

## PUT YOUR PHONE PHOTOS TO GOOD USE

Your gorge vacation pics deserve to be on display, not buried in your photo gallery. Turn them into wallet-size snapshots using the HP Sprocket Photo Printer (\$130, store.hp.com), which connects to your cell via a Bluetooth-enabled app. The sticky-backed paper is ideal for scrapbooking, but here's an even simpler way to enjoy your pics: Apply peel-and-stick magnetic squares (available on amazon.com) to the backs, then stick them on your fridge or hand them out as gifts to show off your adventures. Easiest DIY ever!



### Ask "What do you want to do?" differently.

People get more invested in an experience when they can share their opinions in an out-of-the-box way, says Leigh Marz, who uses this team-building technique at corporate retreats. Try "What would make this getaway the one your friends would all want to go on?" and "What activity would inspire you to take 100 Instagram pictures?" to encourage your family to think more deeply—and have more fun.

## MAKE IT A GREAT STAYCATION

You've got dozens of glorious sunny days stretched out in front of you—and your plans for the beach, the pool, and that road trip to Grandma's will take up about 10 of them. Don't worry a bit: These delightful ideas will entertain you without costing a fortune.

### Seek out personal experiences

"Adults tend to skip out on chatting with real-life or animatronic characters, but one-on-one interactions can leave a more lasting impression than the popular rides," says Orth. "At Universal, I get a kick out of the huge robots from *Transformers* that actually talk back to you." See page 87 for a chance to enter to win a trip to chat with them yourself!



### GET HANDY

Some days, a visit to Home Depot will just remind you of your to-do list—but Saturdays can be a different story. Nationwide, the store offers free workshops for kids of all ages on the first Saturday of every month. Participants learn, build, and decorate for three hours, then take home their crafts, an iconic Home Depot apron, and a pin. See [homedepot.com/workshops](http://homedepot.com/workshops) for options near you.



### TAKE IT TO THE LANES

Summer isn't just about swimming and bike riding—it's also about blissful air-conditioning! Thanks to [kidsbowlfree.com](http://kidsbowlfree.com), your kids can get two free games of bowling every single day during the summer months at local bowling alleys. All you have to do is register your family and go have fun.



### ESCAPE THE HOUSE

...or don't, depending on how well you play the game! Instead of heading to an escape-room experience and paying admission for a group of kids, invite friends over to bust out of your house with a customizable, printable version at [lockpaper-scissors.co](http://lockpaper-scissors.co) (\$20). You get all the brain-busting clues and excitement without any hassle.



### CREATE A DELICIOUS COMPETITION

Pick up some frozen-treat molds—or plastic cups and craft sticks—as well as Greek yogurt, OJ, rosé (for the adults!), seltzer, and other bases for ice pops. Then add a bunch of cut-up fruit, gummy bears, or sprinkles. Let them freeze, then hold a contest, ranking them for taste, quality, and creativity.