

# Stuff That Works Building Families

## Chapter 18

### “Outings”

Take Action

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## Chapter 18 Take Action: Content

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- Plan a couple of outings. Send invites to family members or friends. Make them happen
- Create your own signature events. Document them. Get a tub or both and save the materials so you can do the event every year. Make it a tradition.
- Invest time on [Stuffthatworksbooks.com](http://Stuffthatworksbooks.com)

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### **ACTION**

You can do this on your own or you can do it with your family. Do what works for your situation.

The key is to keep it to things you can actually do. The idea behind outings is that they are easy to do.

They do not require any equipment you do not have readily accessible.

They can be done in a short amount of time and they are fun.

Start the list. Keep it handy and work on it regularly.

### **EXAMPLES**

#### Family Outings

1. Trip to the park
2. Trip to the mall for ice cream
3. Breakfast at the diner
4. Zoo
5. Game zone
6. Movie
7. Painting pottery
8. Basket ball at the school
9. Volley ball at the beach
10. Hot dog roast in the back yard
11. Art museum
12. Children's museum
13. Water park
14. Sledding at the big hill
15. High school games
16. Toy trip to the dollar store
17. Flying kites
18. Skipping rocks in the pond
19. Fishing off the pier
20. Trip to the river
21. Trip to the beach
22. Climbing a tree

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## ACTION.

Extending outings beyond your immediate family can also be a great deal of fun.

We used to have backyard Olympics. The kids and I would create events and then hold an annual tournament in the back yard. We gave out awards etc....

The goal is really to keep it fresh and new for all involved.

## EXAMPLES

Hey Neighbor,

The family and I are going to play volleyball this Saturday at the park. We would love to have your family join us.

Joe

Sue,

Kids and I are making Smores at the campground this weekend. Want to join in.

Sandy



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## **ACTION.**

My daughter created an event called hat day. A group of us and our friends just decide it is going to be hat day. We each find obnoxious hats and hang out all day wearing them.

It is amazing what you find to do when you are wearing a strange hat. We roam about town being funny and having fun. It is an annual event.

We also play progressive bocce. We just start playing. Sometimes in our yard. Other times we go to a park. The game proceeds wherever the bocce takes us. Through neighbors yards, in medians, across parks. Wherever it leads.

Have fun. Create fun and safe traditions.

## **EXAMPLES**

Here are some ideas:

1. Back yard Olympics
2. Hat day
3. Full Moon Moon pies. On nights with a full moon we gather in back yard. Dance to the moon while eating moon pies.
4. Canadian crab boil. A steady group gathers to eat crabs we cook in the middle of winter
5. Irish Breakfast. We road trip to an Irish pub for breakfast
6. Trip to the circle. We take the car roll down the windows or the top drive to a round about and count how many laps doing one more than the last time up to 10 then we start over.
7. Rock Fish: We go to rock fish for dinner one of my daughter's favorite places.
8. Taste of Texas. Same as above but my Wife's favorite

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Invest time on [Stuffthatworksbooks.com](http://Stuffthatworksbooks.com) to discover more ways to add fun to daily office life.

## **ACTION.**

This is an easy one.

I believe that each of us can help someone else.

There is so much to know and to experience. You just can not do it on your own. So the best way forward is to share and learn from each other.

Technology makes this so easy today. That is why I built the web site [Stuffthatworksbooks.com](http://Stuffthatworksbooks.com) .

It only reaches its potential if you join in and add the stuff that works that you have found. Please make a contribution today. Help others find the Stuff That Works.

Others have already shared their stuff that works so be sure to check the site often as there is probably something to improve every area of your life.

The community is waiting and growing. I hope you will join in and make a positive difference.

Thank you!

## **EXAMPLES**

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