



SUMMER BUCKET LIST

Activities for the Whole Family

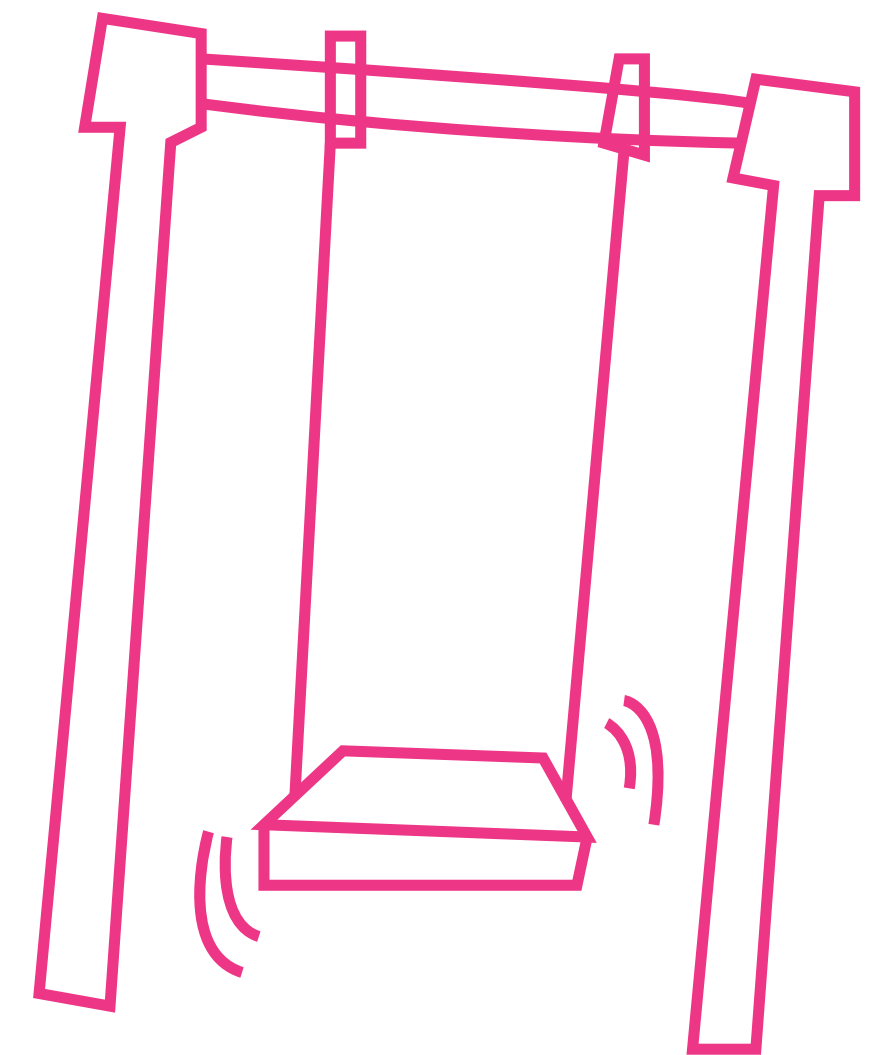
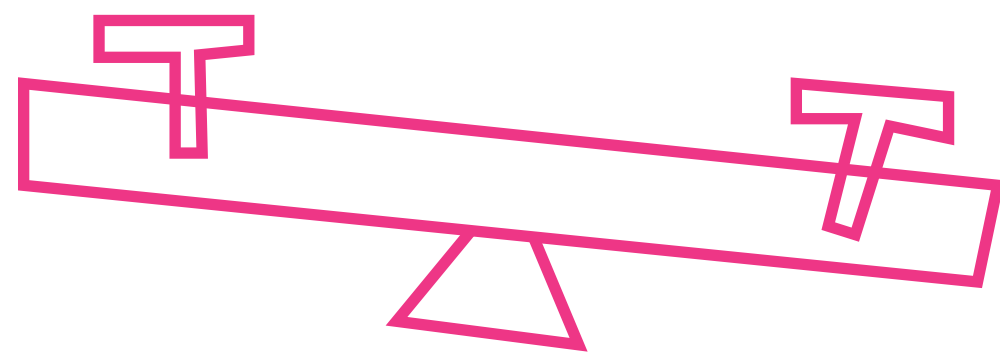
Summer break brings slower schedules, warmer weather, and the opportunity to make memorable moments as a family. Memorable moments don't always need to involve an out-of-town trip. Make a bucket list with your family for this summer to turn everyday moments into lasting memories.

Here are some Summer Bucket List ideas you can do without leaving your town (or maybe your state).

#1

GO TO A NEW PARK

Research all the parks your city has and find one or two to visit this summer that you've never been to.



#2

ATTEND A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

The library and other community organizations often offer free events throughout the summer. Look them up and decide on a few to attend as a family.

#4

PLAN A SURPRISE WATER BALLOON FIGHT

This will definitely be a memorable moment! You can even fill a few balloons with shaving cream for an added surprise. Plan a time to surprise your kids with a water balloon fight. Invite neighbors to join in too.

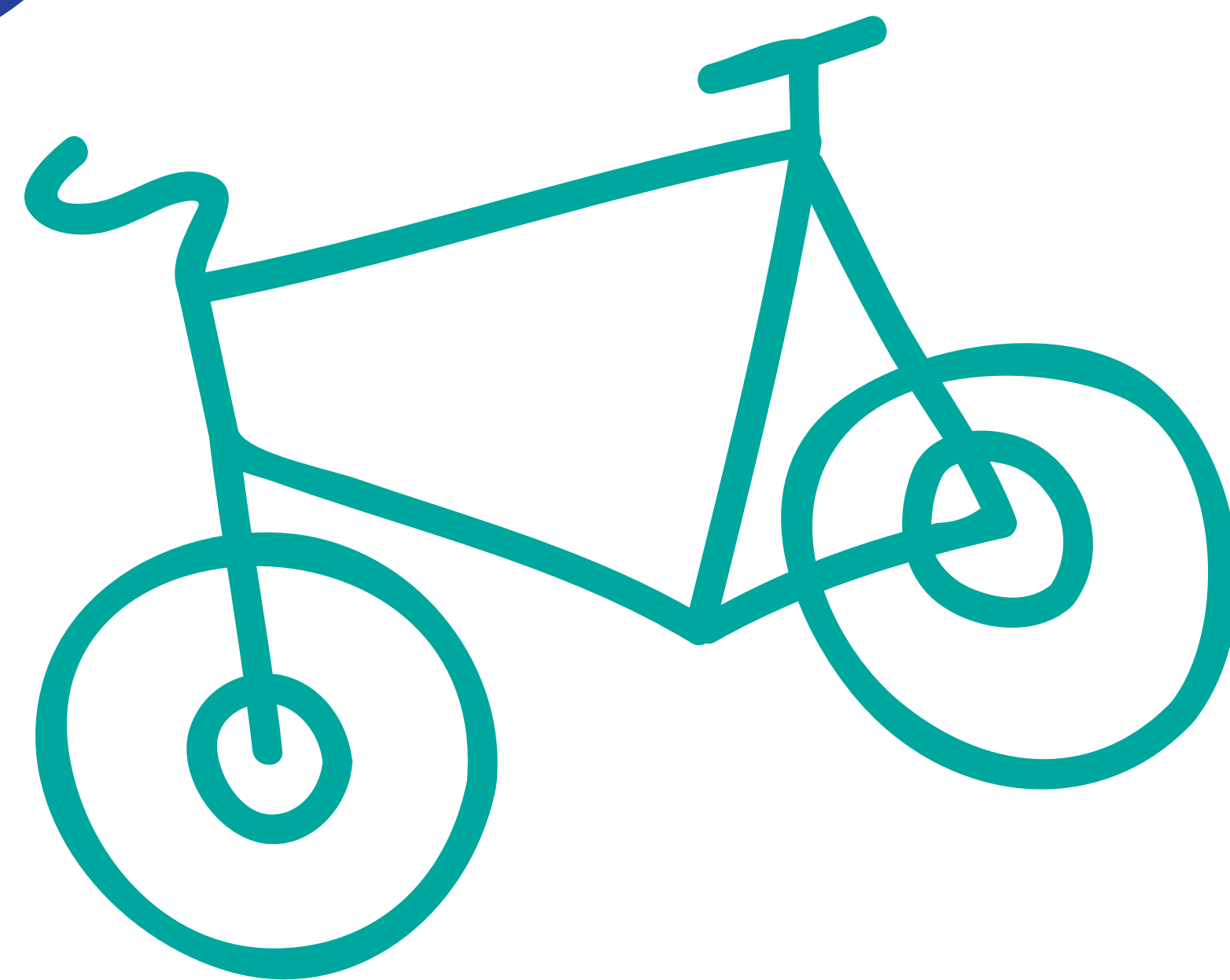
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#5 STARGAZE

Grab a blanket and binoculars and lie out under the stars together looking at constellations. Here's a guide to help you know how to spot constellations.

#3

GO FOR A BIKE RIDE



Jump on a bike with your kids and cruise through the neighborhood or a local park.

#6 CATCH FIREFLIES

Watching and catching fireflies is an experience that stays fun no matter your age. If your yard doesn't have a lot of fireflies go for a drive and find a field or wooded area.



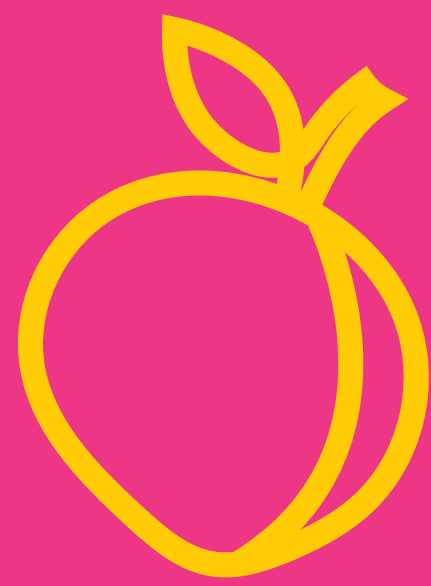
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GO ON A SCAVENGER HUNT

Create a scavenger hunt around your town
and end at your favorite ice cream shop!

GO TO A FARMER'S MARKET #8

Visit a local farmer's market for fresh, seasonal produce, vegetables, and baked goods.



#9

HAVE AN OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

It will be a late bedtime but a fun memory!
You can use a white sheet and a projector for the movie screen or simply bring a tv outside, it doesn't have to be fancy to be fun. Grab bags of popcorn and enjoy a movie outdoors.





#10

FIND PAINTED ROCKS OR GEOCACHES

Go on a hunt around your town for painted rocks or geocaches.
Make sure to leave some for others to find!



#11 LEMONADE STAND

Everyone loves a cold glass of lemonade on a hot summer afternoon.

Help your kids set up a lemonade stand.

You can use the proceeds for a toy they want or give to charity.

#12

GRILL OUT



BESIDE THE POOL OR WATERFRONT



Spend a day waterside. Grill out beside your neighborhood pool or a local lake or river. Invite friends to join you and bring a side to share.

GO CANOEING, KAYAKING, OR TUBING DOWN A RIVER

This may not be local to your town, but worth a short drive. Find a river that offers canoeing, kayaking, or tubing with drop-off and pick-up locations. Typically this is an inexpensive outing but lots of fun!



#13

EAT AT A NEW RESTAURANT

#14

Find a new restaurant your family has never eaten at. Go outside the box and try a different cuisine than you usually pick.



#15 HAVE A PICNIC

It may seem simple, but a picnic is always fun because it's different. You can have a picnic in your backyard or at a park. Keep a blanket in your car for spur-of-the-moment opportunities when you're picking up fast food. Instead of eating in the car, stop at a park and enjoy the outdoors.

PLAY IN THE RAIN & SPLASH IN PUDDLES

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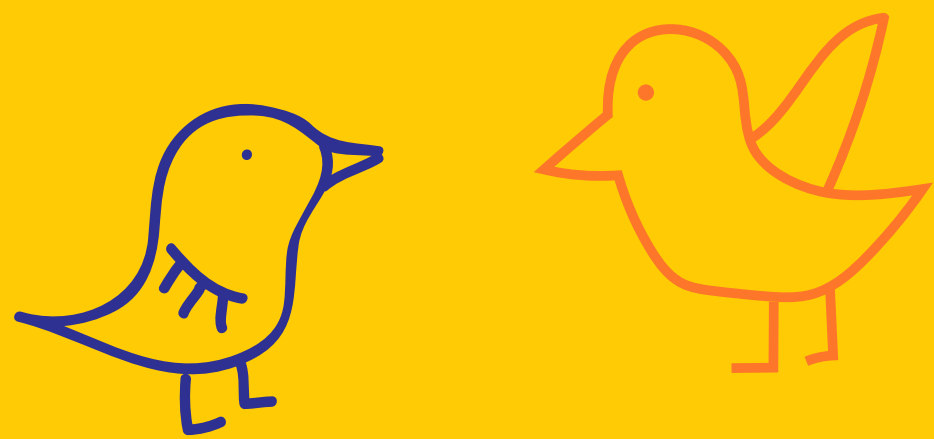
Summer rain showers are some of the best for playing. Go dance in the rain or splash in the puddles they leave.



#17 WATCH FOR BIRDS AND BUTTERFLIES



Set up a bird feeder or plant a butterfly bush in your backyard and then spend time each day watching for the different birds and butterflies that visit.



#18

LEARN SOMETHING NEW

Choose something as a family to learn together. It could be a new hobby, sport, skill, or even just a board game.



#19

BAKE COOKIES & TAKE THEM TO FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS

Use a homemade recipe or the break-and-bake.
Deliver them to neighbors on your bikes or to friends
while you drive around with the windows down.



#20 CLIMB TREES

This one may provide a challenge, but find a tree you can climb and swing from the branches together as a family.

CREATE A SUMMER PLAYLIST AND HAVE OUTDOOR DANCE PARTIES

#21



Turn the music up and have a dance party on your porch or backyard.
You may even inspire your neighbors to join in!



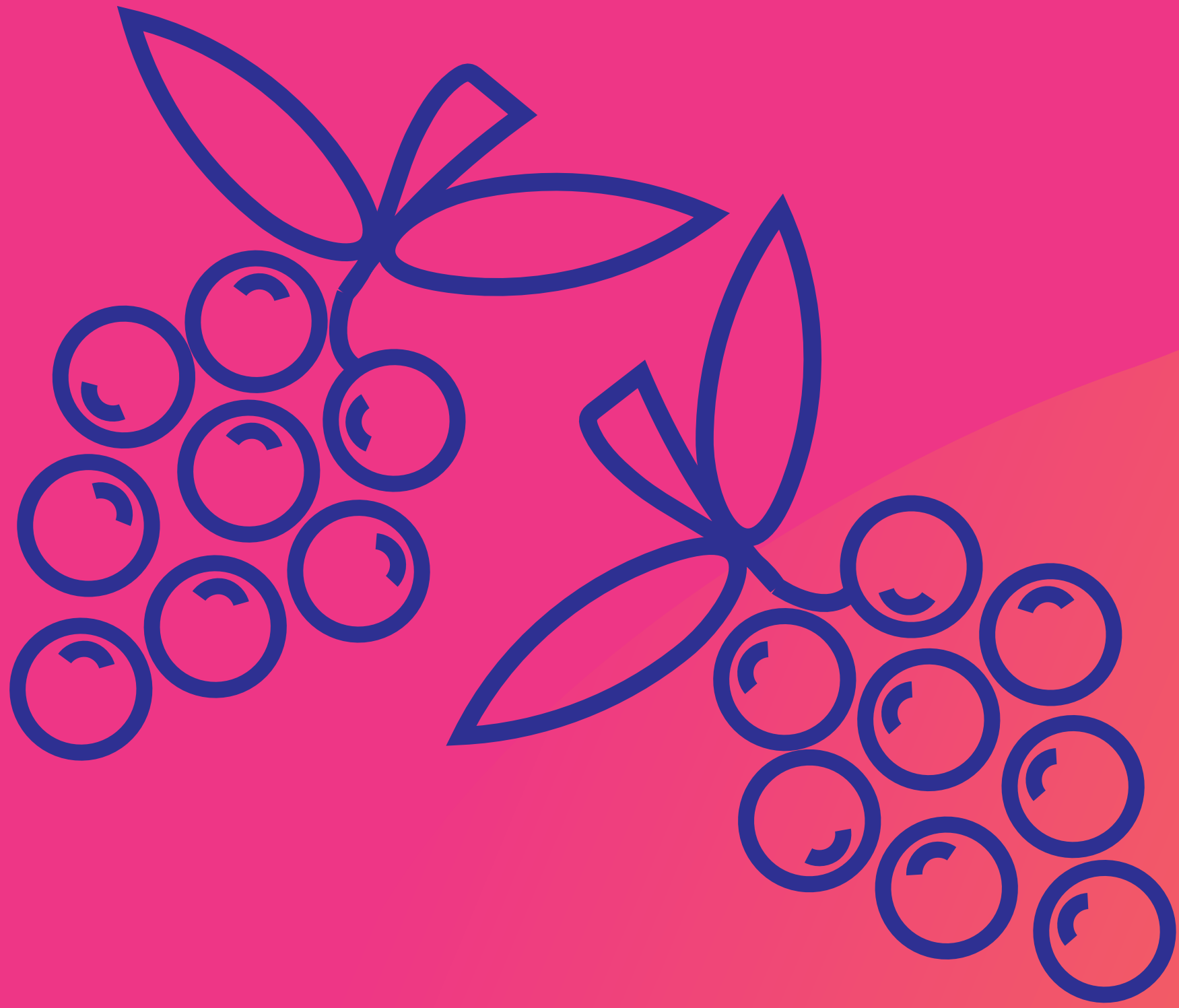
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#22

CREATE AN OBSTACLE COURSE

Grab some rope and any items you have lying around—hula hoops, pillows, bean bags. Create an obstacle course outside or in your living room and take turns running it.

#23



PICK BERRIES AT A LOCAL FARM

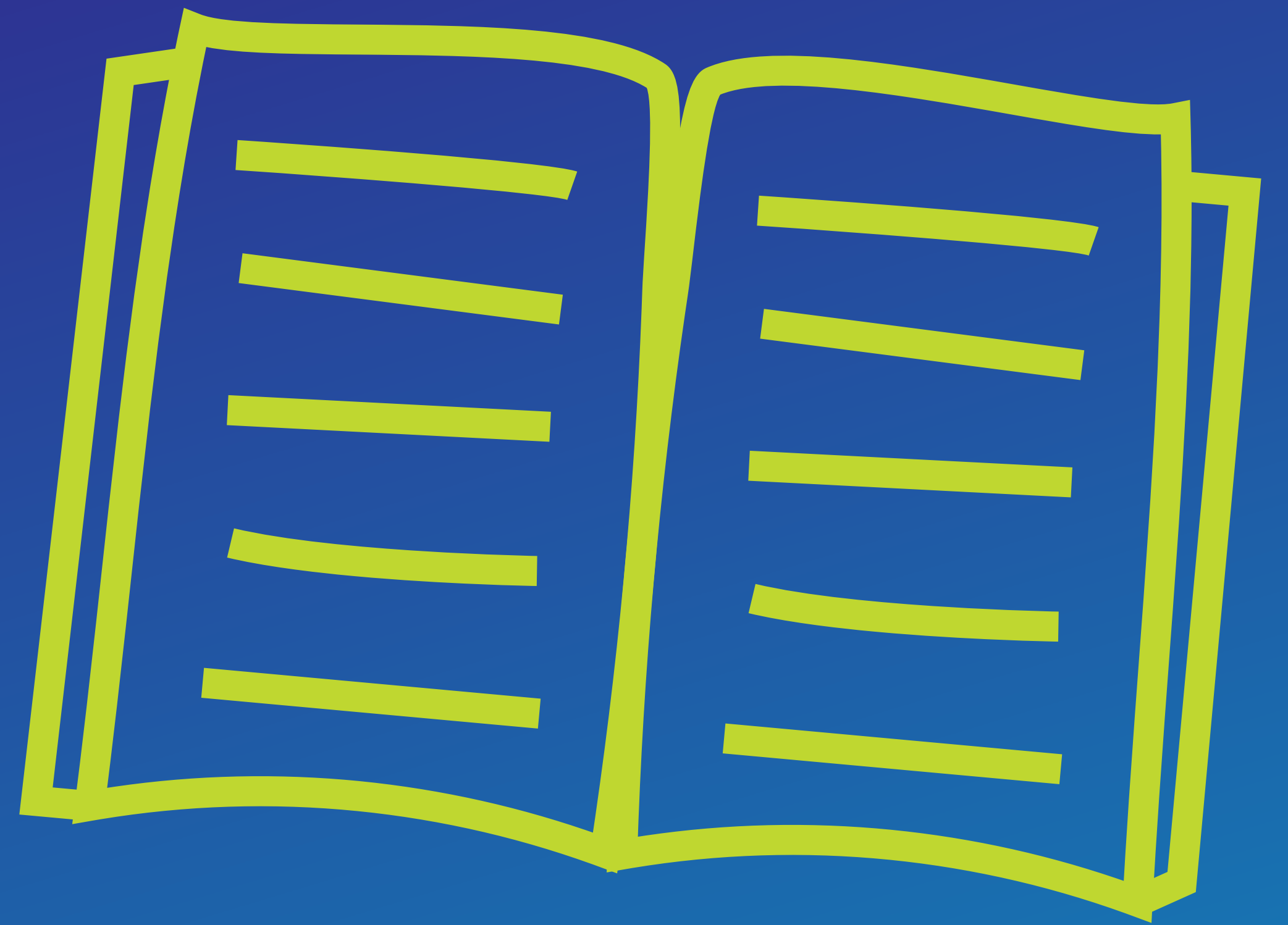
You might be surprised how close you are to a farm! Some of your neighbors may have blueberry and strawberry bushes you can pick from. Do a quick search to find local u-pick farms in your area.



#24

READ A BOOK AS A FAMILY

Pick a best-selling book or book series to read through together as a family over the summer.



#25 WATCH A SUNRISE

Set your alarm (and the coffee maker)
and find a place to watch the sunrise together.





MAKE #26 HOMEMADE ICE CREAM



It's not as hard as it sounds. Pinterest is full of recipes that don't even use an ice cream maker. But you can always grab an ice cream maker at the store and enjoy!

HANG UP A HAMMOCK OR SWING



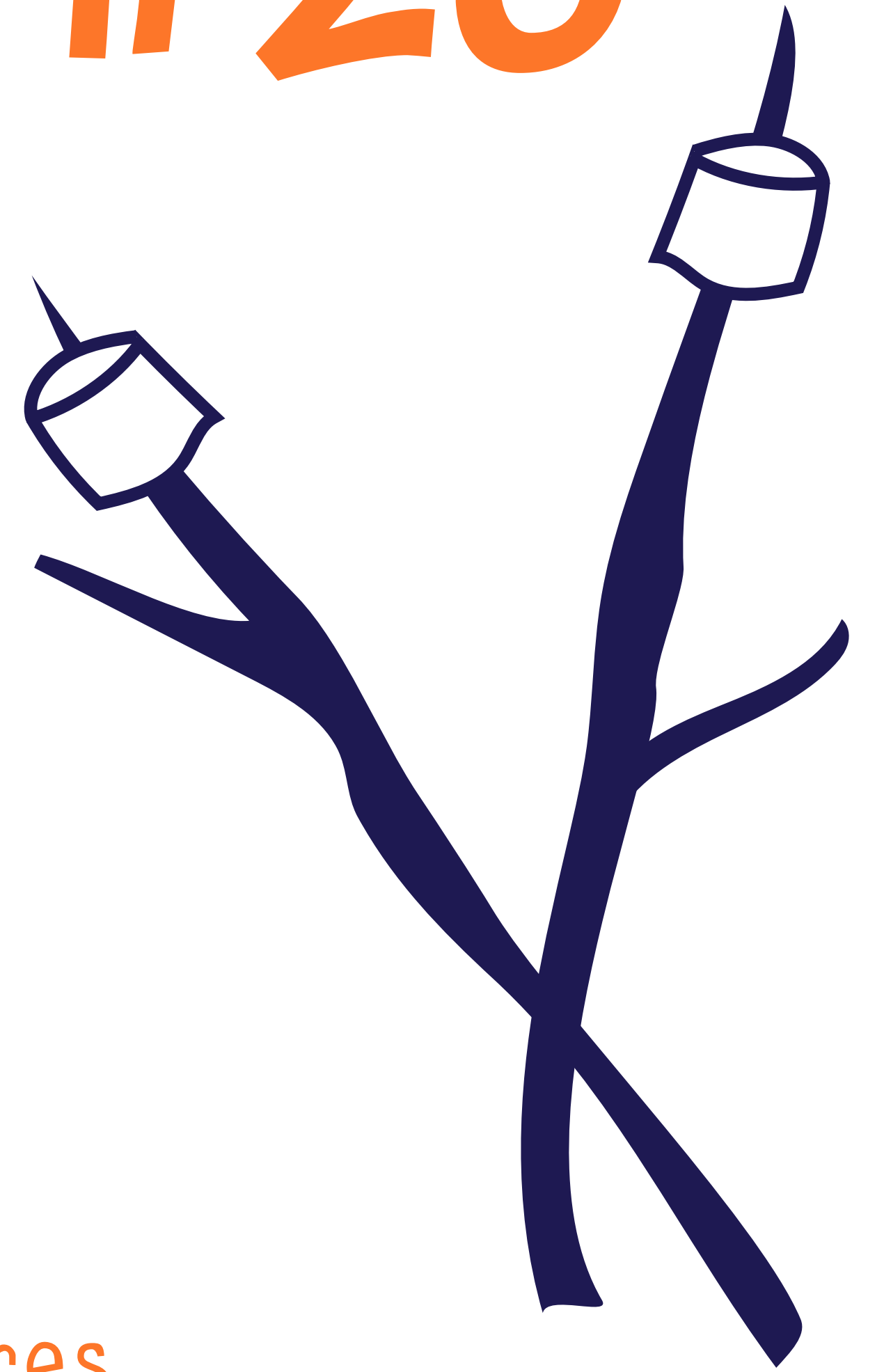
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Put up a hammock or swing in your backyard and enjoy swinging in the summer afternoon breezes.



HAVE A BONFIRE AND MAKE S'MORES

#28



Nothing says summer like s'mores.
Invite over friends for s'mores and outdoor games.



#29

PLAY IN THE SPRINKLER

Sprinklers are great for more than just watering the grass! Set up a slip-n-slide or obstacle course and cool off jumping through the water.

#30

GO GARAGE SALE, THRIFT STORE, OR ESTATE SALE HOPPING



Pick a Saturday to hop around to garage and estate sales and thrift stores. You may not come across an amazing find but you'll likely be reminded of your childhood and get to share stories with your children.