

# Family Fun On A Budget



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# Myths About Family Outings

Children only enjoy  
events that are:

- Expensive
- Popular
- Crowded





# Facts About Family Outings

Children enjoy your:

- Time
- Attention
- Curiosity
- Shared interest
- Smiles/laughter



# Deciding Where to Go

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Do a Little Detective Work Before Heading Out

- What is being offered
- Admission costs
- Hidden expenses
  - transportation
  - parking
  - food
  - souvenirs



# Considerations Before Making Final Decision

Is the event

- Suitable for different ages if more than one child will attend
- Something that your child(ren) is interested in
- Offered during a time that works for your family





# Become More Aware of Community Events



Each Month Check Out  
Community Event Sources:

- On-Line Listings
- Monthly Parenting Magazines
- Community newspapers/publications
- Local news

# Plan Ahead to Cut Costs



Create a budget for the event



Take Your own food, snacks and water



Arrive Early for best free/low-cost parking options



Consider the cost of family memberships/passes



# Kids Can Contribute to Costs of Special Outings

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- Allowance
- Chores
- Fund Raisers





# Take it to the Streets

- Local Beach
- Bike riding
- Kite flying
- Playground
- Backyard picnic
- Local sports game





# Make It a Group Event

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## Consider

- Buying group tickets to events
- Joining a playgroup
- Planning a neighborhood party

