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# Best Ever Summer Fun! 30 Inspirational Ideas

You'll never be bored with this super-fun girl guide! And there's even more—check back every day at [NewMoon.com](http://NewMoon.com) for another great girl tip to make this summer the best ever!

## Make money for fun or a good cause!



**Go to [alexlemonade.org](http://alexlemonade.org) for info on helping kids with cancer!**

Here are a few purse-filling ideas to make money. If you've always had a passion for dogs, then try dog walking! Make flyers, and pass them out at your local pet store or ask if you can leave them on the counter for customers to pick up. Or,

start a stand with homemade lemonade and cookies—tie on some yellow balloons to attract attention. Whatever your business interest, remember—it takes time to gather customers, so advertise, advertise, advertise! And check out money-making books for kids such as *Making Cents* by Elizabeth Wilkinson.

**Avani, 11 • Colorado**

When a couple of friends and I set up a lemonade stand to raise money for the local animal shelter, we didn't expect to raise very much. But we ended up giving \$40 to the animal shelter!

**Emma, 10 • North Carolina**

Share your lemonade fundraising ideas and pictures! Send to [submissions@newmoon.com](mailto:submissions@newmoon.com).

## See amazing migrations!

*Many animals, such as monarch butterflies, embark on incredible journeys each year. Nata went to see where about 250 million monarchs arrive each year after a migration as long as 2,000 miles.*

Beautiful orange-and-black monarch butterflies migrate from Canada to Mexico, landing in woods in the state of Michoacán. After their winter stay in Mexico, they fly back to Canada. If you want to see them before they go, you'll have to make a long trip, like I did. From

Mexico City, you drive about four hours, and rent a horse to ride uphill to the highest mountains. You'll start to see a few butterflies as you walk through fields of towering green grass. Now, look at the giant trees. See the brown leaves covering them? They're actually thousands of monarch butterflies, flying around you, clinging to trees—monarchs all around you! It's breathtaking and beautiful. They are so close that you could put out your arm and, if they stayed still, touch a hundred of those amazing monarch butterflies.



**Nata, 10  
Mexico**

**FUN TIP:** Monarchs may fly past your house in spring or fall—learn when to look! Be an animal tracker of monarchs, robins, hummingbirds, whooping cranes, and gray whales at [www.learner.org/jnorth](http://www.learner.org/jnorth).

### **Invent splash games!**

My sisters and I love water-balloon fights, but it takes forever to fill up lots of water balloons. So, we made these sponge sploosh balls. You cut up a bunch of old sponges into strips and tie a bunch together with string — I like to mix the colors! Then plunk them all in a bucket of water and throw them at each other! And for another instant cooler, fill up some spray bottles with cool

water and spritz friends, family, and anybody drooping in the heat!

**Rachel, 11 • Wisconsin**



**Rita and Fiona**

### **Loving Cooking**

I love going with my sister Fiona to the Ceres Community Project kitchen, where we cook fresh, organic meals for those with serious illnesses and their families ([www.ceresproject.org](http://www.ceresproject.org)). Even though it's a very busy day for me, I'm happy to be with nice teens, healthy food, and experienced chefs. We teens learn a lot about food preparation, handling knives, and cooking large quantities of delicious food. We receive many thank-you notes—one client wrote that she felt deep gratitude for meals that are "prepared by loving strangers." After a few hours of intense work, when my eyes are watery from chopping onions, my hands are cold from washing greens, and my apron is stained with food, I can leave the kitchen knowing that I made a difference in someone's life—someone I will almost certainly never meet.

**Rita, 13 • California**



### **Make a Movie!**

If you've never made a video, summer is a great time to start! All you need is a camera and a computer with a simple movie-making program such as Movie Maker or iMovie. You can make a movie about anything! You might document a favorite activity, such as your team's soccer match or a party, or film yourself doing something special, such as playing the piano. I like making videos about my pets. You don't even need a camera that shoots video (though most do)—I've made movies just from photos! Movie-making programs are super-simple—you basically drag your photos or film clips to boxes in the order that you like, and then add captions. Music is fun to use (make sure it's original and not copyrighted), and adding special effects is easy. If you're a New Moon Girl member, the last part's the best: Upload your marvelous movie to "My stuff," and share it with the world!

**Emma, 13 • Minnesota**



See movies made by Emma and sis Elena plus movie-making tips! Search SummerFun at [NewMoon.com](http://NewMoon.com).

## Create a Fairy House

When you're out amid nature



on a beautiful summer's day, consider building an abode for a forest friend. It may sound silly, but it's a very fun way to spend an

afternoon. Find the ideal nook—perhaps a cabin twig-framed against a sunny tree or a hollow in a big rock. Furnish your fairy house with seashells or snail shells for bowls, berries for food, rocks for stools, and moss-pile beds with leafy blankets. Fill an acorn cap with water for a cooling fairy treat! Welcome your fairy with a twig-and-leaf flag atop, or a ferny welcome mat. Add imagination and enjoy!

**Jillian, 14 • New Hampshire**

## Rock On!

Want to be in a rock band? You'll love it! I started playing drums at a summer camp, but you don't have to go to a camp to learn an instrument and start a band. Starting to create music with an instrument is like talking: If you don't make noise, no one will hear you. When I first sat down with my drum set, I just played what I could manage—it's the same with starting to sing or playing guitar or bass. Then I found band members who liked my kind of music, and we chose a name—The Mindbreakers—and a logo of a girl with fierce pigtails. We create music together—usually we start with a guitar riff or some lyrics, and add in a melody with keyboard or synthesizer. Next, the drums put down a beat, and darlin', you've got yourself a song.

Practicing over and over takes time, but you'll be glad you did. And performing? It's one of the best feelings in the world to go up onto a stage and just play your own music! Bands are one of the most empowering means of expression for girls today, and women musicians have broken down barriers in a male-dominated field. So get up there, girl, and ROCK ON!!!!

**Rosie, 12  
Minnesota**



Find girls' rock camp info, how-to books, and Rosie's band pictures! Search SummerFun at [NewMoon.com](http://NewMoon.com).



## Chill with Croquet

Croquet is the perfect game for a hot summer afternoon. Why? Minimum effort and equipment needed, and you can often find a cheap used set. Very simple rules: Tap the ball through the hoops! You can even play by yourself, or with lots of friends. Anyplace works, as long as it's flat. Croquet the day away!

**Rebecca, 12  
Vermont**

## Invent a Game

One March night when I was 6, while I was drifting off to sleep, I got an image of sleepy queens on cards who wanted to wake up. The next morning, I told my mom about the Rose, Heart, and Peacock Queens who were asleep and wanted to be woken up and brought into a game. We had recently learned of a fun game company called Gamewright, and their games were very inspiring to me. My mom thought I had a great game concept, and sent the

idea and name of the game, *Sleeping Queens*, to Gamewright.

They told us they liked my idea, so we made a few sample decks.

After several months of tweaking and testing by my family, friends, and Gamewright, we had a game that was just right. Two years later, when I was 8, the game went on sale! It was very exciting! My idea got covered in newspapers and magazines and on TV, and I went to many game signings. If you keep dreaming and doing what you love, you can invent something, too. Your imagination has no limit. Have fun!

**Miranda, 13, New Jersey**



### **Up, up, and away!**

Flying a remote-control helicopter is so much fun! At first I was a little shy to fly it at a park near our house, but soon everybody near me had their eyes glued to it, and even some adults asked me about it! It felt great showing people this fun new skill, and it was rewarding to recommend it to the little kids at the park. Multiplayer options let you play with your friends, too!

**Catherine, 13  
Pennsylvania**

## *More* **SuperGirl** Inspiration

Search SummerFun at [NewMoon.com](http://NewMoon.com) to find details on these great girl brainstorms, and add your own super summer fun tip!

Clothes swap! Everybody brings duds to trade—a greener way to score some new (to you) styles...Grow lunch: Kati shares her tomato-seed-to-spaghetti saga and recipe...**Book Quiz Day!** Create a quiz about your favorite book for **Luna's Book Club**...Livvy likes to go fly a kite—learn how to make your own kite to fly!...**Adopt a guinea pig or other furry friend from a shelter for abused animals like Natalia did**...Capture derring-do on video such as Amy's zippy zipline ride...Go cold turkey on technology! Check out [www.screentime.org](http://www.screentime.org); then relax for a day or a week with no screens...Sweet AND healthy? Esme offers healing herbal recipes like dandelion syrup...**Sidewalk chalk contest!** Create a chalk masterpiece about the wonders of **New Moon Girls**, and email to [submissions@newmoon.com](mailto:submissions@newmoon.com) and get featured online!...Sammie shows how to make a fresh-fruit flower bouquet...**Get rolling with tips from a roller derby grrrl**...Teach your pet a new trick like Lily's prize-winning bunny trickster...**Grab a few long ropes and some friends and teach yourself some fancy jump-roping like double-dutch!** Get inspired by our videos...No more water from plastic bottles! Girls' top agua options...Wilting from the heat? It's Imagine Winter Day! Get in the spirit with Anterra's superchilly video of her Arctic Circle sled-dog run...Fold 1,000 (or less) cranes for Peace Day on August 6 like Sadako Sasaki did...Learn how to say "howdy" many more ways—multilingual girls reveal how...**Mango? Uglifruit? Cactus nectar? Share your creative lemonade recipe**...Care for kitties and other critters at an animal shelter like Katja does...Put on a play—advice from New Moon drama (the good kind) queens!