

EXPECT SUCCESS



MAKING SUMMER COUNT

"Nothing is a waste of time if you use the experience wisely."



Research continues to support the value of providing children of all ages with experiences that broaden their learning and their view of the world around them. Summer is often the time when families are planning vacations and summer getaways as well as signing up for camps and youth programs. All of those provide opportunities for kids to learn and grow, however, the price-tag on some programs can prevent children from taking part. In a world of social media often making everyone's summer plans look glamorous, I challenge families to take the opposite approach and see how much you can do with your kids that is low-cost or even FREE! We live in a great part of the state that provides access to parks, museums, lakes, campgrounds, bike trails and much more. You have an amazing impact on the future success of your child, and the most valuable part of the experience may be in your time spent together.

FREE OR NEARLY FREE SUMMER ACTIVITIES

- ◇ **Deerfield Summer School**-We offer great enrichment programs at minimal cost. Encourage your child to sign up for a class to learn a new skill, a game, or a new craft. Visit deerfield.k12.wi.us>Elementary Tab>Summer School or call 608-764-5442.
- ◇ **Deerfield Public Library**-Our local library has weekly summer programs that are FREE and fun! Encourage your child to check out some books and plan for read-a-loud time at home. Visit deerfieldpubliclibrary.org or call 608-764-8102.
- ◇ **Glacial Drumlin State Trail**-The trail runs right through Deerfield and is great for hiking and biking. Pack a picnic lunch and stop along the way to enjoy some bird watching. No cost for hiking, bikers need a trail pass (\$5 for a day pass). Visit glacialdrumlin.com or call (920) 648-8744.
- ◇ **CamRock Park**-Just a short drive to Cambridge and you have a choice of three separate use areas with shelter facilities and play areas. Great hiking and biking trails. Visit countyofdane.com and search CamRock Park or call 608-242-4576.
- ◇ **Savannah Park**-The water splash park and playground are the most popular places, but there are also tennis courts and basketball courts — just bring your own equipment. Visit deerfieldwi.com or call 608-764-5404.
- ◇ **Deerfield Community Park**-Playground, ball diamonds and disc golf are offered at this park. Bring your disc set or a Frisbee works too. Visit deerfieldwi.com or call 608-764-5404.
- ◇ **Saturday Farmers Markets**-Located in the parking lot between Deerfield Lutheran Church and Mobil on Main, you can find great produce. If you want to venture further, travel in to the Farmers Market around the Capitol Square to see a larger variety of vegetables, flowers, cheese, honey and much more. Visit deerfieldfarmmarket.com or dcfm.org for more information.

Visit these websites to see other activities around the Madison area:

<http://www.momsinmadison.com/summerfun.html>—website with some links, has many other resources to other activities to do

<http://madison.citymomsblog.com/2016madisonsummercamp/> - list of organizations (and links) with program/camps

<https://www.wisconline.com/attractions/camps/listcentral.html> -list of summer camps and youth programs

<http://www.ymcadanecounty.org/summer-camp>—Dane County YMCA programs throughout the county

<http://www.madisonwithkids.com/summer-camps.html>—summary list of camps with links