Charting the Life Course

What Are You Doing This Summer?

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Life Course Framework

Life is a journey.
Our lives are not static, they change every day.

It’s all about vision.
Anything is possible, with the right vision.

Everything is connected.
What you do today affects your life in the future.
“For people with disabilities, participating in recreation can have a lasting impact that significantly improves their quality of life.” (NCHPAD)

WHAT’S THE BIG DEAL ABOUT inclusive recreation?
Benefits of inclusion

• Increases self-determination
• Builds social capital
• Leads to quality of life
Life Course questions

• Are you looking for typical summer experiences for me to explore?
• How are you supporting me to stay busy during the summer when school's out?
• How are you helping to continue learning even though school is not in session?
• What supports will I need to participate in inclusive activities?
The major question

What kinds of summer experiences did you have with your family as a kid?
Anything is possible

With the right amount of planning and creativity!
Typical Summer Experiences

• Summer Fun
• Learning
• Work & Volunteering
family fun
America the Beautiful

The National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass (Access Pass)

Fish and Wildlife Service [http://www.fws.gov](http://www.fws.gov)
USDA Forest Service [http://www.fs.fed.us](http://www.fs.fed.us)
National Park Service [http://www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)

[http://store.usgs.gov/pass](http://store.usgs.gov/pass)
Head Outdoors

http://mdc.mo.gov/

http://mostateparks.com
Adaptive Recreation

- Biking
- Boating
- Golf
- Swimming
- Water skiing
- Fishing
- What do you want to do?
Camp

Explore camps in your area based on your family’s needs and preferences.
summer learning
10 Ways to Keep Learning during the Summer

10. Summer school

9. Summer art classes

8. Summer writing camps
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7. Local YMCA and Community Centers

6. Summer Transportation Institute

5. Vacation Bible School

4. STEM camps (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)
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3. Three words: Summer Reading Program

2. Get to know your furry friends with Missouri’s Conservation and Nature Centers

1. Getting out in the world and exploring!
working & serving
Summer jobs

Popular summer jobs
• Grocery Store
• Golf course
• Conservation parks

State Parks Youth Corps: Think Outside
Make a difference

Summer is a great time to volunteer and instill the value of service in children and youth

- United Way Volunteer Centers
- Volunteermatch.org

st louis volunteer.com

Vista Summer of Service program
What does it take?
What does it take?

- Value Driven
- Collaboration and Communication
- Patience and time
Helpful resources

• Recreation Council of Greater St. Louis recreationcouncil.org

• Recreation Council of Greater Kansas City rcgkc.org

• Inclusion Staff at your local parks & recreation departments and community centers

• What to Know Before You Go: The Big Questions to Ask Before Arriving at Your "Accessible" Recreation Destination
  [ National Center on Health, Physical Activity, & Disability ]

• Inclusive Recreation: A Passport to Real Life!
  [ Kathie Snow & Mark Ohrenberg - disabilityisnatural.com ]
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