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Volunteer and Charity Ideas

Volunteering is great! The trick is to find something you enjoy doing. You might not get paid for it, but you'll be surprised at all the doors it opens for you down the road. Here are some different things you could try:

- Organize a car wash for charity
- Organize a charity bake sale at your school
- Make cards to send to sick children or lonely elderly people
- Lend a hand at the local humane society
- Participate in a charity relay or race
- Make baked goods to donate to a local homeless shelter
- Read to the elderly at a nursing home once a week
- Spend time tutoring other students at your school
- Help shelve books at your local library



Science Project Ideas

You don't have to be in school to learn! Some of the greatest scientists of all time planned and executed their experiments all on their own. When you start your own science project, you can choose to investigate anything you want. Here are some exciting ideas to get you started:

- Make a Newton disc to see how all the colors mix to make white light. Then try variations with different color combinations to see what happens.
- Grow crystals. If you want big crystals for decoration, try an alum solution. If you want candy, use sugar!
- Build an electromagnet with a 9-volt battery. How many paper clips can it pick up?
- Use a box and different gauges of wire to make a string instrument. Be careful not to poke yourself!
- See if you can program a simple microcontroller! You can try all sorts of different projects, such as an LED grid or a microphone.

Make sure to get an adult's help!



Now Is a Great Time for a New Hobby!

Spring is as good a time as any to try something new! Sports, music and drawing are all classic ways to connect with other people and spend your free time.

Sports don't just keep you in great shape, they also teach you important lessons about working with a team. As you get older, you'll be glad you learned things, such as how to stick to a plan and "pass the ball." If you're already involved in a sport, you can always try a new one!



Or, you could start playing an instrument. Guitar is an extremely popular instrument. You'll be able to find one to practice with just about anywhere you go. However, if you'd like to eventually play in a band, guitarists aren't exactly in high demand. A piano, drums and a saxophone, on the other hand, are highly sought-after. Practicing an instrument can be tedious and dull at first, but once you get it down, some say it feels like you're flying!

Drawing is another excellent pastime. Drawing skills are important for any visual art, from sculpture to graphic design. The ability to quickly sketch out a clear picture will serve you well in any field you go into, whether it's engineering or business. If nothing else, you'll always be the best at Pictionary!

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