today for resources, tips, and more!

[Click here to visit the site!](#)

Summer Safety

We are so excited to see warmer weather, sunshine and blue skies! This edition will help you to find some resources to keep your family's summer safe and full of fun. Please remember to like and follow us on our Facebook page, Instagram and now our YouTube channel. We will be posting many helpful things throughout the summer. New things are on the horizon for The Family Center and you will want to be the first to hear about them, too!

Summer is such a fun time, but there can be many things to worry about as a parent with sun care, heat and hydration, insects, and water safety. Here are some great resources to keep your family safe this summer:

[CDC Guide to a Safe Summer](#)

[Kids' Health Guide to Summer Safety](#)



Stay tuned to The Family Center Website for the latest summer events and activities. We will be posting summer activities to keep your children ready for school using things you have around the house!

Summer Bucket List

SUMMER BUCKET LIST

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| <input type="checkbox"/> GO ON A BIKE RIDE | <input type="checkbox"/> MAKE S'MORES | <input type="checkbox"/> DRINK A TROPICAL DRINK |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MAKE POPSICLES | <input type="checkbox"/> HAVE A WATER BALLOON FIGHT | <input type="checkbox"/> DO A SERVICE PROJECT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BUILD A FORT | <input type="checkbox"/> PLAY BEACH BALL VOLLEYBALL | <input type="checkbox"/> READ A BOOK BY THE POOL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DO A CARTWHEEL | <input type="checkbox"/> PLANT FLOWERS | <input type="checkbox"/> SLEEP IN LATE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ROLL DOWN A HILL | <input type="checkbox"/> EAT CORN ON THE COB | <input type="checkbox"/> WAVE A FLAG |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BURY YOUR TOES IN THE SAND | <input type="checkbox"/> SPEND A DAY PLAYING BAREFOOT | <input type="checkbox"/> TRY 12 FLAVORS OF ICE CREAM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FLY A KITE | <input type="checkbox"/> LAY DOWN AND LOOK AT STARS | <input type="checkbox"/> HAVE A BACKYARD BBQ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GO TO A DRIVE-IN MOVIE | <input type="checkbox"/> HAVE A FAMILY SLUMBER PARTY | <input type="checkbox"/> PLAY WATER GAMES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EAT A HOT DOG FROM THE GRILL | <input type="checkbox"/> SEND LETTERS TO FRIENDS | <input type="checkbox"/> GO GEOCACHING |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GO ON A PICNIC | <input type="checkbox"/> GO HIKING | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORE THE GREAT OUTDOORS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HAVE A WATER FIGHT | <input type="checkbox"/> TAKE PICTURES BY A FUN WALL | <input type="checkbox"/> CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN JULY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SPIT WATERMELON SEEDS | <input type="checkbox"/> MAKE HOMEMADE ICE CREAM | <input type="checkbox"/> FIND A DOUBLE RAINBOW |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PLAY BOARD GAMES | <input type="checkbox"/> PLAY FRISBEE | <input type="checkbox"/> PLAY UNTIL DAYLIGHT IS GONE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PLAY IN THE SPRINKLERS | <input type="checkbox"/> GO CAMPING - INDOOR OR OUT | <input type="checkbox"/> EAT BREAKFAST FOR DINNER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WATCH FIREWORKS | <input type="checkbox"/> PLAY KICKBALL | <input type="checkbox"/> PLAY BACKYARD GAMES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SIT IN A HAMMOCK | <input type="checkbox"/> MAKE HOMEMADE PIZZA | <input type="checkbox"/> MAKE SOMETHING TIE-DYE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DRINK ICE COLD LEMONADE | <input type="checkbox"/> CATCH FIREFLIES | <input type="checkbox"/> GO FISHING |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EAT A SNOW CONE | <input type="checkbox"/> BLOW BUBBLES | <input type="checkbox"/> WATCH A THUNDERSTORM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BAKE COOKIES | <input type="checkbox"/> WATCH A SUNSET | <input type="checkbox"/> MAKE A SUMMER CRAFT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MAKE ROOT BEER FLOATS | <input type="checkbox"/> LEARN SOMETHING NEW | <input type="checkbox"/> FIND A SUNFLOWER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WATCH MORNING CARTOONS | <input type="checkbox"/> MAKE SOMETHING EXPLODE | <input type="checkbox"/> HAVE AN OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GO ON A STAYCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> HAVE A DANCE PARTY | <input type="checkbox"/> EAT FRESH PINEAPPLE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GO ICE BLOCKING | <input type="checkbox"/> DO A SCAVENGER HUNT | <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK OUT A NEW PARK |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EAT ICE CREAM AS IT MELTS | <input type="checkbox"/> PAINT SOMETHING | <input type="checkbox"/> MINIATURE GOLF |

"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind."

- Dr. Seuss



Parent Corner: Travel Tips

Question: My family is going on a summer vacation trip to the beach this summer. What tips do you have for traveling with a toddler and a first grader?

Response: We found some really great resources to help you to make your trip just what you need it to be, a vacation! Planning ahead is the key to less stressful travel with your children.

Keep them busy on the way! Check out these great [boredom busters](#).

Bring lots of snacks. Check out these [great ideas](#). Here's another great article too: [Survival Tips for Traveling with a Baby or Toddler](#).

Happy traveling this summer to all of you and your kiddos!

How would you like to have the support of an early childhood community at your fingertips?

Do you have a question about your child's development or behavior?

Do you need new ideas for things to do with your little one?

Are you struggling with an issue as a family?

Talk to us!

We have a whole community of childcare providers, early childhood teachers (infant through third grade), mental health staff, social workers, doctors and early intervention specialists ready to help. Send us any question, and we mean **ANY** question and we will get you answers. Each month we will feature a few of these questions to help all the other families in Franklin County too. You are not alone-let us be a part of your village!

Ask your
question

Community Spotlight

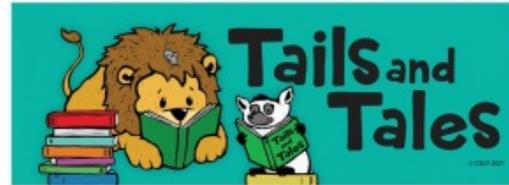
The Franklin and Fulton County Libraries are making a splash this summer with their "Tails and Tales" summer reading program! Below is information about all the fun events they'll be holding throughout the summer, including

SPECIAL EVENTS ALL AGES

- **MONDAY, JUNE 7 – FORGOTTEN FRIENDS REPTILE SANCTUARY**
 - 10:30AM @ RED RUN PARK, WAYNESBORO
 - 1:30PM @ BESORE LIBRARY, GREENCASTLE
 - 5PM @ ST. THOMAS LUTHERAN CHURCH, ST. THOMAS
- **SATURDAY, JUNE 19 – STORYTIME + RANGER TALK**
 - 10AM @ MONT ALTO STATE PARK, MONT ALTO
- **MONDAY, JULY 19 – "SHARKS" BY THE NATIONAL AQUARIUM**
 - VIRTUAL PROGRAM – LOG IN EARLY TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!
- **WEDNESDAY, JULY 21 – "THE BUG MAN"**
 - 10:30AM @ LIONS CLUB PARK, MERCERSBURG
 - 1PM @ MEMORIAL PARK, CHAMBERSBURG
- **SATURDAY, AUGUST 7 – POOL PARTY**
 - 8PM @ CHAMBERSBURG AQUATIC CENTER, CHAMBERSBURG



SUMMER PROGRAMS FRANKLIN + FULTON COUNTY LIBRARIES



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON PROGRAMS, CHECK
OUT OUR SITE
SUMMER.FCLSPA.ORG



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FCLSPA.BEANSTACK.ORG

Daily Events Schedule

Below are some other great summer resources from the Chambersburg Department of Recreation and the Cumberland Valley School of Music!

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Community Adventures

Join us for our next adventure:
Community Adventures

Join us as we take you on a tour of our community, and explore all it has to offer! Our first Community Adventure is available now on our YouTube page.

Subscribe to our YouTube and keep an eye on our social media for updates!



Community Adventures

Join us Saturdays in June
on our YouTube channel!



THE DREW MICHAEL TAYLOR FOUNDATION

A Pirate's Grief Journey

SATURDAY, JUNE 26 2021 | 2-4 P.M.

946 Ashton Dr Shippensburg, PA



A free in-person workshop for children aged 4-10 and their caregivers. Activities include a story, games, crafts, and a snack that will help to explain grief to children and offer healthy ways of coping with grief.

PEACE IN THE PARK

Join us at parks throughout the area to learn easy mindfulness strategies, and a little about our program!

Wednesday June 23 & 30
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Stay tuned to our social media for more info coming soon!



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