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Best Free Online Virtual Summer Camps 2020

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With summer quickly approaching and events continuously being postponed for the moment, summer is looking bleak for children. For families who want to keep their children's education growing over the summer but are worried about being able to afford it, here are some **completely free** online summer camps to keep your child's mind active and continuously expanding their knowledge.

Varsity Tutors Virtual Camp

Website: https://www.varsitytutors.com/virtual-summer-camps

Varsity tutors offers week long interactive summer camps to keep your child's mind active. They have quite a few options so depending on your child's interest it's easy to find something suitable for them. Some of the virtual camp themes they offer are art, lego, detective and fairy tales. Your child can work with campers all across the world and open their mind to new things. Taught by professional instructors and with a focus on encouraging your child to try new things, this virtual summer camp is a great choice for any K-12 student.

Makers Summer Camp

Website: https://makercamp.com/

Makers Summer Camp focuses on hands on learning for children. It's project focused where your child builds things based on their interests. With a focus on science, technology, and art it brings multiple disciplines together. Your child receives daily potential activities they may like ranging from creating slime to building unique art portraits.

With the pandemic going on and traditional summer camps for children closing down, these free summer camp options are great way for your child to continue their learning at no cost to you and in a safe way. It also helps them prepare for more digital school learning if things don't get better by the end of the summer. Find more helpful summer camp guides on our homepage.

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45+ Virtual Summer Camps to Keep Kids Busy While Safely Social Distancing

By Jessica Sager at parade.com

The coronavirus pandemic has thrown a serious wrench into most summer camp plans for kids. Thankfully, there are still options for kids and parents to keep busy and active while maintaining safe social distancing through virtual **summer camps**. These programs will keep your children happy while we all work through the COVID-19 crisis. For summer classes for kids or even fun summer school for kid ideas, here's the best virtual summer camp ideas for kids K-12.

45+ Best Virtual Summer Camps for 2020

1. Boy Scouts of America
Boy Scouts of America will host virtual camps, some of which can include non-Scouts. Some camps include the Circle Ten Council's At-Home Day Camp in Dallas, Texas; Crossroads of America Cub Scout Adventure Boxes (Indianapolis) and the Capitol Area Council's 2020 Cub Scout Day Camp in Austin.

2. Code Ninjas
Code Ninjas is offering week-long virtual summer camps covering a variety of topics including coding, robotics, and game building. They also offer hands-on virtual camps where a cool STEM product like Ozobot or Cubelets is shipped to children's homes. Code Senseis (instructors) virtually guide kids through challenges and activities such as building an actual robot. Check with a nearby location for schedules and availability.

3. The San Diego Zoo
San Diego Zoo Global is reaching millions of families around the world right now as part of full of video …

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13 Free Virtual Summer Camps Your Kids Will Love

If your child care plans have changed, online summer camp might be just the thing to keep your kids busy, entertained, and safe this season.

By Melissa Mills from parents.com

The COVID-19 crisis has caused most things to move online—work, school, grocery shopping, even birthday parties and playdates. Most schools, in fact, will remain closed for the rest of the academic year and some summer camps have already stated they won't open for the 2020 season. But that doesn't mean your summer plans have gone completely out the window. Since mask-wearing, frequent hand-washing, and social distancing remain the best ways to decrease your family's chances of getting the coronavirus, virtual summer camp might be just the thing to help your kids stay safe and have some fun.

These free programs—many of which, by the way, are traditional summer camps that have simply shifted online—will allow your kids to stay engaged, entertained, and busy while you work from home the next couple months. While school's out, your kids can still have the opportunity to meet some new friends and socialize—albeit virtually. And, who knows, maybe your child will find—and love—a summer camp online that they never would have been able to attend in person. It may not be the summer you envisioned, but you can still make the best of it. Here are some virtual summer camp options to check out with your kids:

1. Camp Wonderopolis

Fun for kids of all ages, Camp Wonderopolis offers fun, free STEAM—science, technology, engineering, arts, and math—programs. How does a hot air balloon fly? Why does slime feel so gooey? How does a crane work? These are just a few of the things your child can explore this summer.

2. The Museum of Contemporary Art North Miami

From June to August, kids ages 6 through 13 can enjoy mixed media, painting, drawing, and textile art classes via Zoom through The Museum of Contemporary Art North Miami. Families in the area can even pick up art supplies

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