

COMMUNITY ACTIVITY IDEAS

Anytime/Anywhere activities

Visit the Library –Reading together, discovery books, do a project, make a scavenger hunt

Arts and crafts

Paint a picture together

Reading together

Take a walk

Create a photo scavenger hunt

Walk a dog

Play a board game (inside/ outside)

Try a new sport

Make a musical instrument out of whatever is handy

Tackle a jigsaw puzzle

Visit your local Fire Hall (call in advance)

Hunt wildlife with a CAMERA

Learn words in another language

Do a crossword puzzle together

Learn some sign language

Draw a map of your town (identify all the important places to visit or use)

Research another country on the internet

Visit the Mentor's workplace

Cook or bake together

Woodworking or carpentry project

Start a collection (rocks, stamps, coins, cards...)

Work on a school project

Do a community service project (pick up garbage, clean up graffiti etc)

Find local historical sites

Summer activities

Go for a hike (see list of hikes suggestions)
Visit a sports field (Baseball, soccer, basket ball)
Go fishing
Visit the Saugeen Sulfer springs park
Go for a bike ride/learn how to tuneup your bike
Play Frisbee
Build a fort in the woods
Visit a playground
Fly a kite
Cloud watching
Sidewalk chalk
Catch butterflies/bugs
Watch dirt bikes at Motopark (near Williamsford)
Go on a picnic

Winter activities

Build a snow fort
Build a snowman
Cross country Skiing or snowshoeing
Tobogganing
Free skate at local rink
Shovel driveways for people in need

Hikes around the area

Sulpher Springs conservation (between Hanover and Neustadt)
Allen park (Between Hanover and Durham)
Walkerton River trail (Walkerton)
Chesley Heritage trail (Chesley)
Kingham Forest (North of Durham)
Carrick Tract trail (Outside Clifford)
Brant Tract Trail (West of Elmwood)
Walkerton Cunningham Rotary Park (East end of Walkerton)

TOWN SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES

HANOVER

Skatepark

Games night at Giddy Goblin

Free Skates at Arena

Watch a horse race

Cruiz Nights at Grants parking lot (July and August)

Visit Sights and Sounds events (July)

Play horseshoes (At racetrack)

5 local playgrounds (3 school playgrounds)

WALKERTON

Free skates at Arena

Visit the Buskers festival (Summer)

Visit splash pad

Wading pool/frog fountain (younger mentees)

Play tennis (Centennial park)

Hike and explore Walkerton Cunningham Rotary Park (East end of Walkerton)

Skatepark (coming soon)

Playground at Lobies Park

Community Centre (Ball diamonds, park area)

Saugeen River Trail

Local playgrounds

Riverbend park

DURHAM

Visit Durham Dam-Conservation area

Durham Art gallery

Wading Pool (6-10yrs)

Tennis Courts

Baseball diamonds

Soccer field

Swimming at Dam or in river

CHESLEY

Splash pad

Skatepark

Grey Bruce Children's water festival (May)

Ball diamond, Soccer fields, tennis courts

Local playgrounds

Swim in the river

Hike the Chesley Heritage Trail

Chesley Public Library

NEUSTADT

Baseball diamond
Community Centre area (Ball diamond, playing field)
Lions community Park
West Grey Library

AYTON

Library
Normanby Centennial Hall grounds (playground, basketball playing fields)
Local school playground

ELMWOOD

Ball diamond, basketball court, playing field
Local playground

**If you know of more local free ideas, please send your suggestions to the office so we can update the list.*

LOW COST ACTIVITIES

Although it is not recommended to make a habit of participating in activities that will cost you money, the occasional use of the following activities can be a special event with your mentee. (Please note, BGM does not reimburse for these costs).

Go for ice-cream
Build a model car
Grab a hot drink at a local coffee shop
Visit the Bruce Museum
Go bowling (In Walkerton)
Go roller-skating (Neustadt arena, Ayton arena)
Local swimming Pools (Hanover, Walkerton, Mildmay, wading pool in Durham)
Visit a drive-in (Hanover)
Sights and Sounds –Kids night at the drive-in (July)
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Read a play and go see it produced/read a book and go see the movie
Pick your own fruit and vegetables at a local U PICK farm
Play miniature golf (few local locations)
Visit Varney Speedway