## **Fun February Break Activities for Families!**

Your guide to an amazing February Break! A list of fun activities to do on a budget.

## **Things to do at Home**

- -Indoor Scavenger Hunt (see below)
- **-Outdoor Scavenger Hunt** (see below)
- **-February Break Bingo** Complete an activity to cross off the box, can you get five in a row? (see bingo board below)
- -Marshmallow Challenge- See if you can meet the challenge, using only marshmallows and toothpicks to create a structure. See the video, also check out Marshmallow bridge and Marshmallow tower. Fourth graders challenge-build a bridge. Second and third grade challenge-build a tower. Kindergarten and first grade challenge-Build a big box/cube.
- -Make Paper Bag Puppets- Just grab a brown paper lunch bag and a few simple craft supplies to create your own. For ideas, watch: Paper Bag Puppets (cat/dog), Paper Bag Puppets (people).
- -Build a Fairy House! Fairy House Ideas & Instructions
- **-Build a Blanket Fort.** Get cozy in an easy to make fort: Blanket Fort video
- **-Make Musical Maracas!** With some plastic easter eggs, plastic spoons, rice and glue you'll be on your way to creating this fun musical instrument. <u>Maracas video</u>
- -Other Musical Instrument Crafts: <u>DIY Zen-Zen video</u>, <u>DIY Tambourine Video</u>, <u>DIY Castanets Video</u>
- -Make paper snowflakes. Learn about snowflakes: #1 video about snowflakes, #2 video about snowflakes, then make your own paper snowflakes: Make a paper snowflake video
- -Make a Paper Plate Mask- Paper plate masks easy

- -Make a Cool Clay Creature- With a few items you can find at home, make your own clay and create your own unique creature! DIY Clay Instructions
- -Make a Marshmallow Launcher. Explore potential and kinetic energy with this easy marshmallow launcher. All you need is a balloon, two paper cups, some tape, scissors and a marshmallow! For directions watch here.
- -Make a Rubberband Car. With some rubberbands, popsicle sticks, straws, a wooden skewer, plastic bottle tops, and some hot glue (adult assistance required), you'll be off to the races! Rubberband car video
- **-DIY Science Time on PBS** Watch a fun episode with Mr. C. and his science crew, then do your own fun scientific/STEM experiment using materials found at home. Watch here!

## **Local Activities**

- **-Westerly Land Trust** Join the WLT on February 20th for a fun, free hike and activity, visit:
- https://bit.ly/collectandcraft. To hike a preserve near you visit: WLT Trail Maps
- -Westerly Municipal Land Trust- Visit: Westerly Municipal Land Trust enjoy our wonderful town preserves!
- **-Events at Westerly Public Library**. There are fun, free events from Tuesday through Saturday of vacation week at the library. Check out their events: <u>Playdough Palooza 2/19</u>, <u>Pom Pom Animals 2/20</u>, <u>Hygge & Hot Chocolate 2/21</u>, or look at all events: <u>Westerly Public Library Calendar of Events</u>
- **-Westerly Recreation Department-** Chemistry Slime Time for ages 7-11, to register- Slime sign-up
- -Visit the Mystic Aquarium: Mystic Aquarium
- **-Visit the Mystic Seaport**. From February 15th through 17th, enjoy *Wintertide*, with three days of fun in one bundle of tickets! Bundle up to meet reindeer, horses and winter working dogs. Check out demonstrations by an ice sculptor

as he transforms blocks of ice into playable games, and enjoy family activities like games, crafts, a bounce house, and kid-friendly live music. Need to warm up? Enjoy a show in the Treworgy Planetarium, grab a hot cocoa and s'mores from Schaefer's Spouter Tavern, or check out striking exhibitions like Alexis Rockman: Oceanus and Spineless: A Glass Menagerie of Blaschka Marine Invertebrates. Tickets are \$24 per adult and \$19 per child, but include three days of admission and family friendly events. Wintertide Tickets -Visit the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center in Mystic,

- CT. Visit DPNC
- Visit Kettle Pond Visitor Center in Charlestown, RI. The Visitor Center is open daily from 10:00 am. to 3:00 pm. and has a free admission. Enjoy the exhibits, activities, games and the art table. Also venture outdoors and explore their trails. Visit Kettle Pond Visitor Center
- -Adventures in Geocaching- What is Geocaching? Geocaching is an outdoor adventure search that is happening all the time, all around our community, even the world! People use the Geocaching app and/or a GPS device to navigate your local community to find hidden containers called geocaches. Geocaches are found in parks, urban areas, forests, deserts, on top of mountains, underwater pretty much anywhere you can imagine. There are probably a few near you right now... Link to geocaching information

## Some Activities a little farther from home

-Explore a Castle! Travel to nearby East Haddam, CT to tour a real castle: Gillette Castle

Visit Roger william Park Museum & Planetarium - Learn about our solar system and discover what it takes to go into space with activities and crafts. Complete your space mission by exploring the museum with a special galactic museum quest. Tickets to the museum are \$5- per person and include

the planetarium shows at 1:00 & 2:00. <u>RWP Museum Space</u> Week

-Fairy Garden Days: Hike & Build at the Roger Williams Park Botanical Center. From February 18th - 23th, gather up to 4 friends & family to explore the grounds in search of the perfect fairy house making supplies. Groups will bring their collection back to the RWPBC for build time with some assorted natural materials and craft supplies! Make sure to bring some of your own natural materials, your preferred base to build your house on, and a box or bag to carry your fairy house home. To purchase tickets, visit the tickets tab on our website and choose a date between February 18th -23th and select a time slot. Tickets are \$75 for a family of four. To visit the Botanical Center and not participate in the hike and build event, tickets are \$5- per adult, \$3- per child. -Roger Williams Park Zoo. Through February 28th, enjoy half priced admission to the zoo. Non-member tickets need to be purchased online before arriving at the zoo in order to receive the discount. Discounted admission prices are \$11.00 per adult and \$8.00 per child. Buy Zoo Tickets here -Providence Children's Museum: See all the fun events planned for vacation week at the Providence Children's Museum, from Mad Science shows, animal interaction opportunities to magic shows. February Break Daily Events (scroll down to view February events).