

Activity Ideas for Community-Based Matches

1. Bowl for Kids' Sake!
2. Start a hobby (e.g. astronomy, sewing, music, singing, drama, dance, stained glass, painting, poetry, woodworking).
3. Start a collection of something that interests both of you (e.g. stamps, rocks, coins, comics, bugs, dolls, figures, sports cards).
4. Walk, train, and play with your dog.
5. Pop popcorn (the old-fashioned way—not in the microwave), and watch a movie.
6. Build a model car, plane, or rocket.
7. Form your own book club (with other matches), or read together.
8. Go to a circus or carnival.
9. Go bowling.
10. Draw, paint, work with clay, make papier-mâché animals, or make casts of each other.
11. Play charades, checkers, chess, backgammon, or another board or card game. (You can even create your own!)
12. Go fishing or on a boat ride.
13. Take a bike ride together.
14. Research your family trees together. The library and Internet are great resources!
15. Attend your Little's school play or sporting event to cheer him/her on!
16. Check out the activities at Mesker Park Zoo & Botanic Garden.
17. Fly a kite in the park. You can also make your own kites!
18. Go swimming at Howell Park or Burdette Park.
19. Visit an area fire station or police station.
20. Attend a Big Brothers Big Sisters Match Activity.
21. Feed birds or feed the ducks at a park.
22. Go roller-skating, Rollerblading, or ice-skating.
23. Watch the same TV show each week; then call to talk about it.
24. Do a science project together using household products. (e.g. Find out what happens to an egg soaked in vinegar.)
25. Take a free, kid-friendly class at Home Depot, or attend a free event at Toys "R" Us.
26. Bounce on a trampoline.
27. Go to local art fairs, festivals, and events. (Check the events in the Evansville Courier & Press.)

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28. Watch a parade.
 29. Go horseback riding.
 30. See one of our local sports teams (e.g. Evansville Otters Baseball, Evansville IceMen Hockey, & UE and USI college sports).
 31. Learn about local history and archaeology.
 32. Bring a memento bag on a walk to collect interesting objects along the way.
 33. Find a recipe together, and prepare a meal from scratch.
 34. Walk or ride along the Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage.
 35. Help your Little with homework or a school project.
 36. Write a letter to your Little on your match anniversary telling what you've noticed about him/her in the last year (e.g. positive changes, growth, maturity).
 37. Watch a fireworks show.
 38. Take your Little to your place of employment.
 39. After you have been matched for twelve months, go on a camping trip, even if it is in your backyard or inside. (Remember how much fun it was to throw a sheet over the dining room table?)
 40. Make your own cards for holidays, birthdays, and other special occasions for friends and relatives.
 41. Trim the hedges, mow the lawn, rake the leaves, and do other yard work together.
 42. Build a bird house or feeder.
 43. Visit a park.
 44. Write and send letters in the mail to each other, or get pen pals.
 45. Share family or vacation pictures with each other.
 46. Create a match scrapbook or photo album to record all your fun times together.
 47. Start a garden—indoors or out.
 48. Go to Disney on Ice or other events at the Evansville Ford Center.
 49. Carve a pumpkin together, and roast the seeds.
 50. Do a corn maze or visit a pumpkin patch at Goebel Farms, Mayes Farm Market, or Angel Mounds.
 51. Make a log cabin, picture frame, or anything you can think of out of Popsicle sticks.
 52. Try new restaurants together.
 53. Go on a Newburgh Ghost Walk in October.
 54. Go to the movies, or rent one for home.
 55. Teach him/her how to change the oil in your car, or any other handy skills you may have.

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56. Complete a jigsaw puzzle.
 57. Volunteer at a community center, soup kitchen, or humane society.
 58. Make up new lyrics to a song—maybe even about your match.
 59. Go to an auto show, boat show, or truck pull.
 60. Make your own T-shirts with fabric markers and colored glue.
 61. Enjoy cloud watching on a nice day.
 62. Go swimming or play with the water hose or sprinkler in the backyard.
 63. Volunteer to help build a house for Habitat for Humanity, or deliver food for Meals on Wheels.
 64. Keep a journal of all your outings together and what you liked/disliked about each.
 65. Make friendship bracelets, or do other crafts together.
 66. Visit a local courthouse and observe a court hearing.
 67. Play Frisbee, catch, basketball, volleyball, touch football, croquet, badminton, or any game you both like.
 68. Visit Santa Claus, IN or Newburgh, IN at Christmas.
 69. Make paper airplanes and gliders.
 70. Go Christmas caroling.
 71. Go apple picking and try different apple recipes with your apples.
 72. Visit the Evansville Museum of Arts, History & Science or the Koch Family Children's Museum of Evansville.
 73. Write a newsletter together to send to your friends and relatives.
 74. Play games on the Internet or peruse your favorite age-appropriate sites together.
 75. Play golf, miniature golf, or just hit golf balls at a driving range.
 76. Make wrapping paper from old magazines and newspaper.
 77. Show your Little how to maintain a bike—replace chain, repair brakes, etc.
 78. Make an obstacle course in your yard or local park, and time each other.
 79. Make puppets.
 80. Play video games, pinball, or air hockey.
 81. Use sidewalk chalk to draw pictures on the sidewalk.
 82. Drive go-karts.
 83. Go to a gem and mineral show.
 84. Look through coupon books for 2-for-1 deals for your favorite activities.
 85. Let your Little do chores and run errands with you.
 86. Visit Harmonie State Park.

87. Eat lunch with your Little at school.
88. Call your Match Support Specialist together to give an update about the activities you have tried.
89. Explore Angel Mounds together.
90. Go to Holiday World in Santa Claus, IN.
91. Go to Lincoln State Park in Lincoln City, IN.
92. Go on sound scavenger hunt with an audio recorder.
93. Bake a cake, cookies, or brownies, or make candy.
94. Visit your church or your Little's church.
95. Have a picnic.
96. Make a collage on friendship or your Little's life using pictures and headlines from old magazines and newspapers.
97. Visit the Humane Society.
98. Have your Little teach you something.
99. Go window-shopping in a consignment store. Plan a money-earning project, and save money for a special event.
100. Blow bubbles.
101. Listen to music together.
102. If your Little is a teenager, practice completing job and college applications.
103. Show your Little your high school yearbook, baby pictures, old report cards, etc.
104. Go on a camera scavenger hunt. Make a list of the things you want pictures of before you go, and let your Little take the pictures.
105. Tour the USS LST Ship Memorial on the riverfront.
106. Go to Willard Library and attend a ghost tour in October.
107. Walk around Wesselman Woods and visit the Nature Preserve.
108. Swim at Lloyd Pool or play at Igleheart Park.
109. Explore Howell Wetlands.
110. Jump around at Sky Zone or Pump It Up!
111. Go on a tour of the Reitz Home.
112. Attend a local high school fall play or spring musical.
113. Spend some time with your Case Manager.
114. Check out the Indiana Military Museum in Vincennes.
115. Talk about this list! Make any desired changes to the list. Then, set a goal to complete everything on your list.