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## How to Enjoy School Breaks as a Family in 2021

Each season brings extended breaks that give kids the opportunity to step away from their studies and school life for a moment. It's safe to say that these breaks are some of the best times of the school year for many young students, and they can also be an excellent opportunity for your entire family to reconnect and create new memories together.

Of course, things may still be a little different in your area if pandemic restrictions are in place, but that doesn't mean that you can't have a safe and awesome time together. [Lake Ponderosa Association](#) has provided some practical advice for how your family can get the most out of school breaks this year:

### **Getting the Right Gear**

Whether you're going on a road trip, exploring your hometown, or planning some fun indoor activities at home, you may need to invest in some new gear and equipment to make sure everyone can have fun during school break. For example, your child could benefit from getting a new smartwatch. There are smartwatches on the market today specifically designed for kids. These devices provide [parental controls](#), GPS capability, medical ID features, and many other technologies that can keep your child safe and healthy.

## **Road Trippin'**

The safest way to travel right now is perhaps going out of town in your vehicle. Research all the attractions within a few hours of your home, and start [planning](#) a trip your whole family will enjoy. Maybe there are apple orchards, national parks, or museums in your vicinity. Or, perhaps you prefer to get a vacation rental at a beautiful lake, beach, or mountain town.

If you decide to take a road trip, start planning now so that you can save money and pave the way for a good time. Start looking for deals on hotels or vacation rentals, and book [accommodations](#) now to ensure that you don't have problems finding a place later on. Consider buying snacks in bulk to take with you on the road, as well as bottled water. If you will be staying at a vacation rental or a suite with a kitchen, you can buy groceries once you arrive at your destination and [cook meals](#) rather than dining out for every meal.

## **Keeping It Local**

You don't have to leave town to have a good time with your family over the school break. Take this opportunity to get to know your city better. Make a list of [local restaurants](#) that you still haven't tried, and check a few of them off over the weekend. Visit any local museums, historic sites, or activity centers that your family has never gone to, and see what kinds of shops your town has to offer. Not only will spending money in your hometown support local small businesses and community organizations, but it will also provide the opportunity to spend quality time together without having to pack and prepare for a trip.

## **Vacationing at Home**

Finally, you can have just as much fun with your family at home if you plan it right! There are endless ways to create memories and connect without leaving your property. For example, you could shape up your lawn and make sure your [backyard](#) facilitates some fun activities like badminton, outdoor art projects, or football. You could even set your family up for backyard camping.

Moreover, look for fun indoor activities that your family can enjoy together. Set up camp in the [living room](#), throw a game night complete with snacks and treats, or arrange a marathon of your favorite movie series. The key is to take time planning activities while also leaving room for some spontaneity.

Your family could have the best school breaks yet this year if you plan a little bit ahead of time. Make sure you have all the gear you need for a fun time. Consider taking a road trip to a place none of you have ever been. Or, see what your hometown has to offer. If your family doesn't feel like leaving home, all you have to do is think of some fun activities and make it happen!

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