



July

7 Popular Family-Friendly Activities Close to Home

DID YOU KNOW...

That the tune for "The Star-Spangled Banner" was originally a British drinking song called "To Anacreon in Heaven."

July is a month filled with fun events and activities for families. Here are some other July events that are fun for the family:

1. **National Ice Cream Day (July 17th):** Celebrate National Ice Cream Day with your family by visiting your favorite ice cream shop, making homemade ice cream, or having an ice cream party at home.
2. **Summer Music Festivals:** Many cities host outdoor music festivals during the summer, and July is no exception. Look for family-friendly events and bring a picnic blanket to enjoy the music and festivities.
3. **Beach Day:** July is the perfect time to visit the beach with your family. Pack a cooler with snacks, drinks, and sunscreen and spend the day playing in the sand and swimming in the ocean (or lake).
4. **Outdoor Movie Nights:** Many communities host outdoor movie nights during the summer. Bring a blanket and some snacks and enjoy a family-friendly movie under the stars.
5. **County Fairs:** July is the month that hosts many county fairs, which are a great opportunity to experience local agriculture, carnival rides, and games. Some fairs also have live entertainment, food, and craft vendors.
6. **National Parks Day (July 24th):** Take advantage of National Parks Day by visiting a national park with your family. Many parks offer guided tours, hiking trails, and ranger programs, not to mention breath-taking vistas.
7. **Baseball Games:** July is in the middle of the baseball season, and attending a baseball game with your family can be a fun and memorable experience.



Why Summer is the Perfect Time for Renovations

Renovating your home in the summer can be a great way to take advantage of better weather conditions while increasing the value of your home. There are several great reasons to renovate your home in summer:

1. **Better Weather Conditions:** Summer is a great time to undertake home renovations as the weather is usually more conducive to outdoor work. With longer days, warmer temperatures, and less rain, it is easier to get outdoor projects done without worrying about weather-related delays.
2. **Improved Ventilation:** With the warmer weather, you can open up your windows and doors, which will improve ventilation and airflow throughout your home. This can be particularly helpful if you are doing any work that involves paint, glue, or other fumes.
3. **More Natural Light (and for longer):** Summer also provides more natural light, which can be very helpful if you are working on any projects that require good lighting. Natural light can help you see better and make more accurate cuts and measurements.
4. **Easier to Move Around:** Summer weather means that it is easier to move around your home and yard. You can move furniture and equipment around more easily and without worrying about mud, snow, or ice.
5. **Increased Resale Value:** If you are renovating your home to sell it, summer renovations can be particularly beneficial. Homes tend to sell better in the summer and fall months, so renovating during this time can help you get a better price for your home.

WEIRD, BUT TRUE!

Doors were invented by Ancient Romans, who also believed that having a house with a north-facing door was unlucky.



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