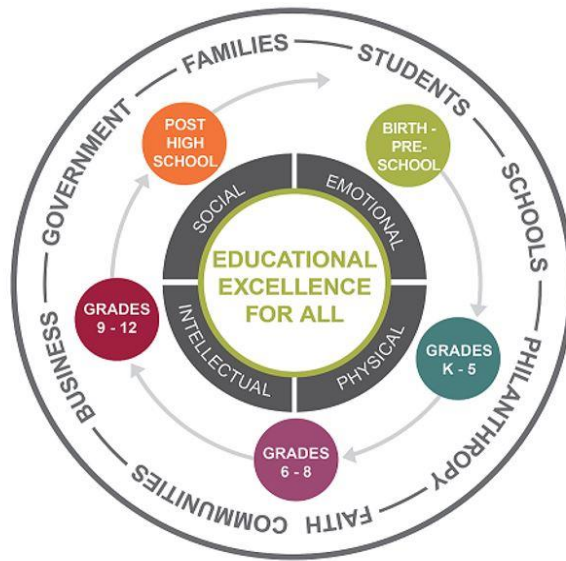


Austin Activities for Youth



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to inspire all to reach their full potential*

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***Most organizations have sliding fees or scholarships available for participation.
Please consult each organization for specific requests.***

Notes about this document

Many of the programs and resources are modified due to COVID-19 for the Summer of 2020. Information found in these pages is intended as a resource for families to seek enrichment opportunities for young people in the community. Most of these organizations have a Facebook page. Please “like” and “follow” the organizations that interest you.



Discover Austin (Austin Visitor and Convention Bureau) has a community activity calendar that is updated frequently. Please use this resource as you are seeking activities for your family.
<http://www.austinmn.com/calendar.html>





Volunteering in the community is strongly linked to positive educational outcomes for youth. Our community now has an easy way for youth, and adults, to easily find volunteer opportunities! Get Connected is an online platform that allows you to review all volunteer opportunities, as well as register to volunteer, all in one spot!
<https://www.uwmower.org/getconnected.html>

The following organizations have valuable information and resources for families.

- Parenting Resource Center - The mission of the Parenting Resource Center, Inc, is to provide resources, services and prevention education to promote healthy, safe lifestyles for families within communities. <https://www.prc-austinmn.org/>
- Mower Refreshed/Mayo Clinic Health System, Austin – Mower Refreshed is a wellness movement that engages, equips, and empowers community members of all ages to make healthy living easier in Mower County. <http://mowerrefreshed.org>
- Welcome Center - The Welcome Center serves the City of Austin as the community’s multi-cultural center, building community by welcoming newcomers, supporting residents in transition and creating access and opportunity. <https://www.austinwelcomecenter.org/>
- The Austin Public Schools webpage offers links to all schools, many of which offer after school activities for students in areas of interest. Information can be found by visiting: <https://www.austin.k12.mn.us>


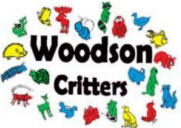




Early Childhood


Organization		Activities	Contact Information
In Home Child Care	Mower County Licensed Child Care Association	Child care is an important service to working parents in the community and a great social experience for children.	Austin Provider list: https://www.mowercountyhhs.com/child-care-licensing Brady 507.377.5511 Child Care Openings https://www.austinaspires.org/child-care-openings.html
Austin Public Library		Summer reading club 2020 starts June 15th 1000 Books Before Kindergarten LEGO Club Ukulele Club Tween Advisory Special Events	324 4 th Ave NE Julie Clinefelter, Library Director 507.433.2391 jclinefelter@selco.info www.aplmn.org https://www.facebook.com/AustinPublicLibraryMN/?ref=br_rs
Catherwood Child Care		Regularly opened at 5:15 a.m. and closed as late as 12:30 a.m. Parents appreciate the flexibility Catherwood can offer them when they need childcare for varying days and varying daily time schedules. Transportation to and from all Austin kindergarten and elementary schools is available to the children in Catherwood care.	707 4 th St NW Kari Stringer 507.434.2160 507.437.8330 catherwood@prc-austinmn.org https://www.prc-austinmn.org/
Apple Lane Community Child Care Center		<p><u>Infant Program Plan</u> The infant program provides child care services to 10 infants ages 6 weeks to 16 months, with a staff ratio of 1:4.</p> <p><u>Toddlers</u> The toddler program provides child care and education to children ages 16 months to 33 months, with a staff ratio of 1:7.</p> <p><u>Preschool</u> The preschool program serves children ages 33 months to kindergarten, with a staff ratio of 1:10.</p> <p><u>School Age</u> The school age program engages children kindergarten to age 12, with a staff ratio of 1:15. Before and after school, non-school day and summer educational programming is offered throughout the year.</p> <p><u>Montessori Style Preschool Program</u> Apple Lane has a Montessori Style preschool program on-site. This educational opportunity teaches children ages 3 to age 6. We offer a two day a week program for 3-year-old children and a three/four-day program, both morning and afternoon for children ages 4-6.</p>	1900 8 th Ave NW Shannon Hart 507.433.0070 Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday 5:45am - 6:00pm Phone: 507-433-0070 Fax: 507-433-7812 http://www.applelanechildcare.com/ https://www.facebook.com/AppleLaneCommunityChildCare/

<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Community Learning Center Early Childhood Programming</p>		<p>Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) • A unique program that offers parents the opportunity to go to school, provide support, information and education for parents and their children, ages birth to 5.</p> <p>Austin Public Schools Preschool Programming</p> <p>Three Year Olds • Discovery – 4 days a week, half days</p> <p>Four and Five Year Olds • KPrep – 4 days a week, full and half-day options.</p>	<p>912 1st Ave NE Early Childhood Family Education Coordinator, Amy Goette 507.460.1700 ext. 4969 amy.goette@austin.k12.mn.us</p> <p>ECSE Coordinator: Pam Anfinson Phone: 507-460-1705 pam.anfinson@austin.k12.mn.us</p> <p>https://www.austin.k12.mn.us/clc/Pages/default.aspx</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/AustinCommunityEducation/</p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Austin Public Schools Kids Korner</p>		<p>Kids Korner Before and after school child care</p> <p>Kids Korner is a quality preschool and school age child care programs. Our goal is to provide a safe place for children before and after school and summer.</p> <p>Changes due to COVID-19</p>	<p>Coordinator: Teri Wermager 507.460.1704 teri.wermager@austin.k12.mn.us</p> <p>Kids Korner Billing and Registration 507.460.1706 Julie Kerling julie.kerling@austin.k12.mn.us</p> <p>https://www.austin.k12.mn.us/clc/Pages/Kids-Korner/Kids-Korner.aspx</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/kidskorneraustinpublicschool/</p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Congregational Preschool</p>		<p>Preschool Ages 33 months through 5 years 2, 3, and 5 days per week options available</p>	<p>1910 3rd Ave NW Meredith Martin 507.219.0840 congopreschool@gmail.com</p> <p>www.congopreschool.org</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/congopreschool/</p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Discovery Learning Center</p>		<p>Infants 6 wks.-15 mo. Toddlers 15mo.-33 mo. Pre-school 3-4 years Preschool 4-5 years</p>	<p>1802 2nd Ave SW Diedre Smith, Director and Lead Teacher, 507.437.2875 discoverylc@yahoo.com</p> <p>http://discoverylearningcentermn.com/</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/Discovery-Learning-Center-517678501617509/</p>


<p style="text-align: center;">Semcac Head Start</p>		<p>Head Start Center services for ages 3-5 years (May-Sept)</p> <p>Early Head Start Center services for toddlers (year-round)</p> <p>Home-based Services are offered for pregnant women and children to age 5 (year round)</p>	<p>Semcac Contact Center 111 N. Main St. Suite 201</p> <p>507.433.5889</p> <p>http://www.semcac.org/head-start/</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Pacelli Preschool Shamrock Zone Child Care</p>		<p>Tiny Shamrocks 3-day morning for 3-year olds</p> <p>Little Shamrocks 4-day afternoon for 3 and 4 year olds</p> <p>Kindergarten Prep 4-day afternoon for 4 & 5-year olds 5-day morning for 4 & 5-year olds</p> <p>Shamrock Zone Child Care 6:30 am - 6:00 pm (ages 3-12 preschool group and school aged group)</p>	<p>511 4th Ave NW Sara McMahon, Early Childhood Director, 507.437.3278 smcmahon@pacellschools.org</p> <p>http://www.pacellschools.org</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/Pacelli-Preschool-315062568510251/</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">St. Olaf Wee Learning Center</p>		<p>Preschool – 3 year olds 4-day mornings Tues-Fri 3-day afternoons Tues-Thur</p> <p>Preschool – 4 and 5 year olds 5-day mornings Mon – Fri 4-day afternoons – Mon-Thur</p> <p>Child Care – 6:30 am – 6:00 pm Age 16 mo. - 5 years.</p>	<p>306 2nd St Ne Lynsey O'Donnell, Director 507.433.6463 lodonnell@solc.org</p> <p>http://www.solc.org/wlc</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/WeeLearningCenterPreschool/</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Southland Preschool</p>		<p>School Readiness Age 4-5</p> <p>Play and Learn Age3-4</p> <p>ECFE - birth to 5</p>	<p>312 W Main St. in Adams, MN</p> <p>Southland Schools Early Childhood Coordinator Laura Stroup 507.582.3405 lstroup@isd500.k12.mn.us</p> <p>http://www.isd500.k12.mn.us/page/3034</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">YMCA ACRC Preschool</p>		<p>Busy Bees Age 33 mos.-3 years</p> <p>Stepping Stones Age 4 - 5 years</p> <p>Building Blocks Age 4-5 years</p> <p>Sprouts All Day (2 options) Ages 3-5 years</p>	<p>501 4th Avenue NE Melissa Hussey Child Development Director 507.433.1804 mhussey@ymca-austin.org</p> <p>https://ymcaataarc.org/facility/preschool-child-care/</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/ymcaataarc/</p>

K-12 Education






Organization	Activities	Contact Information
Pacelli Grades K-6 	K-6 Elementary School	311 4 th St NW Jean McDermott President/Principal jmcdermott@pacellschools.org Laura Marreel lmarreel@pacellschools.org 507-437-3278 www.pacellschools.org
Woodson Kindergarten Center 	Kindergarten Full Day 8:30am – 2:15pm Traditional or 45/15 Schedule	1604 4 th St SE Jill Rollie, Principal 507.460.1400 jill.rollie@austin.k12.mn.us www.austin.k12.mn.us/woodson
Banfield Elementary 	Elementary Grades 1-4	301 17 th St SW Jeff Roland, Principal 507.460.1200 Jeff.roland@austin.k12.mn.us https://www.austin.k12.mn.us/banfield
Neveln Elementary 	Elementary Grades 1-4	1918 Oakland Ave E David Wolff, Principal 507.460.1600 David.wolff@austin.k12.mn.us https://www.austin.k12.mn.us/neveln
Southgate Elementary 	Elementary Grades 1-4 Pi Academy (Highly Gifted)	1601 19 th Ave SW Katie Baskin, Principal 507.460.1800 Katie.baskin@austin.k12.mn.us https://www.austin.k12.mn.us/southgate
Sumner Elementary 	Elementary Grades 1-4 45/15 schedule	805 8 th Ave NW Sheila Berger, Principal 507.460.1100 Sheila.berger@austin.k12.mn.us https://www.austin.k12.mn.us/sumner




IJ Holton Intermediate School		Grade 5-6	1800 4 th Ave SE Dewey Schara, Principal 507.460.1525 dewey.schara@austin.k12.mn.us https://www.austin.k12.mn.us/ijholton
Pacelli Grades 7-12		7-12 Middle/High School	311 4 th St NW Jean McDermott President/Principal jmcdermott@pacellschools.org Laura Marreel lmarrreel@pacellschools.org 507-437-3278 http://www.pacellschools.org/
Ellis Middle School		Grade 7,8	1700 4 th Ave SE Jessica Cabeen, Principal 507.460.1500 jessica.cabeen@austin.k12.mn.us https://www.austin.k12.mn.us/ellis
Austin High School		Grades 9-12	301 3 rd St NW Andrea Malo, Principal 507.460.1800 Andrea.malo@austin.k12.mn.us https://www.austin.k12.mn.us/ahs
Austin Public Schools District Office		District Information for Registration and Programs	Central Enrollment Office https://www.austin.k12.mn.us/Pages/enrollment.aspx 401 3 rd Avenue NW 507.460-1937 Claudia Gormaz Central Enrollment Clerk (507)460-1937 claudia.gormaz@austin.k12.mn.us Map to District Office

Post-Secondary Education


Organizations	Activities	Contact Information
Riverland Community College 	Riverland Community College offers a wide range of traditional and online programs.	Contact the Admissions Office Email: admissions@riverland.edu Phone: 507.433.0600 https://www.riverland.edu/ https://www.facebook.com/MyRiverland/

Fitness Programs

Organization	Activities	Contact Information
Leisure	 <p>Austin Packer "Dome" Indoor track for use during winter months. Playing field space also available to rent. Mon-Fri. 6am-8pm Sat 8-3 Sun 12-5</p>	<p>Ben Schuller Facilities Coordinator 507-460-1928 ext.0555 benjamin.schuller@austin.k12.mn.us</p> <p>https://www.austin.k12.mn.us/Pages/activities/activities-dome.aspx</p>
Austin Youth Sports	 <p>Austin Youth Sports: Baseball, Basketball, Soccer, Football, Hockey, Softball, Wrestling Cedar River Archery Austin Trap Shooting Atlantis Swim Club Austin Packer Summer Swim Victory Volleyball Firearms Safety Training Tennis Golf</p>	<p>500 4th Ave. NE</p> <p>Kevin Nelson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry 507.433.1881 kevinn@ci.austin.mn.us</p> <p>Riley Donovan, Recreation Supervisor 507.433.1881 RileyD@ci.austin.mn.us</p> <p>Directory: http://www.ci.austin.mn.us/park-recreation/sports/youth-associations-directory</p>
Parks and Recreation	 <p>Programs for Youth and Adults Municipal Swimming Pool (closed this summer due to COVID-19) Riverside and Packer Arena (closed summer 2020: due to COVID-19) 28 Parks 15 miles of trails</p>	<p>500 4th Ave. NE</p> <p>Kevin Nelson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry 507.433.1881 kevinn@ci.austin.mn.us</p> <p>Riley Donovan, Recreation Supervisor 507.433.1881 RileyD@ci.austin.mn.us</p> <p>http://www.ci.austin.mn.us/park-recreation</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/Austin-Park-Recreation-Department-157487377635167/</p>
Riverside Figure Skating Club	 <p>Individual and group skating lessons Changes due to COVID-19</p>	<p>500 4th Ave. NE</p> <p>Contact: Alexa Dolan 507.433.1881 alexa.dolan@austin.k12.mn.us</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/Riverside-Figure-Skating-Club-186312971444115/</p>
YMCA	 <p>Changes due to COVID-19. Follow the Facebook page for updates as they change with the Governor's orders. Virtual classes Outdoor classes (registration only)</p>	<p>501 4th Ave NE</p> <p>Diane Baker, Executive Director 507.433.1804 dbaker@ymcaatacrc.org</p> <p>https://ymcaatacrc.org/</p>

		Open by reservation only	https://www.facebook.com/ymcaataarc/
Yoga/Martial Arts		Crossfit for Kids	1700 17 th Street NW Suite 2C 507.481.7797 https://crossfitfullforce.com/ fullforcecrossfit@gmail.com
		Yoga Studio of Austin	1700 17 th Street NW Suite 2C Kelly Kingland, Owner 507.440.1073 http://yogastudioofaustin.com/
		Impact Martial Arts We are a martial arts and fitness center, specializing in kid's karate and group fitness classes. We also offer TRX, boot camps, kickboxing and Catch 30 for the early risers.	312 N Main Street Troy Williams, Owner 763. 228.1591 senseit23@aol.com http://impactmartialartsandfitness.weebly.com/




Academic Programs

Organization	Activities	Contact Information
Austin Community Education  Austin Community Education Effortless Exploration	Adult Learning Community Education Early Childhood Family Education Early Childhood Special Education Kid's Korner Changes due to COVID-19	Community Learning Center Austin 912 1 st Ave NE Coordinator: Teri Wermager 507.460.1704 teri.wermager@austin.k12.mn.us https://www.austin.k12.mn.us/clc https://www.facebook.com/AustinCommunityEducation/


Hormel Nature Center		<p>Family programs</p> <p>Internships</p> <p>Youth Mentorship</p> <p>Volunteer opportunities</p> <p>Outdoor recreation</p> <p>Environmental education</p> <p>Summer adventure programs</p>	<p>1304 21st St NE</p> <p>Luke Reese, Director 507.437.7519 luke.reese@hormelnaturecenter.org</p> <p>http://www.hormelnaturecenter.org/</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/hormelnaturecenter/</p>
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Social Programs



Organization	Activities	Contact Information
4H		<p>4-H offers activities in: Science, engineering, technology, citizenship, leadership, healthy living, animal science</p> <p>Summer and day camps</p> <p>After school programs</p> <p>Changes due to COVID-19</p>
Girl Scouts		<p>Girl Scouts is the largest all-girl leadership program in the world. We offer programming in the outdoors, STEM, leadership, healthy living, entrepreneurship, and more.</p> <p>Grades K-12</p>
Boy Scouts of America	 	<p>Programs of the Boy Scouts of America are available to both Girls and Boys and includes:</p> <p>Cub Scouts – K-5th grade Scouts BSA – 6th-12th grade Venturing – 14-20 Year Olds Exploring – 14-20 Year Olds</p> <p>Programs focus on character development, personal fitness, and citizenship training. In addition, youth participate in age-appropriate activities. Visit the websites to find out more about the programs and activities available.</p>

Circle of Friends Camp		<p>5 days of programming for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). For grades 1-5</p> <p>Camps are modified this summer due to COVID-19</p>	<p>Director: Amy Dunning</p> <p>http://www.hormelhistorichome.org/circle-of-friends-day-camp.html</p> <p>For more information please contact the Hormel Historic Home at 507.433.4243 or autism@hormelhistorichome.org</p>
All Access Community Exploration		<p>3 week, 10 session camp focuses on helping the participants on the Autism Spectrum learn new skills and then use them in new situations. Grades 6-12</p> <p>Camps are modified this summer due to COVID-19</p>	<p>Camp Directors: Carrie Murphy and Chelsea White</p> <p>Please contact the Hormel Historic Home at 507.433.4243, or autism@hormelhistorichome.org with questions.</p>
Camp Just for Me		<p>For children on the Autism Spectrum who require more individualized attention. The camp serves kids ages 7-17 who will benefit from 1 on 1 staffing. Staffed by Special Education Professionals primarily from the Austin Public Schools and Mayo Clinic Health System Albert Lea/Austin.</p> <p>Camp Just for Me will allow young people with the greatest needs to experience games, art, music and community outings while being supported by qualified staff with a passion for helping.</p> <p>Camps are modified this summer due to COVID-19</p>	<p>Camp Director Kate Jordal</p> <p>Registration space is limited.</p> <p>Please call the Hormel Historic Home at 507-433-4243 or e-mail autism@hormelhistorichome.org to inquire about registering for Camp Just For Me.</p>

Arts and Culture Programs

Organization	Activities	Contact Information
Austin Area Commission for the Arts	 <p>Art classes Clay Cavern Music and Theater performances Free gallery shows \$5 movies on Wednesdays</p>	<p>300 N Main St.</p> <p>Laura Helle, Director 507.434.0934 director@austinareaarts.org</p> <p>www.austinareaarts.org</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/austinareaarts/</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Austin Dance Studios</p>		<p>Just for Kix Changes due to COVID-19</p> <p>Jane Taylor Changes due to COVID-19</p> <p>Acclaim Changes due to COVID-19</p> <p>Bridget's Dance Conservatory</p>	<p>St Olaf Church - 306 2nd St NW Marny Rohr 218.454.1451 austin_mn@justforkix.com , https://www.justforkix.com/danceclasses/austin-mn/</p> <p>424 Main St N Jane Taylor 507.582.7884 Natalie 507.440.4713 http://janetayloracademyofdance.webs.com/</p> <p>1300 18th Ave NW Suite D Miss Bridget 507-434-0057 acclaimstudioofdance@yahoo.com http://acclaimdance.com/</p> <p>213 S Main St Bridget Halvorson 507.279.4793 bridgetsdance@yahoo.com http://www.bridgetdance.com/website/resources.html</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Austin Music Studios</p>		<p>MacPhail School of Music</p> <p>Apold Music</p>	<p>MacPhail Center for Music 1600 8th Ave NW (East Building)</p> <p>Cheryl Berglund 507.396.6718 collins.cheryl@macphail.org</p> <p>To register for classes, contact: Alice Tytlutki 507.396.6719 Tylutki.alice@mcphail.org</p> <p>Summer camps: http://www.macphail.org/austin/</p> <p>106 W Oakland Ave</p> <p>Bill and Chad Apold 507.437.7217 http://apoldmusicmn.com/</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Hormel Historic Home</p>		<p>Museum open Mon – Fri 10:00-4:30 and includes many youth activity centers, History for Half Pints programming, scavenger hunt for children</p> <p>Admission Fee: \$5 for adults, free for 18 and under</p> <p>Changes due to COVID-19</p>	<p>208 4th Avenue NW</p> <p>Holly Johnson 433-4243 Holly@hormelhistorichome.org www.hormelhistorichome.org https://www.facebook.com/HormelHistoricHome/</p>

<p>Matchbox Childrens Theater</p>		<p>Summer Theater Camp Theater productions. Halloween Warm-up</p> <p>The mission of Matchbox Children's Theatre is to spark imaginations by presenting professional quality children's theatre on a consistent basis.</p> <p>Virtual camps due to COVID-19</p>	<p>211 1st Street SE (next to Austin Post Office)</p> <p>Angela Donovan (Board member) Janet Anderson (Board member) 507.437.9078 info@matchboxchildrenstheater.org</p> <p>http://www.matchboxchildrenstheatre.org/</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/MatchboxChildrensTheatre/</p>
<p>SPAM® Museum</p>		<p>14,000 square foot museum features 9 galleries with interactive games and photo opportunities. Admission is free.</p>	<p>101 3rd Avenue NE (507) 437-5100</p> <p>http://www.spam.com/museum</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/SPAMMuseumMN/</p>

2020 Summer Activity Kits

Scavenger Hunt/Hiking Kit

Daily Activities: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/6m06yi5czk2g2jq/Scavenger%20hunt%20hiking.pdf?dl=0>

Rock Painting: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/bam3ik0ned03csv/Rock%20Painting%20Flyer.pdf?dl=0>

Bug Hunt Guide: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/dw1temkqi0mrlx/Bug%20Hunt%20Guide.pdf?dl=0>

Bug Books: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/n96mwglq6beucji/Bug%20Books%20Available.pdf?dl=0>

Jay C. Hormel Nature Center Activity Book:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/p8mchi678cid91w/Activity%20Guide%20Book.pdf?dl=0>

Water Fun Kit

Water Fun Bingo: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/tpaeofgsbt8bgr0/Water%20fun%20bingo.pdf?dl=0>

Water Books: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/d522rp6ckmty0bq/WaterBooks.pdf?dl=0>

Water Balloon Activities:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/kraiop2qwezzik2/Water%20Balloon%20Activities.pdf?dl=0>

Summer Chalk Fun:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/q8uss2hf4psx0vc/Summer%20Chalk%20Fun.pdf?dl=0>

Outdoor Games/Activities Kit

Outdoor Games/Activities Jar:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/y0s5wwccxunwazp/Outdoor%20games%20activities%20jar.pdf?dl=0>

Outdoor Games/Activities How To:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/cn358cydhmqg3t/Outdoor%20games%20activities%20how%20to.pdf?dl=0>

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/b3z5grxmtfeho4v/Outdoor%20games%20ideas%20one%20pager.pdf?dl=0>

Outdoor Books: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/irw209pdmv9dvq8/Outdoor%20Book%20list%20ideas.pdf?dl=0>

Sundial: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/op6990i2q7gnody/Sun%20Dial%20Clock%20Face.pdf?dl=0>