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Summer Resources Guide

2026



Free & low cost activities for families

Welcome to the AP-OD 2026 Summer Resources Guide!



At AP-OD (Abriendo Puertas/Opening Doors), we believe that you are your child's first and most important teacher – and this summer, we're here to support you every step of the way.

This guide is packed with free and low-cost resources to help your family make the most of the season together. From fun activities and educational apps to printable worksheets and free summer meals, there's something here for every family.

Explore your community, spark curiosity, and create memories that will last a lifetime. This summer belongs to you and your family – let's make it a great one.

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Stay in touch on our social media for more resources and events throughout the year!



The AP-OD Family App



Everything you need for an amazing summer is in one place — and it's free!

The AP-OD Family App is your go-to companion all summer long. Whether you're looking for local events, bilingual resources, or practical tools to support your child's development, the app brings it all together — anytime, anywhere.

Inside the app, you'll find:



Bilingual resources — culturally grounded tools in English and Spanish



Local events — family and caregiver events tailored to your community



Parenting tools — practical support for child development and confident parenting



Community & support — updates and connections from AP-OD and trusted partners

Know of a local event or resources that families in your area would love or need? Share it with your community by submitting it at:

events.ap-od.org/events/community/add.

The AP-OD Family App is free for all families, no AP-OD program enrollment required. Available in English and Spanish.

Download today:



Free & Discounted Family Activities



California State Library Park Pass: In partnership with the First Partner's Office and the California State Library, State Parks is providing free vehicle day-use entry to [over 200 participating state park units](#) operated by State Parks for check out to library-card holders. The California State Library Parks Pass is valid for entry of one passenger vehicle with capacity of nine people or less or one highway licensed motorcycle.

Other states that offer free entry to State Parks: [Arkansas](#), [Kentucky](#), [Missouri](#), [Ohio](#), [Pennsylvania](#), [Tennessee](#), [Iowa](#), and [Illinois](#).



Discover & Go (California): Free and discounted tickets to local museums and cultural institutions for California library card holders.



Every Kid Outdoors: The 4th Grade Pass covers entrance or day use fees at federal recreation sites. Program brochure: ([English](#) | [español](#)).



Free camping on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land: Known as dispersed camping, BLM allows you to camp outside of developed campgrounds, usually for up to 14 days. These off-grid sites have no amenities, requiring you to bring your own water and pack out all trash. Rules can vary by state or local area, so always comply with posted signs and verify specifics with your [local BLM office](#).



Cinemark Summer Movie Clubhouse: Participating theatres will host Summer Movie Clubhouse on Wednesdays at 9:30 am, June 1 through August 6, for 1.75+tax per ticket. Select theatres will offer additional showtimes throughout the week, so be sure to check your local theatre for more Summer Movie Clubhouse fun!

[View participating theaters.](#)



AMC Summer Movie Camp: Enjoy Summer Movie Camp 6/22-8/12, for just \$3+tax every Monday and Wednesday!



Regal Theaters: Each week from June 1 to August 13, get \$1 Summer Movie Express tickets Monday through Thursday at 11 am. All Summer Movie Express guests receive \$3 off a cup of refreshingly cold Dippin' Dots ice cream and a Snack Pack, which includes a junior-sized drink, popcorn, and fruit gummies.



HomeDepot Kids Workshops: Activities & Crafts: Find free in-store kids workshops the first Saturday of every month, while supplies last. Plus explore kids diy projects, craft ideas, and on demand workshops.

Summer Meals for Kids



USDA Summer Meals for Kids Site Finder: USDA's summer meal programs provide free meals and snacks to kids 18 and under at approved sites nationwide. Families can use the Summer Meals for Kids Site Finder to find nearby sites, hours, and contact details.



SUN Programs: USDA's Summer Nutrition Programs for Kids: More summer food options for kids. USDA's SUN programs give kids the nutrition they need in summer when school meals aren't available so they can reach their full potential! Programs include the **Summer Food Service Program** & **Summer EBT**.



Find Your Local Food Bank: Enter your zip code to find nearby food banks in the Feeding America network and learn more about hours, locations, and services at partner food pantries and meal programs.



FoodFinder: Explore the map or enter your zip code to search local food pantries closest to you.



Denny's: Kids Eat Free with adult entrée purchase of \$6 or more. Offer is valid at participating restaurants for up to two free kid's entrées from the kid's menu per one adult entrée. Days and participation vary by location. Restrictions may apply. One free entrée per kid. Offer valid for dine in only.



IHOP Kids Eat Free: Gives children 12 and under a free kids' menu entrée (like pancakes or chicken strips) with the purchase of one adult entrée, typically daily from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. at participating locations (dine-in only).



Texas Roadhouse Kids Night: At participating locations, kids 12 and under eat free with the purchase of an adult entrée. There is no single nationwide day, each location sets its own Kids Eat Free night.



Brusters Real Icecream: Free Baby Cone for kids under 40 inches at participating stores. Offer may vary.



Habit Burger & Grill: CharClub members can enjoy a free kid's meal for kiddos under 10 with any \$10 minimum purchase. The offer drops into your "My Offers" wallet every Monday. One free Kids Meal per week.



Literacy Resources



Reading by 9: A literacy initiative from the L.A. Times aimed at supporting parents and educators of elementary-school aged children with reading resources. Each year, it partners with a local organization to offer a free bilingual reading guide and host community events.

- [A Guide to Early Learning: What to know when for Reading Readiness](#)
- [A Guide to Early Learning: Back to School Edition](#)



Imagination Library: Partners with local communities to provide a hand-selected, age-appropriate, high-quality book each month to registered children from birth to age five. (Site also available in Spanish)



Summer Reading Program B&N INC: Children read 8 books and complete the downloadable Reading Journal, and bring the completed Reading Journal to a Barnes & Noble bookstore. Then choose their free book from the selected books list during July and August.



BOOK IT! Summer of Stories: Open to families with children in pre-K through 6th grade June 1 – August 31. Meet the monthly goal and claim a Pizza Hut Personal Pan Pizza!



Scholastics Summer Reading Challenge: This reading challenge consists of 10 badges for children to color in as they complete each reading goal.



MENSA for Kids' Excellence in Reading: Earn a commemorative certificate and an Excellence in Reading T-shirt in recognition of your outstanding achievement completing an entire reading list! This program is open internationally to any and all readers under 18 years of age.

Don't forget to check out your local library for summer reading programs and events!

Free Printables



Family Math: The mission of Family Math is To facilitate young children's and families' development of math knowledge, math interest, math positivity, and leadership skills by supporting family engagement around math in both at-home and out-of-home settings.

- [Family Math Activity Book](#) In the Family Math Activity Book, you'll find fun family-friendly activities to help children, aged 2-5, develop foundational math skills to prepare for school.
- [Family Math Activity Book: Math in the Kitchen \(bilingual pdf\)](#) Did you know there are lots of ways to introduce early math concepts in the kitchen? Here are some fun ways to inspire math talk.



Khan Academy Kids: A free, fun, educational program designed to inspire young children to become learners for life.

- [Literacy Packet](#)
- [Math Packet](#)
- [Reading log](#)



Sesame Workshop: From building school readiness to encouraging playful problem-solving, from supporting emotional well-being to promoting positive self-identity, Sesame Workshop is here for children and families — as every caregiver's valued partner and every child's trusted friend.

- [Learn & Grow: Inside, Outside, on the Go](#)
- [Dream Big!](#)



Vroom Tips: The time you spend with your child can help their brain grow strong. Even a few minutes count! These printable tip card sets from [Vroom](#) include brain-building activities for children ages 0-5.

Educational Apps



Daily Vroom: App for parents and other caregivers of young kids (ages toddler to 5) that suggests everyday learning activities and tips appropriate for each kid's age. ([Apple App Store](#) | [Google Play](#))



Khan Academy Kids: is a huge database of activities that address learning themes from Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework and Common Core standards. ([Apple App Store](#) | [Google Play](#) | [Amazon App Store](#))



Todo Math: Engaging math app where kids solve patterns, sequences, and operations. ([Apple App Store](#) | [Google Play](#))



Breathe, Think, Do with Sesame: Help a monster friend calm down and solve challenges in this bilingual app. ([Apple App Store](#) | [Google Play](#))



BrainPop Jr.: BrainPop publishes cartoons and exercises with lessons in science, health, environment, math, and more. Their Spanish site, esp.brainpop.com, has resources for kids ages 8+. ([Apple App Store](#))



Family Math Play & Learn: Free, fun, ad-free math app trusted by parents to teach early math skills like shapes, counting, measurement and more. ([Apple App Store](#) | [Google Play](#))



Common Sense Media: Essential review guide for parents when it comes to what kids are into: movies, TV shows, games, apps, podcasts, and more. Designed for families seeking unbiased and trusted information to help guide them to find safe and smart content for their children. ([Apple App Store](#) | [Google Play](#))