

10 Fun and Frugal Outdoor Activities for Children Carol D'Annunzio (Simple Catholic Living)

Spring is underway and summer will be here before you know it. Everyone is heading outdoors and soon school (home school and traditional) will be coming to a close. With school's end, the question becomes, "What do we do?" Here are some of Andrew's favorite outdoor activities that keep him occupied and happy for long stretches. The best part? All these props can be bought for a buck at the dollar store or less in some clearance racks!

1. **Sidewalk chalk.** Andrew doesn't like to draw or color - on paper. Give him a piece of chalk and he can draw and color and create games and have all sorts of fun on our driveway. :)
2. **Hula hoop.** Remember these as a child or am I dating myself! Andrew struggles keeping the hoop up which makes him determined to work on it until he gets it mastered!
3. **Bubbles.** Need I say more? Who doesn't love a good bucket of bubbles on a warm clear day? Additionally, bubbles aren't only cheap, but also so easy and fun to make!
4. **Hose.** You can either hook up one of those Slip 'N Slide things or sprinkler for some wet fun on a hot day. Or do double duty and have your child (children) help you wash your car or whatever you need cleaning. LOL!
5. **Balloons.** Water balloons are fun, of course. But so are regular balloons. Andrew has quite an imagination and he finds all sorts of uses for them..
6. **Old-fashioned Tag.** Most kids love tag. It's not only fun but good exercise, too. If you can, try and get in a game for yourself and get in some exercise for yourself too. ;)
7. **Ball.** Baseball, basketball, tennis ball or any kind of ball in the hand of a kid is a good thing!

8. **Marbles.** I played marbles as a kid in NYC. We'd play in the park or dead-end streets. It's a lot of fun and I'm working on teaching my son and his friends. To learn how to play, go [here](#) or [here](#).

9. **Obstacle course.** This is another super-fun activity for kids that also gets them some exercise. It's so easy to set up a course where they race to jump, climb crawl around, over and under things.

10. **Camping.** I'm not talking about out in the back-woods, "real" camping (although that's a great idea too). I'm talking about a tent in the backyard kind of camping. :) A picnic, cards, reading or anything in the tent seems to make it all the more special.

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