





Make it a...
**Backyard
Camping
Adventure**

Explore "The Great Outdoors"
*right outside your own
backdoor!*



Activities & Ideas

- Pack just like you would for a regular camping trip: tent, sleeping bags, flashlight, backpack, food, binoculars, compass, etc.
- Ditch the technology! Instead of using phones, tablets, or computers, spend quality time as a family around the campfire.
- Build a fire pit to use for roasting hot dogs and marshmallows, or making mountain pies.
- Play Games!
 - Story-telling games: Telephone, Twenty Questions, team story-telling, "Guess That Tune," etc.
 - Board games or card games
 - Yard games: bean bag toss, bocce ball, tug-of-war, three-legged race
- Plan a backyard scavenger/treasure hunt or bingo and try to locate various nature items.
- Make nature rubbings with crayon on paper, or press leaves and flowers into a keepsake book.
- Take a hike around your neighborhood, using a map to chart out your course.
- Sing songs or tell ghost stories around the campfire.
- Go stargazing at night; use a book or another resource to identify specific constellations.
- Tip: if you don't have a big enough backyard, you may be able to find a local state park or campground where you can camp.

Money-Saving Tip

Camping gear is a one-time investment; you can use it every year, or keep adding new items to your collection over time





Recipes



S'mores Mountain Pie

Martin's Potato Bread, Marshmallows, Chocolate-Hazelnut Spread or Chocolate Chips, and Coconut Flakes

Get the recipe at: potatorolls.com

Pie Iron Pizza

Mozzarella, Pepperoni, Sausage, Mushrooms, and Pizza Sauce on Martin's Potato Bread

Get the recipe at: potatorolls.com



Themed Outing



If your backyard is a bit small or you just prefer a mini-vacation to a "staycation," look for a local campground where you can pitch a tent.

Check websites like koa.com or gocampingamerica.com to find campgrounds near you.

- If you are local to **Chambersburg, PA**; try *Twin Bridges Campground* or *Gettysburg Battlefield KOA*.

OR – If you're just looking for a fun day trip, search on nps.gov to find historical sites, scenic trails, or other national parks in your area.



Make it a... **Movie Marathon**

Lights, Camera, Action!

*Visit Hollywood in the comfort
of your own living room.*



Activities & Ideas

- Pick a theme:
 - Family favorites – have each family member pick their favorite movie, then take turns watching everyone's top picks.
 - Favorite series – watch all the episodes of your favorite series in order.
 - Favorite genre or theme – pick a specific category like Disney, BBC classics, racing movies, superheroes, or westerns.
 - Favorite era(s) – watch a movie from each era, or mix in some classics with newer films.
- Have costumes or decorations for the different movies/themes (e.g. for a pirate movie theme, have everyone decorate a treasure map, or wear pirate hat).
- Use a white sheet and a projector for a "big screen" experience; set up seats outdoors for a fun twist.
- Have an "intermission" to break up the couch time with themed games, meals, and activities.
- Test your movie knowledge with a quiz or trivia game. Pick out key quotes or scenes from your favorite movies and see who can remember the details.
- Split up into teams and have each group produce a short film. Then host a film festival and watch each one back-to-back. Vote on your favorite elements of each (e.g. plot, cinematography, acting) and present awards to each family member for their role.

Money-Saving Tip

An average trip to the movie theater for a family of four can cost around \$70.

Save money by watching in your own home.

Just make sure to have refreshments!





Recipes



Film Reel Sandwiches

Roast Beef and Swiss Cheese
on Martin's Whole Wheat Potato Bread

Get the recipe at: potatorolls.com

Crouton Snack Mix

Popcorn, Chocolate Chips, Dried Cherries,
Pecans, and Cinnamon-Sugar Croutons
made with Martin's Potato Bread

Get the recipe at: potatorolls.com



Themed Outing



Visit a local drive-in or small-town theater and see if they are showing any classic movies or live performances.

- If you're local to South Central Pennsylvania; stop by The Capitol Theatre in Downtown Chambersburg to see what is showing.

Visit thecapitoltheatre.org to see what movies and live shows are currently being performed.



Make it a... **Family Games Tournament**

Compete for the Gold
*in your very own Family
Games competition*



Activities & Ideas

- Split up into two teams; make sure each side has a similar mix of ages, etc.
- Have each team come up with a team name; decorate outfits or jerseys for each member to wear, using fabric paint or markers.
- Choose activities that play to a wide range of skills and abilities so that everyone has an equal chance of winning.
- Choose activities from the below themes, or mix and match between several categories:
 - Sports – basketball, football, soccer, volleyball; track and field; jump rope, hop scotch, tag, capture the flag, tug-of-war
 - Classic lawn games – bocce ball, bean bag toss, ladder ball, horse shoes, croquet, etc.
 - Board games – cards, Monopoly, Scrabble, Clue, etc.
 - Water games – slip-n-slide, swimming or diving, water balloon fight
 - "Minute-to-win-it" style games: build the tallest tower of potato rolls using toothpicks, stack plastic cups, bob for apples, etc.
- Try to do a mixture of ideas both inside and out of the house, depending on the length of your staycation.
- Use a leaderboard to keep track of the scores. Present awards to the winning teams at the end of the tournament, for each activity.
- If you live near a park or beach, try hosting portions of your tournament there (e.g. beach volleyball, hula hooping, and bocce ball at the beach).

Money-Saving Tip

A typical concessions meal at a sporting game for a family of four can cost upwards of \$75.

Cut down on this cost by packing your own food and tailgating before the game.





Recipes



Checkerboard Sandwiches

Pimiento Cheese Spread on Martin's Potato Bread & Whole Wheat Potato Bread, with Cherry Tomatoes and Black Olives

Get the recipe at: potatorolls.com

Game Day Sliders

Grilled Chicken, Bacon, Cheddar Cheese, BBQ Sauce, Lettuce, and Tomato on Martin's 12 Sliced Potato Rolls

Get the recipe at: potatorolls.com



Themed Outing



Take a break from your games to attend a local sporting event, such as your local minor league baseball team's next home game.

- For example, if you're local to Chambersburg, PA; check out one of these teams: Hagerstown Suns, Harrisburg Senators, Lancaster Barnstormers, or the Baltimore Orioles.

Tailgate before the event with hot dogs or burgers on Martin's Potato Rolls, using a portable grill.



Make it a...

Tour of Your City

Be a tourist in your own city!
*You may be surprised to learn
what's right next door.*



Activities & Ideas

- Go to your town's visitor center and look through brochures. You may be surprised to learn what tourist attractions are nearby.
- See if your local library is hosting any upcoming activities.
- Try geocaching – recreational activity using a GPS to search for real-world hidden objects.
- Plan a scavenger hunt:
 - Make a list of specific things you would like to learn or find at each location.
 - Or split up into teams to find items on a list, making sure to collect photo or souvenir proof at each location.
 - Think of creative ideas like, "find the oldest building in town," or "swing on a swing set in the local park."
- A parent or group leader can research and plan the list ahead of time and come up with clues for each item.
- Pick a variety of activities:
 - Amusement Parks, State Parks, Playgrounds, etc.
 - Have a Picnic
 - Famous Landmarks
 - Zoos/Aquariums
 - Art or History Museums
 - Memorials
 - Local Factory/Business Tours
 - Visit a farmer's market or orchard for some fresh produce.
- If nearby – visit a local beach, mountain trail, or body of water.
- Don't forget to take pictures wherever you go for your family photo album!

Money-Saving Tip

Try to avoid spending money at food courts or restaurants near the attractions you're visiting

Pack your own food and have a picnic between activities.





Recipes



Italian Hoagies

Ham, Capicola, Genoa Salami, Provolone Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Peppers, & Oil and Vinegar, on Martin's Hoagie Rolls

Get the recipe at: potatorolls.com

On-the-Go Sandwiches

Ham, Pastrami, Roast Beef, Swiss Cheese, Colby Jack Cheese, Mayonnaise, & Mustard on Martin's Party Potato Rolls

Get the recipe at: potatorolls.com



Themed Outing

Check a website like www.nps.gov to find state parks or famous historical landmarks near you.

- ▶ If you're local to Chambersburg, PA; you might try these spots:
 - The Old Jail
 - The John Brown House
 - **The Golden Roll: Martin's Visitor Center**

Find more local "Trails of History" here: explorefranklincountypa.com





Make it a... *Family Project Weekend*

Unleash your inner artist!

Tackle a big arts or crafts project together as a family.



Activities & Ideas

- Cook a meal together
 - Find a new recipe that everyone will enjoy and cook it together as a family.
 - Make sandwiches or snacks that kids can help cook or that are customizable for each family member.
 - Turn your food into art using veggies and other colorful ingredients, cut into shapes. Turn sandwiches into faces using Martin's Potato Bread and cold cuts.
- Create art – painting, coloring, drawing, etc.
 - Paint your own pottery.
 - Have each family member paint their handprint and name on a canvas to hang up in your house as a decoration.
 - Tie-dye t-shirts.
- Crafts
 - Set up a pool or playground in your backyard.
 - Build a tree house or fort.
 - Hang a swing in your yard.
 - Redecorate rooms in your house.
 - Build a birdhouse or bird feeder.
 - Plant a garden.
 - Put together a family scrapbook.
 - Make friendship bracelets or other knitting projects.
 - Test out some science experiments.

Money-Saving Tip

Instead of spending \$100+ at a pottery painting class, pick up some supplies at your local craft store and set up shop in your own home!





Recipes



Pig Sandwich Art

Ham, Black Olives, Cucumber,
on Martin's Whole Wheat Potato Bread

Get the recipe at: potatorolls.com

Owl Sandwich Art

Swiss Cheese, Black Olives, Baby Carrots,
on Martin's Whole Wheat Potato Bread

Get the recipe at: potatorolls.com



Themed Outing



Does your family have a restaurant you've been wanting to try out? Use this opportunity to try something new. Explore local spots in your town – you may find a “hidden gem” that becomes your new favorite.

- If you're local to Chambersburg, PA; you may like to try "Vinnie's on 11" - an Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria. You know they must be good when they serve their burgers on Martin's Potato Rolls! (www.vinnieson11.com)

