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Sweet Summer Suggestions!



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Summer Break is only **10 school days away** and it's never too early to start planning. Do you have any plans with your friends for over the summer? If not, here are over 25 things to do with your family and friends this summer.



During the daytime you could go to fair, visit the beach, swim in a lake, try water rafting, go water skiing, go tubing, take a road trip, try new

BBQ recipes, go to a water park, set up a photo shop, pick your own fruit, go to an amusement park, host a sleepover, go kayaking, go golfing/mini golfing, play at the park, read, visit a farmers market, start a garden, go on a hike, attend a camp, fundraiser, or try fishing.

Some fun things to do at night are catching fireflies, roasting marshmallows, going to a carnival, watching an outdoor movie or driving/walking down to King Kone for ice cream.

Regents Tests Are a NYS Rite of Passage



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The Regents tests are a series of standardized tests that are administered to high school students in the state of New York. These tests are designed to assess a student's knowledge and understanding of various subjects, including English, math, science, and social studies.

The Regents tests are typically taken at the end of the year of a student's junior or senior year. Passing these tests are required for your high school graduation.



The Regents tests are an important part of the high school experience in New York. They serve as an indicator of a student's academic progress. They are also an important tool for evaluating the effectiveness of the state's educational system. They help to ensure that students are receiving high quality education.

The Regents are an essential component of the New York educational system so it's important to pay attention in class and study carefully for these tests. The test also plays an important role in preparing students for college.

Three Popular Local Places to Check Out



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Somers is often looked at as a town that doesn't have a lot to do or see. While this may be true for residents, there are quite a few things for tourists to do. Grab a bite to eat at Bobos, visit the Elephant Hotel, or visit

Muscoot Farm.



serves as the Somers Town Hall. It was named a National Historic Landmark in 2005. There are also many artifacts in the hotel from Somers NY and surrounding towns. <https://www.somersny.com/resources/the-elephant-hotel>

Muscoot Farm

Muscoot Farm is a year-round family friendly farm. They have a farmers' market to shop at and multiple animals to see. <https://www.muscootfarm.org/>



Bobo's Café

Bobo's Café is a local favorite. They have four different locations, two of which are in Somers. Bobo's is known for their acai bowls, smoothies, and waffles. <https://www.boboscafe.net/>

Elephant Hotel

The Elephant Hotel is a historic building that used to serve as a hotel for tourists and now

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Lake Compounce: An Amusement Park Industry Landmark



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Lately, there has been a rave about field trips involving the amusement park known as Lake

Compounce. So, what is Lake Compounce? What is the history behind it? Why is it even important in the amusement park industry? Let's talk about it.

Lake Compounce is an amusement park located in Bristol, Connecticut. It's around two hours away from Somers. This historic yet exciting site was opened in 1846. This makes Lake Compounce one of the oldest amusement parks in America.

A little background on Lake Compounce. Samuel Botsford, a scientist at the time, had convinced a property owner named Gad Norton to let him conduct some electrical experiments on the lake. Though the experiments would fail, this gave Norton a special idea. He would place a path around the lake, arrange some picnic tables, and build a gazebo for bands to play. Lake Compounce was now open for business as a picnic park for families and friends to take a swim or row around in the lake.

The year after the park had opened, new methods of cooking lamb were introduced. This would allow people going to Lake Compounce to barbecue outside, spend time with family, and allow for a profitable way of business.

The first permanent building on the property was "The Casino." This was built in 1895. The building would have a restaurant downstairs and a ballroom upstairs. Timothy Murphy of Connecticut began assembling the Carousel around that time. It would feature the craftsmanship of four professional carvers. Lake Compounce would buy it for \$10,000, opening the carousel in 1911. This

is when business would start expanding, with the building of its first electric roller coaster in 1914 known as the Green Dragon. Later, the Green



Dragon was replaced with a wooden roller coaster called the "Wildcat," which is still operating today.

In 1929, speedboats were purchased for park visitors to take a ride around the lake on. In the 1930's, the Casino would be expanded on with a ballroom with a dance floor with no walls, as if you were "dancing under the stars." Then, Glenn Gray and the Casa Loma Band performed at the "Starlite Ballroom" on Easter Sunday to a packed house of fans. Many major bands performed at Lake Compounce. The ballroom was crowded for every performance.

From there, Lake Compounce would continue to expand until it got hit hard by financial trouble due to owners who would destroy the park image. Lake Compounce would face lawsuits, unpaid bills, and so much more. Though, eventually when a new company titled "Kennywood Entertainment Company," partnered with Lake Compounce, the amusement park was able to bounce back from financial issues and set up more rides for people of all ages.

Lake Compounce is significant for many reasons. Lake Compounce is rich in history, making it an important landmark in the amusement park industry. Different generations of owners have allowed for lasting traditions within the park. It has provided jobs for many. Lake Compounce has contributed to the local Connecticut communities. Let's not forget the thrilling rides which allow for lasting memories between families and moments of bonding between friends. The diverse number of rides allows for visitors of all ages.

Lake Compounce is an excellent source of entertainment, an escape from the stresses of daily life, just a few of the reasons why it was chosen for a fun field trip.

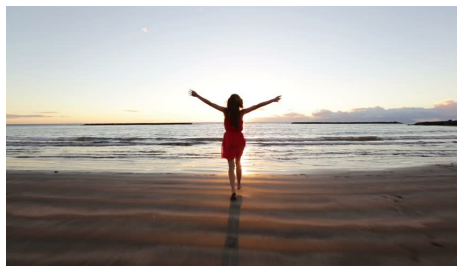
It's Important to Get Outside!



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The outdoors is a great place to be, and it's important to spend time outside.

There are many benefits to being outdoors. For starters, it's a great way to exercise and stay healthy. Activities like biking, hiking, and swimming can help keep you fit and strong. Being outside is also a great way to reduce stress and feel better. It can help you relax and feel calm.



Another great thing about being outside is that it's a chance to learn about the world around you. You can learn about plants and animals and how they live. Being outside can also help you appreciate the beauty of the world.

In conclusion, the outdoors is a great place to be. It's important to spend time outside because it can help you stay healthy, reduce stress, and learn about the world. So, next time you have a chance to go enjoy nature, take it!

Michelle Yeoh Inspires Others



**By Vivian Hernandez
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Who is Michelle Yeoh? Michelle Yeoh was born in Ipoh Malaysia on August 6th, 1962. Michelle Yeoh started officially acting in 1985 but made a commercial with the famous martial arts star Jackie Chan in 1984.

Michelle Yeoh's first movie was "Madam!" She starred as a Hong Kong police officer in the movie, which was a significant role for a woman. When Michelle Yeoh first started acting, she did not go by Michelle Yeoh. She went by the name Michelle Khan. The film company she was working with at



the time, D&B films, believed that the name "Michelle Khan" would be more marketable to international and western audiences.

Many people might know her from "Crazy Rich Asians", which was a major hit and she and her fellow cast members were estimated to have made \$500,000 to about \$2 million for the movie! It was not until her groundbreaking role that she became well known, though.

Her latest movie "Everything Everywhere all at Once" got her her first Grammy for "Best actress" at the 95th Academy awards. Michelle Yeoh is estimated to be worth \$40 million! She has opened many doors for actresses all over the world and is an important figure to many

Olivia Rodrigo's Voice is Definitely Heard!



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Many people know who Olivia Rodrigo is but what was her childhood and background like?

Well, Olivia Rodrigo was born in California on February 3rd, 2003. Olivia Rodrigo is an only child and her mother's name is Sophie Rodrigo. Sophie Rodrigo is from Germany and Ireland; she is a schoolteacher, and her husband is Ronald Rodrigo. Ronald Rodrigo was born in the Philippines and is practicing the profession of becoming a therapist.

Ronald Rodrigo came to America when he was just a teenager and fell in love with Sophie. They then got married and bought a house in Temecula, California. Olivia Rodrigo started act-



ing and took singing lessons at the age of six. Even though she started taking singing lessons at the age of six, she released her own Christmas song at the age of five.

Olivia Rodrigo landed the main character in Disney's "Bizaardvark" show as the character Paige. At the age of 17, Olivia debuted her first song "Driver's License". At the age of 19, Olivia Rodrigo won her first Grammy after making it to the top 100 on the Billboard music charts. She has a total of three Grammys from making it to the "Seven Billboard awards."

After her amazing victories, Olivia Rodrigo made the Album "Sour" which made it to No.1 on the "Top 200 Billboard." After her amazing success of her album, "Sour", Olivia Rodrigo has announced her new album, called "Something", which will be released later this year!

Toronto Would Make a Great Summer Destination!



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Is your family looking to go on vacation this summer? If so, I recommend going to the city of Toronto! It is just north of Niagara Falls at the U.S.-Canadian border! It is a 7 1/2-hour drive, but it can also be a four-hour plane ride!



When you arrive in the city, you are going to be filled with options of what to do! You can view the entire city in the CN tower, watch a baseball game in Rogers Centre, and even see some sharks at Ripley's Aquarium. Another option is going to the hockey



hall of fame, which is a 10-minute walk away from the CN tower. You could take the ferry over to the Toronto Islands in Lake Ontario to see the beautiful skyline of the city, go on a walk, or even have a fun day there. You could also go fishing, boating, and even swim! There are also many rooftop parks in the city that have views of the CN Tower.

The city is filled with many activities and wonderful places to go. So, if your family is looking to go on a vacation this summer, I totally recommend that you visit the city of Toronto!



Free As a Bird

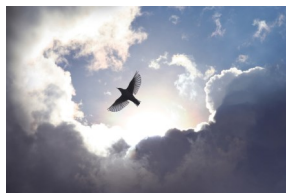


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First what you do,
You make it all about
you.

Next you can rhyme,
You can do it anytime.

Next you make it flow,
And say the words slow,
But not too slow,
Or no one will
really know,



Say it with ex-
pression,
So, people can
understand it.

Do not forget white space,
Where you can always make a face.

Even if you stumble,
People will never mumble
About you behind your back.

Give yourself some slack,
Do not forget to pause,
Your audience will applaud,
Say to the end.

Do not forget to extend
As we said before,
People will be knocking at your door.

Say the correct words,
Soon you will be a bird,
As you are bird,
Everyone will have heard
About your amazing poem.

So, if you are courageous, you will not
be lonesome,
So go ahead and do it,
Be a brave person.
Everyone will love you
If you take the chances.

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Focus on Polaroid



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The inventor and founder of the Polaroid Corporation, Edwin H. Land, developed the first instant camera as a hobby during World War II. After the war, the growth of the American economy made it possible for new businesses to succeed. One of these businesses was instant photography.



Land was inspired by his three-year-old daughter, Jennifer. He took a picture of her and she asked why she could not see it.

Soon after, the first Polaroid camera open to the public was called the Model 95 and first went on sale

in 1948 at a department store in Boston. The instant cameras were an instant hit and sold out within minutes!

Modern-day Polaroids cost around \$70. However, Polaroid failed to realize the shift to digital cameras, and that hit the company hard. The company filed for bankruptcy in 2001.

Today, the company operates in New York and in the following overseas locations: Amsterdam, Enschede, Monheim, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Shanghai.



Yankees Have a Proud History



**By Madison Kaplan
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The New York Yankees are a Major League Baseball team based in the City of New York, in the Borough of the Bronx. Hal Steinbrenner is the owner of the Yankees and Aaron Boone is the manager.

The Yankees are currently third in their division, the American League East. In front of them are the Tampa Bay Devil Rays (1st) and the Baltimore Orioles (2nd).

The Yankees were known as the "New York Highlanders" until the name changed in 1913 to the "Yankees".

The Yankees are known for being one of the most successful sport franchises in American sports. Did you know the Yankees have 12 different pitchers, but only 2 different catchers?

The team overall has very good stats. Anthony Rizzo is their leading batter with a 0.310 batting average. He also has the most amount of hits this season, 57! Aaron Judge leads in homeruns with 14 this season! Aaron Judge also leads with the most RBI's. Who is your favorite Yankee player?

