

Summer Bucket List

2026

100+ sunny things to do with my crew this
summer

Ridgeville & Within an Hour

This guide belongs to:



How to Use This Bucket List

- ✓ Pick activities that sound fun to your family
- ✓ Color in or check off each box when you complete one
- ✓ Try to do at least one from each category
- ✓ Use the tracker at the back to count your adventures
- ✓ Write your favorite memory at the end
- ✓ No pressure – this is about fun, not finishing!



Tip: Keep this on the fridge or in the car so you always have ideas ready when boredom strikes!

Right Here in Ridgeville & on the Edisto

- 1. Float the Edisto River on tubes
- 2. Visit Givhans Ferry State Park
- 3. Catch fireflies at dusk
- 4. Ride bikes on a country road
- 5. Pick wildflowers by the roadside
- 6. Have a picnic at a local park
- 7. Watch the sunset from a field
- 8. Go fishing at a local pond
- 9. Visit the Ridgeville farmers market
- 10. Explore a new trail nearby
- 11. Splash in a creek
- 12. Stargaze from the backyard
- 13. Find a rope swing
- 14. Have a bonfire with s'mores



Make a Splash

- 1. Run through the sprinklers
- 2. Have a water balloon fight
- 3. Visit Splash Island at Whirlin Waters
- 4. Slip-n-slide in the yard
- 5. Go to a splash pad
- 6. Swim at the neighborhood pool
- 7. Play with water guns
- 8. Make DIY water bombs
- 9. Visit a waterfall
- 10. Go kayaking or canoeing
- 11. Try paddleboarding
- 12. Jump in puddles after a storm



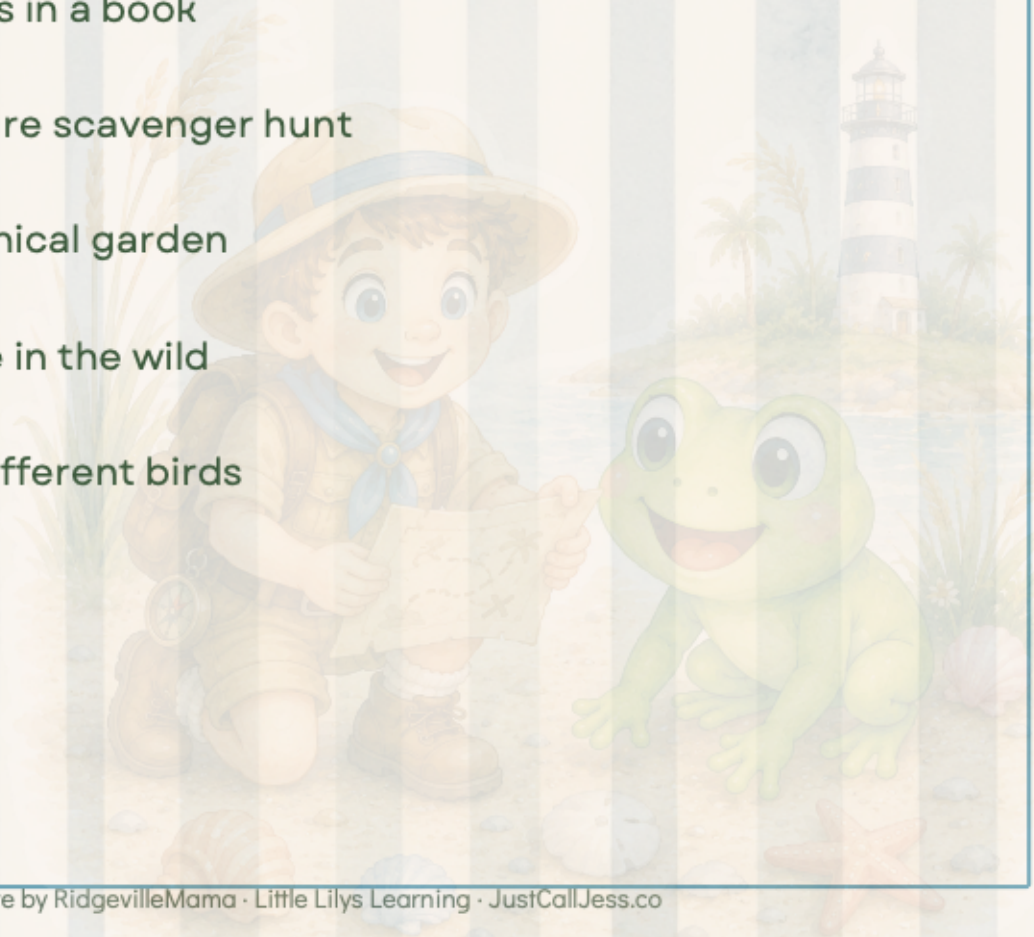
Free & Local in Summerville

- 1. Visit Azalea Park playground
- 2. Walk the Sawmill Branch Trail
- 3. Explore downtown Summerville shops
- 4. Attend a free library event
- 5. Visit Hutchinson Square
- 6. See a free outdoor movie
- 7. Attend a local festival
- 8. Visit the Summerville Farmers Market
- 9. Play at Doty Park
- 10. Explore the Flowertown trail
- 11. Have lunch at a local spot
- 12. Visit the Timrod Library



Parks, Trails & Nature

- 1. Hike at Caw Caw Interpretive Center
- 2. Visit Cypress Gardens
- 3. Explore Francis Marion National Forest
- 4. Go birdwatching
- 5. Find animal tracks on a trail
- 6. Climb a tree
- 7. Collect interesting rocks
- 8. Press flowers in a book
- 9. Go on a nature scavenger hunt
- 10. Visit a botanical garden
- 11. Spot a turtle in the wild
- 12. Identify 5 different birds



Beach Days

- 1. Build an epic sandcastle
- 2. Collect seashells
- 3. Fly a kite at the beach
- 4. Watch dolphins from shore
- 5. Try boogie boarding
- 6. Find a sand dollar
- 7. Have a beach picnic
- 8. Watch the sunrise at the beach
- 9. Go to Folly Beach
- 10. Visit Isle of Palms
- 11. Explore tide pools
- 12. Bury someone in the sand
- 13. Write your name in the sand



Charleston & Big-City Fun

- 1. Visit the SC Aquarium
- 2. Explore the Children's Museum
- 3. Walk the Ravenel Bridge
- 4. Take a carriage ride downtown
- 5. Visit Patriots Point
- 6. Eat at a waterfront restaurant
- 7. See the Pineapple Fountain
- 8. Visit the Charleston City Market
- 9. Take a ferry to Fort Sumter
- 10. Explore Rainbow Row
- 11. Visit a rooftop with a view
- 12. See street performers on King St

Animals, Farms & Critters

- 1. Visit a local farm
- 2. Feed goats or chickens
- 3. Go horseback riding
- 4. Catch tadpoles in a pond
- 5. Visit the zoo
- 6. Go on a bug hunt
- 7. Watch baby animals at a farm
- 8. Spot a deer in the wild
- 9. Visit a butterfly garden
- 10. Learn about a new animal
- 11. Set up a bird feeder
- 12. Find a frog (like Kiwi!)



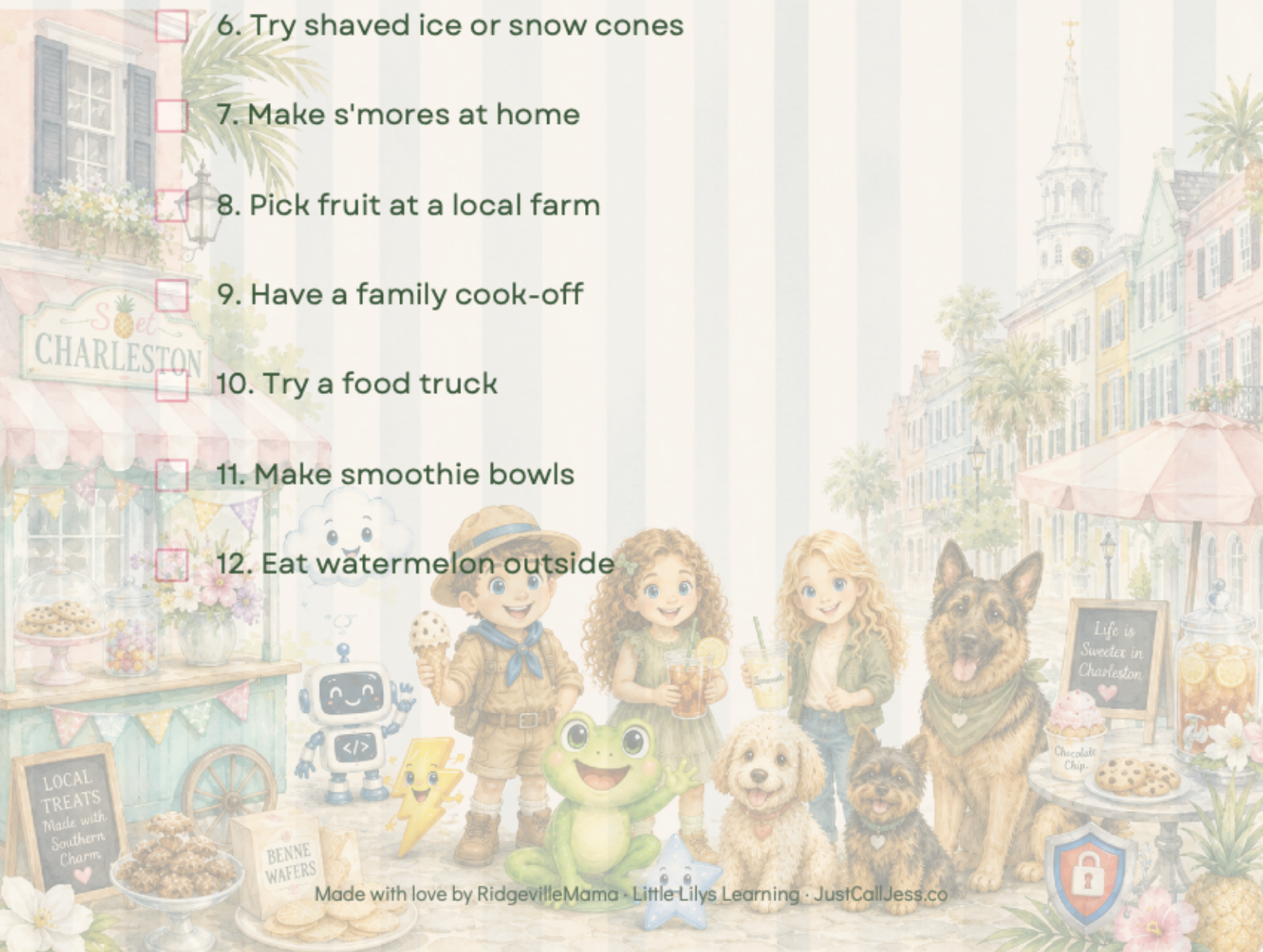
Too-Hot / Rainy-Day Escapes

- 1. Visit the library for storytime
- 2. Go bowling
- 3. Have a movie marathon day
- 4. Build a blanket fort
- 5. Do a puzzle together
- 6. Visit an indoor trampoline park
- 7. Have a baking day
- 8. Try a new craft project
- 9. Play board games all afternoon
- 10. Visit a local museum
- 11. Have an indoor picnic
- 12. Make homemade slime



Sweet Treats & Local Eats

- 1. Get ice cream from a local shop
- 2. Try a new restaurant together
- 3. Make homemade popsicles
- 4. Visit a bakery
- 5. Have a lemonade stand
- 6. Try shaved ice or snow cones
- 7. Make s'mores at home
- 8. Pick fruit at a local farm
- 9. Have a family cook-off
- 10. Try a food truck
- 11. Make smoothie bowls
- 12. Eat watermelon outside



Backyard & At-Home

- 1. Camp in the backyard
- 2. Have a water fight
- 3. Paint rocks
- 4. Make a fairy garden
- 5. Do sidewalk chalk art
- 6. Have a dance party
- 7. Build something with cardboard
- 8. Plant a garden together
- 9. Make tie-dye shirts
- 10. Have a family talent show
- 11. Set up an obstacle course
- 12. Watch a meteor shower
- 13. Make a time capsule



Just for the Littles (ages 7 & under)

- 1. Blow bubbles in the yard
- 2. Play in a kiddie pool
- 3. Make mud pies
- 4. Do a color scavenger hunt
- 5. Visit a playground you've never been to
- 6. Have a teddy bear picnic
- 7. Paint with fingers or feet
- 8. Play dress-up all day
- 9. Build with blocks or Legos
- 10. Read 10 books in one day
- 11. Make a nature collage
- 12. Play in the rain

Real Community Happenings

- 1. Attend a local summer festival
- 2. Go to a community pool day
- 3. Visit a free outdoor concert
- 4. Join a summer reading program
- 5. Attend a local parade
- 6. Visit a community garden
- 7. Go to a neighborhood block party
- 8. Attend a local sports game
- 9. Join a community clean-up
- 10. Visit a historical site nearby
- 11. Attend a craft fair or market
- 12. Go to a free family event

Local Spots & Rainy-Day Play

- 1. Visit a local bookstore
- 2. Go to an escape room
- 3. Try a new indoor playground
- 4. Visit a pottery painting studio
- 5. Go roller skating
- 6. Check out a comic book shop
- 7. Visit a local arcade
- 8. Try indoor rock climbing
- 9. Go to a matinee movie
- 10. Have a rainy-day art session
- 11. Visit a thrift store for treasures
- 12. Explore a new neighborhood



Eat & Play + The Y & Day Camps

- 1. Try a new pizza spot
- 2. Visit a donut shop
- 3. Go to Chick-fil-A playground
- 4. Have a picnic at a park
- 5. Try a smoothie shop
- 6. Eat outside at a patio restaurant
- 7. Sign up for a day camp
- 8. Try a sports camp
- 9. Attend a YMCA program
- 10. Do a VBS week
- 11. Try an art or music camp
- 12. Attend a nature camp

Our Top 10 Must-Dos

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How Many Did We Complete?

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out of
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 Ridgeville & Edisto: ___ / ___

 Summerville: ___ / ___

 Beach Days: ___ / ___


 Animals & Farms: ___ / ___

 Sweet Treats: ___ / ___


 Just for Littles: ___ / ___


 Local Spots: ___ / ___


 Make a Splash: ___ / ___

 Parks & Nature: ___ / ___

 Charleston: ___ / ___

 Rainy Day: ___ / ___

 Backyard: ___ / ___

 Community: ___ / ___

 Eat & Play: ___ / ___

**Here's to a summer of more
memories & fewer meltdowns!**

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The Never-Bored Summer Guide

2026

A day-by-day plan to keep the kids
busy all summer

Ridgeville & Within an Hour

Your family's summer fridge planner

Your Weekly Rhythm

Slow-Down Sunday

Every Sunday this summer!

Make-a-Splash Monday

Every Monday this summer!

Take-a-Trip Tuesday

Every Tuesday this summer!

Wild Wednesday

Every Wednesday this summer!

Library & Indoor Thursday

Every Thursday this summer!

Festival Friday

Every Friday this summer!

Sunshine Saturday

Every Saturday this summer!

June 2026

| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun |
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| 1 Sprinklers & Slip-n-Slide | 2 Givhans Ferry State Park | 3 Firefly Hunt at Dusk | 4 Timrod Library Storytime | 5 Summerville Farmers Market | 6 Azalea Park Playground | 7 Slow Morning & Popsicles |
| 8 Whirlin Waters Splash Island | 9 Folly Beach Day Trip | 10 Creek Walk & Bug Hunt | 11 CCPL Summer Reading Kickoff | 12 Flowertown Players Show | 13 Sounds on the Square | 14 Family Rest Day |
| 15 Splash Pad at Doty Park | 16 SC Aquarium Charleston | 17 Edisto River Tubing | 18 Third Thursday Street Market | 19 Outdoor Movie Night | 20 Sandcastle Contest | 21 Lemonade Stand Day |
| 22 Water Balloon Fight | 23 Isle of Palms Beach Day | 24 Nature Scavenger Hunt | 25 Bowling & Arcade | 26 Local Festival or VBS | 27 Farmers Market & Picnic | 28 Church or Rest Day |
| 29 Kiddle Pool & Bubbles | 30 Patriots Point Adventure | | | | | |

July 2026

| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun |
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| | | 1 Edisto River Tubing | 2 Library Craft Workshop | 3 4th of July Prep & Crafts | 4 Fireworks & Parade | 5 Slow-Down Family Day |
| 6 Splash Pad Doty Park | 7 Cypress Gardens | 8 Firefly Hunt & Creek Walk | 9 CCPL Summer Reading | 10 Summerville Farmers Market | 11 Folly Beach Day Trip | 12 Rest & Popsicles |
| 13 Whirlin Waters Splash Island | 14 SC Aquarium Charleston | 15 Nature Scavenger Hunt | 16 Third Thursday Street Market | 17 FlowerTown Players | 18 Bike Ride & Ice Cream | 19 Church or Rest Day |
| 20 Water Balloon Fight | 21 Isle of Palms Beach | 22 Givhans Ferry Hike | 23 Timrod Library Storytime | 24 Outdoor Movie Night | 25 Azalea Park Playground | 26 Backyard Camping |
| 27 Sprinklers & Slip-n-Slide | 28 Patriots Point Adventure | 29 Bug Hunt & Rock Painting | 30 Indoor Play Trampoline Park | 31 Local Festival or VBS | | |

August 2026

| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun |
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| | | | | | 1 Farmers Market & Splash Pad | 2 Church or Rest Day |
| 3 Whirlin Waters Splash Island | 4 Folly Beach Day Trip | 5 Creek Walk & Bug Hunt | 6 Timrod Library Craft Day | 7 Summerville Farmers Market | 8 Azalea Park Playground | 9 Slow Morning & Popsicles |
| 10 Sprinklers & Water Guns | 11 SC Aquarium Charleston | 12 Edisto River Tubing | 13 CCPL Reading Program | 14 Outdoor Movie Night | 15 Watermelon Fest & Bike Ride | 16 Family Rest Day |
| 17 Splash Pad Dory Park | 18 Isle of Palms Beach | 19 Nature Scavenger Hunt | 20 Third Thursday Street Market | 21 Flowertown Players | 22 Givhans Ferry Hike | 23 Backyard Camping |
| 24 Water Balloon Fight | 25 Patriots Point Adventure | 26 Firefly Hunt at Dusk | 27 Indoor Play Trampoline Park | 28 Local Festival or VBS | 29 Rock Painting & Crafts | 30 Church or Rest Day |
| 31 Back-to-School Prep & Treat | | | | | | |

Drop-In & Day-Pass Camps

No commitment needed! These local spots offer flexible drop-in days or single-week options.

- YMCA of the Lowcountry – day camps, sports, swim
- Summerville YMCA – weekly themes, flexible scheduling
- Camp Wannagoagain (Givhans Ferry) – outdoor adventure
- Flowertown Players – theater & drama camps
- Charleston County Library – free reading programs
- Summerville Recreation – sports & activity camps
- Local VBS options – free, themed weeks
- Art & music studios – half-day creative camps
- Martial arts studios – trial weeks available
- Swim lesson programs – local pools & the Y

Tip: Most camps fill fast! Register early and check cancellation policies before booking.

Where to Get the Details

Bookmark these for up-to-date info all summer:

Dorchester County Parks & Rec – dorchestercountysc.gov

Town of Summerville Events – summervillesc.gov

Charleston County Library – ccpl.org

Lowcountry Parent Magazine – lowcountryparent.com

Charleston Parks Conservancy – charlestonparks.com

YMCA of the Lowcountry – ymcalowcountry.org

RidgevilleMama on Facebook – local tips & updates

JustCallJess.co – printables & family resources

Summer Wrap-Up

Look back on your summer and fill these in together!

Favorite adventure:

Best rainy day activity:

Best snack or treat:

Funniest memory:

Place we want to visit again:

How many days did we make special?

Here's to a summer of more memories & fewer meltdowns!