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To: Golden Prairie 4-H Families and All Families with Youth

I have seen many links posted to Facebook of all the fun “StayCations” you could have while at home with kids. I decided to help out a little further and do the digging for the valid websites that are free or reduced priced for the time being. Hopefully this helps keep us all busy, educated, and sane during this time frame.

I also see a lot of daily time charts to keep children on a schedule. I highly suggest using one you have found or creating one that is relevant to your family’s needs. Routines can keep the day moving along, and keep little minds focused for short periods before we move on to the next big thing. Hopefully these tips help, but you know what is best for your family. If only the weather was nicer so we can be outside.....

Here are Museum and Zoo links for virtual tours or other live/recorded events:

Cincinnati Zoo- hosting live feeds at 3 pm daily with different animals ever day on Facebook- follow them at *Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Gardens*...today’s animal is Fiona the Hippo!!!!

San Diego Zoo- Live Animal Cams <https://zoo.sandiegozoo.org/live-cams>

Monterey Bay- Live Video Feeds <https://www.montereybayaquarium.org/animals/live-cams>

Yellowstone National Park- Virtual Tour
<https://www.nps.gov/yell/learn/photosmultimedia/virtualtours.htm>

Niagara Falls- https://www.earthcam.com/canada/niagarafalls/?cam=niagarafalls_str

Great Wall of China- <https://www.thechinaguide.com/destination/great-wall-of-china>

British Museum of London- <https://britishmuseum.withgoogle.com/>

The Guggenheim-
https://artsandculture.google.com/streetview/solomon-r-guggenheim-museum-interior-streetview/_jAHfbv3JGM2KaQ?hl=en&sv_lng=-73.95907660128431&sv_lat=40.78286339167797&sv_h=-129.77592323895036&sv_p=0.20036626888109765&sv_pid=fLFWWMSrw4sOdDehC43iSw&sv_z=2.440223094306514

The Smithsonian- <https://www.si.edu/> literally anything on here looks fun!

Here are some fun learning places online:

Highlights for Kids-

https://www.highlightskids.com/?fbclid=IwAR1fOR6_u3RmEOIBm5H6J6omV3Wq9HyqxCnKoEwpc3bmrAEfWPtQ8KOiZI

Break Out Edu-

https://www.breakoutedu.com/funathome?fbclid=IwAR1aypqboQphnI0zaTYOS2BGYYAUGM6x5wf1Nv-LE7ahwc3K3z56_h1FYw0

Scholastic- <https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html>

ABCmouse- Free Trial for 30 days and 49% off annual subscription

<https://www.abcmouse.com/abt/homepage?8a08850bc2=T3335683515.1584378120.2851>

And there are always at home fun ideas:

Arts and Crafts, Baking, Building Forts, Exploring the outdoors (just keep your safe distance 😊), maybe this is the week kids learn to fold their clothes, make beds, build fences, etc.....I know shooting for the stars with this one!

Bike Rides, Starting garden seeds, grass hand print craft, card games, family yoga time, board games, going through old clothes, shoes, toys for donation....basically it's like a blizzard power outage but with the power, thank you Disney+ & Netflix!!!!

I really like the idea of sending cards and gifts to the nursing homes and long term care. Ours is on lock down currently so they could probably use some cheering up. I bet some of the residents would enjoy a pen pal! Probably even some of the hospital guests! I will see how we can go about getting such items to them, and let everyone know.

If I come across any other good sources, I will send those out too. And as always there is prepping/practice for all those fair entries to come up! I know we got some sewing projects to get started, maybe even get them finished in our house!

Good luck over the next few weeks, and please let me know if there is anything we at the Extension office can do to help!