

Summer Fun & Learning Ideas!

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Keep Those Brains Active – Learning Fun!

- Visit All Nine of the Kitsap Regional Libraries, <http://www.krl.org/each> Library has their own personality and their own individual activities. Join their summer reading program.
- Read Together Research shows that the most important way parents can help their children become better readers is by encouraging them to read at home. Plan a time when the whole family can read together.
- Plan a joint project with your children - even if you spend only 15 or 20 minutes a day on them - the payoff will be BIG!
- Visit Your Child's School Website at www.bremertonschools.org – under your child's school, click on the Library Media tab (on the left) to access an online catalog of websites to keep those brains active. Each school has it's own unique list – check them all out.
- Play Word, Reading, and Math games with the kids.
- Get out a deck of cards. Card games use math and cognitive skills.
- If you are planning a summer destination have your kids do a book or internet search to find fun things to do at your chosen destination.
- Get Cooking - Simple recipes use reading, following directions and math skills.

Staycations

Stay home and discover your own surroundings

Farmer's Market in Kitsap County – Buy Local!

<http://kitsap.wsu.edu/ag/markets.htm#market>

Fly a Kite in one of the local parks

<http://www.infosports.com/p.cgi?t=all&c=Kitsap&s=WA>

Plan on Ice Skating locally on Thursday Night Cheap Skates:

<http://www.bremertonicearena.com/public.html>

Get outside and go for a swim in one of the many swimming lakes in Kitsap County:

http://www.kitsapcountyhealth.com/environmental_health/water_quality/lakes_swimming.htm

Go for a dip in the Jarstad Aquatic Center:

<http://www.ci.bremerton.wa.us/display.php?id=637>

Go for a drive, then go for a dip in the Bainbridge Island Aquatic Center:
<http://www.biparks.org/parksandfacilities/ifaquaticscenter.html>

Bremerton Parks & Recreation offers a variety of summer fun check out
www.ci.bremerton.wa.us
[Summer Fall & Activity Guide \(PDF\)](#)

Fairs, Festivals, and Fun!

Bremerton High School 1st Annual Shield and Shine Auto and Cycle Show

August 1, 2009, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm at Memorial Stadium
Fund raiser to support the Shield Program at BHS – support positive change and intervention. [Learn More](#)

20th Annual Blackberry Festival

September 5-7, 2009, Downtown Bremerton
<http://www.blackberryfestival.org/>

Port Orchard Chamber Fathoms O' Fun & Street Scramble

<http://www.fathomsofun.org/events.html>
Sat. June 27, 2009, Downtown Port Orchard starts at Kitsap Bank!

Kitsap County Fair & Stampede

Look for special rates on special days.

August 26 - 30, 2009
Kitsap Fairgrounds & Events Center

Port Orchard's Annual Classic Car Show--The Cruz!

Sunday, August 9, 2009

Be a Tourist in Your Own Backyard

Bremerton has so much to offer – check it out!

<http://www.bremertonchamber.org/News.php>

Kitsap County has a vast variety of family opportunities!

http://www.visitkitsap.com/search/things_to_do.asp?act=search_results&ID=20

Join the fun and be a tourist in Seattle – get a CITY PASS!

<http://www.citypass.com/city/seattle.html>

Seattle Center

<http://www.seattlecenter.com/>

Experience Washington

<http://www.experiencewa.com/experience-washington/shopping-relaxation-and-spectator-sports/category/family-fun.aspx>

Consider a Family Membership for the following:

[Pacific Science Center](#)

[Seattle Aquarium](#)

[Point Defiance Park Zoo](#)

[Woodland Park Zoo](#)

Go for the Arts

[First Friday Art Walk](#) - Discover Downtown Bremerton during Bremerton's First Friday Art Walk First Friday of the Month, 5 to 8 pm

Bremerton has one of the largest and most diverse official fine arts districts in the Northwest. Centered in downtown Bremerton at 4th Street & Pacific Avenue, the City's rich Arts District includes three museums, two performing art stages, numerous fine arts galleries, unique shops, eateries, clubs featuring jazz and other live music. In addition to the Arts District, other sites of interest include the USS Turner Joy located on the Mentor Waterfront Boardwalk, the Naval Museum, and beautiful Harbor Fountains.

Charleston District Art Walk (Callow) - 4th Saturday of the Month, 12 to 8PM

Visit a free Museum in Seattle the first Thursday of the Month:
<http://www.yelp.com/topic/seattle-free-first-thursday-museums>

Plan some artistic fun for free on the Third Thursday of each month in Tacoma
<http://www.artwalktacoma.com/>

Learn something at one of the many local museums
http://maps.google.com/maps?rls=com.microsoft:*&oe=UTF-8&um=1&ie=UTF-8&q=Museums+Bremerton&fb=1&split=1&gl=us&view=text&ei=Gd4vSrveJl-ltAO9nuXXCA&sa=X&oi=local_group&ct=more-results&cd=1&resnum=1

Free Family Film Festival
<http://www.regmovies.com/nowshowing/familyfilmfestivalschedule.aspx?state=WA>

Tacoma's Frost Park Chalk Offs - Show your creativity every Friday Noon-1:00 spring through fall: www.holisticforgeworks.com/chalk or www.feedtacoma.com

Explore the Great Outdoors

CAMP FOR FREE

Four national forests within an easy drive of the South Sound offer more than 5 millions acres, much of it open to dispersed camping. Follow some simple rules and you can camp for free. Just don't expect any amenities. Campground fees in the forest range from \$12-\$36; www.fs.fed.us/gpnf.

TRY TRAILFEST 2009

Families can get a taste for all types of outdoors activities and check out new gear at the Washington Trails Association event. The July 18 event will be held at Rattlesnake Lake Recreation Area outside North Bend;

Hiking and Walking on the Kitsap Peninsula Trails

http://www.visitkitsap.com/search/things_to_do.asp?act=search_results&ID=37

<http://www.northwestsecretplaces.com/trails.html>

<http://www.clearcreektrail.org/map.htm>

EXPLORE A BEACH

Habor WildWatch, a Gig Harbor-based group, holds a series of free summer beach programs that offer a chance to touch and see some sea creatures and ask questions. Among the beaches the group visits are Penrose and Kopachuck state parks, Jerisich Dock, Narrows Park and Purdy Spit; www.harborwildwatch.org.

LOUNGE AT SKOKOMISH

Olympic National Park is a short drive from the South Sound if you visit the Staircase area of the park, near the shores of Lake Cushman. Visitors can hike trails through old-growth forest, admire the pristine headwaters of the Skokomish River or just loaf in a beautiful mountain setting. Camping is \$14 a night; www.nps.gov/olym.

BIRDWATCH AT TOLMIE

One of the prettiest beaches in the South Sound is at Tolmie State Park (near Lacey), where visitors can explore 1,800 feet of shoreline. This beach has tons of sand dollars, great bird watching and an underwater park for SCUBA divers; www.parks.wa.gov.

TAKE A GUIDED HIKE

The Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge (near Olympia) is offering free guided weekend hikes through June. The guides show visitors the history, wildlife and plants of the refuge; www.fws.gov/Nisqually.

Listen to the Music!

[Port Orchard Concerts by the Bay](#)

At the Port Orchard Marina Waterfront Park!

6:30-8pm Rain or Shine Free Admission

2009 Schedule

Fri. June 26th at 6:30pm "The Mojo Blues Band"--Blues/Classic Rock

Sat. July 4th Noon-7pm "Solid Rock Band Jam"- variety of Christian Contemporary artists

Sat. July 4th at 8:30pm "Usual Suspects"--Classic Rock

Thurs. July 9th at 6:30pm "Classic Ride"--Classic 80's Rock

Thurs. July 16th at 6:30pm "Tromabanga"--Salsa/Latin Jazz

Thurs. July 23rd at 6:30pm "Ranger and the Re-Arrangers"--Gypsy Jazz

Thurs July 30th at 6:30pm "Michael Anthony Pratt Band" Country/western

Thurs. August 6th at 6:30pm "Silverport Sound"--Big Band

Thurs. August 13th at 6:30pm "Dew Grass"--Blue Grass/Fiddle

Thurs. August 20th at 6:30pm "Usual Suspects"--Classic Rock

Thurs. August 27th at 6:30pm "The Illusion of Elvis-Danny Vernon"

Sat. August 29th 7-11pm Cedar Cove Days Sock Hop featuring "Jr. Cadillac"

All-City TUESDAY NIGHT SPECIAL EVENTS

Evergreen Rotary Park, Park Ave and Sheldon Blvd- 6-8PM

Kids, families, and adults of all ages will enjoy these evening Special Events, brought to you by the City of Bremerton, Parks and Recreation. Make it a summer you will always remember! Music, arts and craft tables, food, and fun for all. For more information on each event contact Cynthia at (360)-473-5425.

July 1, Navy Band Northwest - Star Spangled tribute to America

July 8, Cowboy Buck and Elizabeth - Tribute to Hometown and Imaginary Heroes

July 15, Wind Jammers - "Happiest Park in Town" - Disney Show tunes

July 22, Joey James Dean - Tropical Vacation, sunscreen & surfin' contest

July 29, Joel Brantley - Festival of Arts for Children sponsored by West Sound Arts Council

August 5, The Drive - Bikes-Trikes-Automobiles - it's a ride in the park

August 12, Navy Band NW's Dixieland Jazz Band - 6th Annual Fat Dog Tuesday

Free Summer Concerts on the Boardwalk – Downtown Bremerton

On the Waterfront-2nd St. & Washington Ave, Downtown Bremerton

Four Friday nights of concerts

July 10, July 17, July 24, July 31

6pm to 8pm

Free Concerts on Bainbridge Island

http://www.biparks.org/programsandclasses/special_events.html