

Calendar of Summer Activities for Your Kids (part 1-June 2021)

June 5-Hot Air Balloon Day:

***Watch a Balloon launch**- If you can afford balloon rides, that would be awesome. But, most of us can't. You can go to the place where they launch and watch from the car! In Phoenix, there are many balloon launches in the early mornings and you can see them floating beautifully through the morning sky. Look for resources in your area.

***Study the Science of Hot Air Balloons** - Here is a site that I found:
[How Do Hot Air Balloons Work?](#)

***Make your own balloons**- Here is a list of craft ideas that you can choose from:
[10 Hot Air Balloon Crafts for Kids](#)

***Books** about Hot Air Balloons

- [Hot Air: The \(Mostly\) True Story of the First Hot-Air Balloon Ride \(Caldecott Honor Book\)](#)
- [Hot-Air Henry \(Reading Rainbow Books\)](#)

June 7-Chocolate Ice Cream Day:

(July 18th is National Ice Cream Day so these activities can work for both!)

***Use the scorecard from this post to see who makes the best chocolate shake!**
[Who makes the Best Chocolate Shakes?](#)

***Churn your own Ice Cream**-You can use your ice cream freezer or try a different way:
[How to Make Ice Cream In a Bag](#)

***Book:**

-[Splat the Cat: I Scream for Ice Cream](#)

June 8-World Oceans Day/Best Friends Day

***Include a friend in today's activities**

***Go to the beach or the Aquarium**

***Find an educational program about oceans appropriate to your kids' ages.** [Start here!](#)

*Collect shells or if you already have some, create an art project with them! Here are some cute ideas:

[9 Seashell Crafts for Kids Lily Kip](#)

[10 Outstanding Ocean Worksheets](#)

*Book:

[-Man Fish, A Story of Jacques Cousteau](#) If you look on YouTube you may find videos by Cousteau as well!

June 11-Flip Flop Day

***Pick up some inexpensive Summer Flip Flops and personalize them together.** Here are some ideas: Tie fabric scraps on them, glue on gems or stickers, cover them with printed duct tape, wrap them with yarn, paint them, decoupage them! Our affiliate, [Dollar Tree](#) has a ton of styles for just \$1.00! If you order them online, we will be compensated. You can get free delivery if you have them shipped to the store near you. This would be a great activity at a party or play date.

June 14-Flag Day:

Don't let your child end up being one of those people on a Man on the Street episode who can't answer questions like "How many stars are on the American Flag?" or "Who made the first American Flag?"

***Books about the Flag: America's Flag Story** contains the story, etiquette and activities!

[DLTK has a ton of ideas for Flag Day Crafts.](#) These would also work for the Fourth of

July!

***Made red, white and blue food using strawberries or raspberries, blueberries and marshmallows. You could make kabobs or a fruit salad or decorate cupcakes.**

June 16 & 17-Prepare for Father's Day on the 20th!

***Make Cards, Gifts and Decorations for Dad's Special Day.**

***Plan a Menu for Breakfast in Bed and for a special dinner.**

June 18-Go Fishing Day, International Picnic Day, International Sushi Day

*Lots of choices today, you can combine some and even turn it into an early
Father's Day Celebration!*

- *Go fishing either at an Urban Park, or go up to the mountains today!**
- *Pack a picnic to take with you and perhaps, even include sushi!**
- *Buy supplies to make kid friendly sushi!**

June 21-Go Skateboarding Day!

There are so many skateboard parks in cities and towns now! Go check one out!
***If you feel that you can bake in the month of June, It would be easy to make a skateboard shaped cake from a sheet cake. Use Ding Dongs for the wheels!**

June24-Swim a Lap Day

If you don't have a pool in your backyard, go to the city pool or YMCA! Or, maybe a friend has a pool that you can see if you can plan a fun day together!

- *Swim laps**
- *Race**
- *Learn some new games for the pool! This website has a ton of pool games to play that don't require any special equipment!**
- *Eat pool themed foods like donuts (life preserver) or Goldfish Crackers or Swedish Fish candies.**

June 25-Food Truck Day

Food Trucks are such a trend! You can find some really great food from food trucks nowadays! How about taking the family out to a food truck for dinner? If there is some kind of festival in town, there may be a wide variety to choose from.

Here in Phoenix, you can look online for lists of food trucks and where they are currently serving customers. [Here is one that I found.](#) Check and see if you can find a list for your area.

June 28-Paul Bunyan Day

***A great day for reading Tall Tales!** Here are some suggestions:

[-Paul Bunyan by Steven Kellogg](#)

[-The Tale of Paul Bunyan \(Little Golden Book\)](#)

***Eat Flap-Jacks for Breakfast!** We have a ton of recipes for them, (otherwise known as pancakes) [on our blog!](#)

***Go Camping! Do some Lumberjack activities like**

- Stick-Pulling,
- Log Balancing,
- Axe Throwing, (depending on the age of your kids of course)
- Log Cabin Building with [Lincoln Logs](#)
- Wear [Flannel Shirts](#)

Jennifer Perkins shares some great ideas for a [LumberJack Party here!](#)

June 30-Meteor Day

You can learn about Meteor Day at [this website](#).

***Take a blanket out on the lawn and watch for meteors.**

***Learn about the science behind meteors and meteorites by checking out some books on the subject:**

-[National Geographic Meteors](#)

-[Comets, meteors and asteroids](#)

***Make outer space themed foods such as shaping Rice Krispie Treats into meteors, or cut sandwiches into star shapes with a cookie cutter!**