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## Easter Weekend

### Easter Activities for Kids

A lot of the attention at Easter time is paid to the Easter egg hunt, but there are plenty of other Easter activities that are fun and festive. Scan through these ideas to get inspiration for ways to occupy kids at your Easter get-together or any other time during the month. **Easter Scavenger Hunt:** For a new twist on the old egg hunt, try a scavenger hunt. Organize the kids into teams, and then write clues on small slips of paper. Each piece of paper will lead the kids to the next egg and the next. Start each team out with an egg in a conspicuous place. From there, you can make each egg hiding place more difficult. Make sure that each team has a child who can read, or an adult to help them out. The first team to get to the last egg wins a special prize. **Handprint Lambs:** You can use this fun activity to track your child's growth from year to year. Trace your child's hand on black construction paper or foam. Glue cotton balls on the palm of the hand shape. The exposed thumb and fingers will be the lambs head and legs. Add a wiggly eye on the thumb and a small black triangle for an ear. You can turn the lamb into a magnet with some magnetic tape or use it as a wall decoration. **Paper Egg Decorating:** Cut out large egg shapes, and then provide the kids with markers, paint and other art supplies. You can give out prizes for the most colorful egg, the most creative and the most original. Display them on the windows and around the house. **"Hot Egg":** This game is perfect before or after the Easter egg hunt. Take a plastic Easter egg, and arrange the children in a circle. Play some fast-paced music as the kids pass around the egg "hot potato" style. When the music stops, the player holding the egg is out. Continue doing rounds until there's a winner. **Easter Fashion Show:** Everyone gets dressed up nicely for Easter Sunday, so why not show it off? You can organize a fashion show for right after dinner. Line the kids up, and play some music. Have each of them walk forward and strike his or her best pose at the end of a paper runway.

## MAY 27-30 MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND.....*Remember our Fallen Heroes*

Memorial Day, which falls on the last Monday of May, honors the men and women who died while serving in the American military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, at least, it marks the beginning of summer. In 2012, Memorial Day is observed on May 28. A full schedule of new FUN-tastic games and activities all weekend long for the young & young at heart at our campgrounds! Complimentary ice cream social, bingo, tie-dye, scavenger hunt, hay wagon, trolley & fire truck rides.

**Pirates Weekend - Arrgh!** Be thee feared...Black Beard's VS. Yellow Bellies! All ye pirates search for the hidden treasure with your flashlights for those who dare to be out after dark! There'll be sword fights, test yer grit in the cannon ball competition, fill ye bellies with ice Cream. Dive for treasure in the Shark Bay. There'll be pirate bootie bingo & who's got the key to the treasure chest? Bring, yer pirate hats and eye patches! Peter Pan/Pirate Costume Contest! Landlubbers Beware! Yo-ho-ho! - Provide a perfect, picturesque setting for all the mayhem & merriment of a Pirate Festival. Make it a "must attend" event for boaters, bikers, re-enactors & families alike from all over the Midwest & beyond. The event could include: Invasions, a Thieves Marketplace, a Gruel Galley, a Buccaneer Bash, fireworks, children's activities, demonstrations, educational exhibits, musicians, comedians, a parade, a pirate ship & much more. Could include a Walk the Plank!

that has the most friends coming will win the Super Prize. Make sure they keep it a secret until the weekend when the Prize will be presented.

### **Mother's Day Party Games**

Mother's Day Party is complete only when there are some funny games to add zing to the day. All guests invited to party would enjoy celebration of Mothers Day only when there are games to play. You can plan out some special games with your friends to be played with your mom and her friends. Some interesting games which can be played on mothers day are dumb charades, song competition, passing the parcel etc.

### **Father's Day Weekend**

Pig Roast – Horseshoe tournament – Euchre Tournament – Tom & Huck Canoe Trip – Fishing Derby – 70's Disco Dads get their day with family vacation activities held during Father's Day theme weekends in June. Go fishing with Dad and maybe even Grandpa too! Dads and kids can pair up to compete in a potato sack race or watermelon eating contest. And an annual Father's Day favorite is the Miss Jellystone Park contest – a pageant where Dads dress up in ladies attire and compete against each other for the coveted "Miss Jellystone Park" crown. It's a truly memorable event and makes for great family photos

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade** – Decorate Bikes – Golf Carts – 4 Wheelers – Make Hats to wear – Watermelon Eating – Fireworks – Could feature a daily hot-air balloon launch, plus children's activities and a craft fair.

### **JULY 22-24 WET-&-WILD...SUPER SOAKER**

For Campers with a sense of humor & no fear of getting wet! Getting wet is part of the fun! Cool off with river crossing, water balloon & soggy games, ADULT vs. KIDS hey wagon water fight & much more! What a BLAST with the KOA fire truck! Bring your water guns! Drench your self! WEATHER FORECAST-100% chance of FUN at KOA! **Good Luck staying dry this weekend!**

**Kids Rule Weekend** – Tye Dye - Squirt Gun Wars – Crazy Balloon Hats – Sand Art – Lollipop Hunt – Beach volleyball – Face Painting - Carnival, Music, Bicycle parade, Parachute-team show, Flyover and Fireworks

### **Halloween Weekend – Scavenger Hunt - Ghouls Rule!**



Come if you dare for some screams & shrieks, giggles & fun! Haunted House, ghost stomp, site-to-site trick or treating, bonfire with free marshmallows, mummy wrap, crafts, and our Halloween scavenger hunt are some of our happenings brewing this weekend! Prizes for the best costumes...including pet costume contest, pumpkins, scarecrows and site decorating! Win Free Camping! Magical Pumpkin Patch! Who's going to find the **GOLDEN** pumpkin? Don't forget to bring your pumpkins for the painting and craving contest! **THERE ARE SOME THINGS IN LIFE YOU CAN COUNT ON..... WE'RE GOING TO SCARE YOU!!! WE PROVIDE THE SCARES AND YOU'LL PROVIDE THE SCREAMS!!! LIVE THE NIGHTMARE!** Come prepared for a Halloween Haunted Adventure. You could walk through the haunted graveyard where the **DEAD** are not always **DEAD**. See if you can make it out **ALIVE!** Don't let the darkness get to you as you walk through...hold on tight as you venture. Unnatural things go on in this place. Things are not quiet on the campground property during the Harvest Moon with strange events that have been occurring here as far back as when the repairman George disappeared. Be on the look out for George



slot machines are a great touch. Play some old Sinatra in the background. And don't forget the theme of money. Money, money, money! Have some fake dollar bills, coins and gambling chips all about the place. You can find fake slot machines as center pieces to put around. You can also have playing cards set on the tables. **The Supplies** - Paper plates with playing cards on them are very clever, but if you can't find them choose plates, napkins and utensils that are black, silver and gold. **The Food and Drink** - Your guests will be gambling and playing games, so you want to pick foods that are easy for them to eat while they play. Stuffed mushrooms, small quiches, coconut shrimp, mozzarella sticks, bruschetta and cheese and crackers are all ideas of good snacks. When it comes to drinks, theme your party with dirty martini's, lemon drops and some slow sippers like Scotch and Whiskey. This will definitely keep your guests feeling like big rollers. **Party Favors** - If you play with real money, hopefully your guests will go home winners. Either way, let them leave with a little something. Chocolate playing cards, swanky candles, martini glasses or a deck of cards are great little favors for your guests to remember their night in "Vegas".

**Fishing Weekend** - Depending on location and fish in the area - Have contests for most fish caught, largest fish caught, age of fisherman, first fish caught, best fishing story,

Fishing is the activity of hunting for fish. It is an ancient and worldwide practice that dates back about 10,000 years with various techniques and traditions and it has been transformed by modern technological developments. Fishing continues to be a favorite pastime in the United States, in 2001, 16% of the U.S. population 16 years old and older (34 million anglers) spent an average of 16 days fishing. Freshwater fishing was the most popular type of fishing with over 28 million anglers devoting nearly 467 million angler-days to the sport.

#### ***Things to promote: Safety While Fishing***

If using a boat to fish, wear your life jacket and make sure that your passengers wear theirs, too! - Use caution when baiting and removing hooks - Do not fish on unauthorized waterways. If operating a houseboat, be careful of carbon monoxide build-up around the boat - Obey the posted speed limits and wake warnings if using a watercraft when fishing - Bring along extra safety items such as water, flashlights, maps, and a cell phone or radio

#### **Mardi Gras Weekend**

##### **Mardi Gras Background/History**

The history of Mardi Gras began long before Europeans set foot in the New World. In mid February the ancient Romans celebrated the *Lupercalia*, a circus like festival not entirely unlike the Mardi Gras we are familiar with today. When Rome embraced Christianity, the early Church fathers decided it was better to incorporate certain aspects of pagan rituals into the new faith rather than attempt to abolish them altogether. Carnival became a period of abandon and merriment that preceded the penance of Lent, thus giving a Christian interpretation to the ancient custom.

Mardi Gras came to America in 1699 with the French explorer Iberville. Mardi Gras had been celebrated in Paris since the Middle Ages, where it was a major holiday. Iberville sailed into the Gulf of Mexico, from where he launched an expedition up the Mississippi River. On March 3 of 1699, Iberville had set up a camp on the west bank of the river about 60 miles south of where New Orleans is today. This was the day Mardi Gras was being celebrated in France. In honor of this important day, Iberville named the site *Point du Mardi Gras*.

Mardi Gras was canceled during the dark years of 1918 and 1919 when the United States was involved in the bloody fighting of the First World War. The celebration struggled through the 1920's and early 30's, which saw Prohibition and The Great Depression.

The krewe of Alla brought carnival to the West Bank in 1934.

With the rise of mass produced automobiles, random truck riders had become part of the Mardi Gras scene. In 1835 they organized themselves into the Elkes Krewe of Orleanians. The Krewe of Hermes appeared in 1937 and the Knights of Babylon in 1939.

Mardi Gras prospered during the 1940's, although it was canceled during the war years. In 1949 Louis Armstrong was King of the Zulu parade and was pictured on the cover of time magazine.

In 1950 the Duke and Duchess of Windsor visited New Orleans during Mardi Gras. They honored the New Orleans Mardi Gras tradition by bowing to kings of Rex and Comus at the Comus ball. The Korean War put a damper on festivities in 1951, but several krewes joined forces to parade as the Krewe of Patria on Mardi Gras day. The Fifties also saw the replacement of mule drawn floats with ones drawn by tractors and the formation of several new krewes including Zeus. Zeus was the first krewe to parade in Metairie.

In 1961 Pete Fountain founded the Half-Fast Walking Club, an immediate hit with the crowds. Zulu came under pressure from portions of the black community who thought the krewe presented an undignified image. The king resigned and the parade was almost cancelled, but Zulu survived and was a main attraction by 1969. The Sixties ended with the debut of Bacchus. Bacchus aimed to bring national attention to Mardi Gras with gigantic floats and a Hollywood celebrity (Danny Kaye) riding as its king. Bacchus replaced the traditional ball with a supper to which tickets could be purchased by visitors and locals.

The Seventies saw the debut of 18 new krewes and the demise of 18 others. More than a dozen krewes followed the lead of Bacchus by placing celebrities in their parades. In 1974 Argus became the first Metairie parade on Fat Tuesday. This year also saw Endymion's rise to super krewe status. The Seventies brought a ban on parading in the French Quarter, ending a 117 year tradition. Mardi Gras made national headlines at the close of the decade with a police strike which cancelled 13 parades in Orleans Parish.

In the 80's Mardi Gras gained 27 new parades and lost 19. St. Bernard Parish suffered a net loss of parades while Jefferson and St. Tammany Parish experienced continued growth. By the end of the decade Jefferson Parish was experiencing an attendance rate of 600,000 people at its parades on Fat Tuesday.

The 1980's were good times for Mardi Gras. In 1987 Rex brought back the custom of Lundi Gras, the arrival of the Rex King on the Mississippi River which had been celebrated from 1874 through 1917. The traditional tableau ball, however, lost popularity. Once considered essential, only 10 krewes continued the tradition of masked balls by the end of the decade. Doubloons also lost some of their popularity when several krewes stopped producing them.

1. *Drawing My Little Pony*

○ 1



Draw a circle.

○ 2



Draw an oval to the bottom left of the primary circle. There should be a space between where the right sides of the circle and oval meet.

○ 3



Draw a line on the right side that connects the circle and the oval. This line is the neck. On the oval draw a small circle on the left side. Add two rounded triangles on the right side. One triangle should be in the front, the other should be slightly behind.

○ 4



Draw hooves at the bottom of the circle and triangles that were drawn in Step 3. The hooves are long rectangles. On the top of the primary circle add two small triangles for ears.

○ 5





Instructions  
8 Playing Pieces  
55 Female Wild Cards  
55 Male Wild Cards

## OBJECT

To test your knowledge of the opposite sex through a series of gender-based questions. The first player or team to get their 2 pawns across to the other side of the board wins the game.

## SET UP

Battle of the Sexes can be played individually or in teams. The word 'player' is used to describe either individual players or teams.

1. Each player is given two pawns. Red pawns for females and blue pawns are for males. Each player places one of the pawns at START on the game board (any space at the beginning of a lane with the appropriate gender sign on it). The second pawn is kept off the game board until the first pawn has been moved to the opposite side of the game board or taken prisoner by your opponent.
2. Separate the 4 different card decks and shuffle each deck (female question cards, male question cards, female wild cards and male wild cards). Place all 4 card decks in the appropriate space on the game board.

## TYPE OF CARDS

- **Female Question Cards**  
These questions have a female bias and are asked of the male opponents.
- **Male Question Cards**  
These questions have a male bias and are asked of the female opponents.
- **Female Wild Cards**  
These cards have directions for either player to follow. Male players follow the male directions and female players follow female directions. Female wild cards favor females and act as a defense against males.
- **Male Wild Cards**  
These cards have directions for either player to follow. Male players follow the male directions and female players follow female directions. Male wild cards favor the males and act as a defense against females.

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## WILD CARDS

1. A player will only pick up the opposite sex WILD CARD if he or she lands on the opposite sex WILD CARD space at the end of his or her turn.

To balance the competition, the female is allocated four tokens at the start of the game and must get all of them over to the male side to win.

To determine who starts the game, one male player should be nominated to take part in the coin toss. If the males win, the female player will begin by asking the first question to one of the male players. She will then have her turn before asking another series of questions to the second male player. All players must answer their questions individually and without the help of their teammates.

#### FOUR OR MORE PLAYERS

If there are more than two people playing, couples can either play separately or each side can team up and make it a combined battle between men and women.

If couples choose to play separately the rules are the same as for TWO PLAYERS – each couple finishes the game when one player gets both their tokens to the other side.

If teams are formed, couples still play against each other using the same rules. However, the winning sex is determined by which gender moved the most number of individual tokens to the opposite side of the board.

In either case, to work out who starts the game – nominate one female and one male player to participate in a coin toss. Once the first couple has asked each other a series of questions, play moves to the next couple.

#### FAST GAME

If you want to play a FAST GAME, simply allocate each player one token only. In this case, the first person to get their token to the other side of the board wins the game. In a FAST GAME, the rule about taking your partner's token prisoner does not apply.

#### COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT THE RULES

1. Do I need to get the answer to a question exactly right to move ahead?

If you're a stickler for rules then you can stipulate at the start of the game that all questions need to be answered as written on the Question Card (eg: names and movie titles must be supplied in full). However, some answers are a little broader than others. For example:

Q: What would you find in a haberdashery?

A: Sewing and dressmaking products.

If a player uses the terms fabrics, zippers, buttons, needles, wool or any items that you would find in a haberdashery to answer the question, this is also acceptable.

2. Can I ever offer hints about the answer to a question?

Official Battle of the Sexes rules do not allow for any hints or cheats during the game play, but if you want to bend the rules a little, that's up to you, as long as it has been mutually decided before the start of the game. You could also do a golf cart obstacle course or Wine tasting is another option (adults only).

#### Big Daddy's Airshow & RC Weekend!

– Tall Pines & The Oneonta Flyers present Big Daddy Remote Control Airshow and RC Car Racing, Children's RC events, Static Demonstrations, plus games, contests, crafts and other special events. Bring your remote control cars, trucks, boats or planes and join in the fun, or