

# SCHOOL'S OUT, LET'S PLAY!

**FIVE FUN WAYS TO KEEP YOUR CHILD HAPPILY OCCUPIED DURING THE YEAR-END HOLIDAYS.**



Photo: Singapore Science Centre

## 1 Soaper Duper Fun

Have you ever wondered what you put on your body every time you step into the shower? Have Soaper Duper fun this holiday season and stimulate your child's senses in a journey full of scent, science and suds. Children get to fizz things up and make their own bath bomb and other shower products. For more information, visit [www.science.edu.sg/visit-us/kidsstop-for-families/school-holiday-programmes](http://www.science.edu.sg/visit-us/kidsstop-for-families/school-holiday-programmes).

*As children explore the materials, they will expand their vocabulary (e.g. slippery, smooth). Soap-making also develops their scientific skills as they explore, hypothesise, experiment and discover.*



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## 2 Hang From A Chandelier

If you're flying off on a family trip this holiday, be sure to arrive early at Changi Airport Terminal 4. Check out the Chandelier, a five storey-high playground of climbing nets and fireman poles. Located at the terminal's departure lounge, it admits up to 50 people at a time and is open around the clock.

*Climbing hones spatial and directional awareness. It also strengthens physical skills such as balance, agility and eye, hand and foot coordination.*

## 3 Discover The World Through Stamps

Stamps are a visual way to expand your child's mind. Make a beeline for the Singapore Philatelic Museum's current exhibitions revolving around man's best friend, the origins of the popular storybook *The Little Prince* and award-winning illustrated envelopes. Help your little one to write a postcard about his favourite exhibit and mail it to your home address or to a friend. The postcard will make a great keepsake of your visit! Entry is free for Singaporeans and PRs. Visit [www.spm.org.sg](http://www.spm.org.sg) for exhibition details.

*Writing helps your child to recognise letters, and strengthens eye-hand coordination. Recalling events and experiences also stimulate the part of the brain that organises ideas and retains information.*



## 4 Visit A Farm

You can still find farms in urbanised Singapore! Visit Hay Dairies and observe the goats during the daily morning milking sessions. Explore the farm for free. At Jurong Frog Farm, sign up for the Gabbe Family Tour (\$12 per person) where you can feed the American bull frogs and have your photo taken with them. Visit [www.jurongfrogfarm.com.sg](http://www.jurongfrogfarm.com.sg) and [www.haydairies.com.sg](http://www.haydairies.com.sg) for more details.

*Farms offer a rich variety of sensorial experiences and are a great language and vocabulary booster for young children. Encourage your child to describe what he sees, the colours, textures and sizes.*

## 5 Bonding Under The Stars

Camping is a chance for families to enjoy bonding time surrounded by nature, without the distractions of technology. There are three approved camping sites at East Coast Park, Pasir Ris Park and West Coast Park. Find out more at [www.nparks.gov.sg/activities/fun-and-recreation/camping](http://www.nparks.gov.sg/activities/fun-and-recreation/camping).

*Camping helps children to develop skills such as teamwork (e.g. cooking a meal) and problem-solving (e.g. pitching a tent). It is a great opportunity to connect, communicate and spend quality time with each other. ♥*



Photo: Hay Dairies