

NO BUMMER

Summer

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CORE CHALLENGES

- ☐ **Chalk the Town** - Create sidewalk chalk art downtown or on public sidewalks at a park
- ☐ **Thrifty style** - Create and wear a "fit made only of thrift finds" - take pics of yourself out in public
- ☐ **Get a local adult leader (maybe even an elected official!) to do a TikTok dance with you**
- ☐ **Scream for Ice Cream** - Do a blindfolded ice cream taste test - pick 3+ weird flavors and guess them
- ☐ **Recreate a childhood photo** - same pose, location, and facial expression
- ☐ **Hold a pool noodle sword battle in a pool, at the lake, or in a public place for others to see**
- ☐ **Movie Night** - Watch an outdoor movie on a garage door, screen, or white sheet. Invite some friends!
- ☐ **Upside Down Tour** - Take 3+ pics where you're upside down - handstand against a wall, hanging off playground bars, lying with your head off a bench.
- ☐ **Buy something from a local small business and share what you got!**
- ☐ **Fundraiser Fun** - Find a creative way to raise money for a local nonprofit or cause
- ☐ **Grandma or Grandpa Hobby Hour** - Try a traditionally "grandparent" hobby - cross-stitch, knitting, fishing, gardening, coupon clipping - and photograph your masterpiece
- ☐ **Fair Night** - Attend your County Fair or Junior Free Fair and snap a photo at your favorite booth or activity
- ☐ **Toilet Paper Olympics** - Invent 3 games using only toilet paper (such as bowling, mummy wrap race, blindfold catching, or something you dream up) and take some photos of the fun
- ☐ **Hometown Pride** - Take a photo with your town sign, water tower, or a local landmark
- ☐ **Show us a trick shot** - Make your best ping-pong trick shot, bottle flip, or basketball shot - the weirder the better
- ☐ **"Nailed it" Cook-Off** - Try to bake, cook or grill something using inspiration from a recipe found online. Show us the hilarious comparison of your attempt vs. reality.
- ☐ **Backyard Gladiators** - create an obstacle course in your yard and race through with a friend
- ☐ **Blessing Box Boost** - Help restock food/hygiene items at a local Blessing Box or books at a Little Free Library
- ☐ **Flash Mob Friends** - Choreograph a 30-second dance and perform it in a random location
- ☐ **Sunset Chaser** - Catch a sunrise or sunset and take a cool photo
- ☐ **Create a rocket, slingshot, or catapult out of found materials and launch something (marshmallow, grapes, etc.)**



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BONUS CHALLENGES - Visit local spots that have ALL received Heartland Grant Dollars!

Ellis County

- ☐ Visit the "Ecology Mural" on 10th St., by Downtown Pavilion in Hays - scan the QR code to play!
- ☐ Attend a Larks Game and cheer on your hometown team!
- ☐ Play a game of tag in the ARC Park Splash Pad
- ☐ Stop by the Kansas Room at the Hays Public Library and ask to flip through an old high school yearbook
- ☐ Check out the summer "Covered Wagon Exhibit" at the Ellis County Historical Society Museum in Hays
- ☐ Go for a swim at the City of Ellis swimming pool
- ☐ Play a game of HORSE on the basketball court in Victoria
- ☐ Put on a skit, sing a song, or do a little dance on the Rainbow Stage at the ARC Park
- ☐ Have a picnic at the Ellis Lakeside Campground or bring along a fishing pole and go fishing

Rooks County

- ☐ Bike or hike around the trail at Plainville Township Lake
- ☐ Pick out your favorite quilt square on the Barn Quilt Mural, on the Stockton city utility building, Hwy 24
- ☐ Challenge your friends to a game of Gaga Ball - there are gaga ball pits in Stockton and Plainville
- ☐ Have a picnic in the city park in Damar and snap a pic in front of the mural
- ☐ Find the Codell Community Building, then take a selfie with the tornado sculpture in town
- ☐ Cheer on your favorite team at a local youth baseball game
- ☐ Mini Dance Break - dance for 30+ seconds to music on the downtown speakers or from your own device

Trego County

- ☐ Check out the displays at the Trego County Historical Museum
- ☐ Have a picnic at Cedar Bluff State Park or bring along a fishing pole and go fishing
- ☐ Take a selfie with Santa at the North Pole park on Main Street in WaKeeney and sing a Christmas carol
- ☐ Visit the cemetery in Collyer and read the headstones - find one that stands out to you
- ☐ Enjoy any activity at the Trego County Fair on July 8-12 - show us your favorite part
- ☐ Watch a race at the WaKeeney Speedway
- ☐ Play tag, flashlight tag, or frisbee tag in the park by the Scout House



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