

NO BUMMER

Summer

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CORE CHALLENGES

- Random Act of Kindness** - Pay for someone's coffee, leave a kind note, or help a stranger and document it
- Tourist for a Day** - Act like a tourist in your own town—take pics at random places like they're famous
- Random Sport Day** - Try a sport you've never played before (tennis, pickleball, frisbee golf)
- Red, White & Blue Day** - Dress up and take a festive 4th of July summer photo
- Nature Frame** - Create a "picture frame" using sticks, leaves, or flowers and take a photo through it
- Sidewalk Message** - Write a positive message in chalk and pose with it
- Color Hunt** - Find and photograph 5 things all the same color in one shot
- Local Landmark** - Take a photo at a recognizable spot in your town
- Summer Treat Creation** - Make a snack/drink and take a picture with it
- Upside Down Photo Challenge** - Take a photo where you are upside down (handstand against a wall, hanging from playground equipment, or an upside-down selfie) in a safe location.
- Flash Mob Friends** - Choreograph a 30-second dance and perform it in a random location
- Fair Night** - Attend your County Fair and snap a photo with your favorite animal
- Park Adventure Shot** - Take a photo doing something fun at a local park (swing, slide, etc.)
- Hometown Pride** - Take a photo with your town sign, water tower, or a local landmark
- Friendship Pose Challenge** - Take a fun, coordinated photo with friends using a silly or creative pose at any location you choose.
- "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 Food Pantry
- Recreate a childhood photo** - same pose, location, and facial expression
- Sunset Chaser** - Catch a sunrise or sunset and take a cool photo
- Picnic Photo Challenge** - Set up a picnic outside and take a photo of your setup or group

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

Ellis County

- Visit the ARC Park and take a picture by the Communication Board- We hope you are feeling happy :)
- Attend a Larks Game and cheer on your hometown team!
- Do the Downtown Walking Tour of Historical Hays- Download the app to get started!
- Stop by the Kansas Room at the Hays Public Library and ask to flip through an old high school yearbook
- Check out the new escape room in the Volga German House located at the Ellis Co. Historical Society
- Go for a swim at the City of Ellis swimming pool
- Play a game of pickleball in Victoria
- Visit the Farmer's Market and check out the new shed used to store all of the Market needs
- Have a picnic at the Ellis Lakeside Campground or bring along a fishing pole and go fishing

Rooks County

- Bike or walk the trail at the Plainville Township Lake
- Check out the Stockton Public Library- Grab a good book and snap a picture of you reading it!
- Challenge your friends to a game of Gaga Ball - there are gaga ball pits in Stockton and Plainville
- Take a friend and challenge them to a game of basketball or tennis in Damar
- 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!
- Visit the Plainville Memorial Library and take a picture enjoying the new seating!

Trego County

- Watch a movie under the stars at the Trego Skyview Drive-In Theater
- Have a picnic at Cedar Bluff State Park or bring along a fishing pole and go fishing
- Take a walk on the path around the hospital- Try and find a butterfly!
- Pop into The Well and enjoy a refreshing drink!
- Enjoy any activity at the Trego County Fair - 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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