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FUN & FRUGAL BACKYARD IDEAS FOR KIDS!

EXPLORE

- 1 Dig for worms
- 2 Collect and identify bugs
- 3 Collect and identify plants
- 4 Look for constellations
- 5 Catch fireflies
- 6 Collect and identify rocks
- 7 Collect objects and experiment with a Sticky Wall.
- 8 Make a sensory table

PLAY

- 9 Make mud pies
- 10 Play hide-and-go-seek
- 11 Play with bubbles
- 12 Race paper airplanes
- 13 Have a sack race
- 14 Make aluminum foil boats
- 15 Play tag with the water hose
- 16 Have a water balloon fight
- 17 Make an obstacle course with sidewalk chalk
- 18 Play pick-up-sticks
- 19 Play a mega memory match game with paper plates
- 20 Play floor hockey in the driveway
- 21 Create and go on a Scavenger Hunt
- 22 Create your own Olympics Games
- 23 Play flashlight tag
- 24 Play I Spy: Backyard Edition

CREATE

- 25 Create a moss terrarium
- 26 Grow your own garden
- 27 Play with sidewalk chalk
- 28 Create daisy chain necklaces
- 29 Turn a blade of grass into a whistle
- 30 Draw or paint scenes from your backyard
- 31 Turn sticks into rubber band guns
- 32 Decorate your mailbox
- 33 Make your own kite and fly it
- 34 Start a compost pile
- 35 Make a rock garden
- 36 Create a homemade slip-and-slide
- 37 Paint silly faces on the trees in your yard
- 38 Paint with leaves, grass, and sticks
- 39 Create a door hanger using outdoor elements
- 40 Make a bouquet of wildflowers
- 41 Write a short story using your backyard as the setting
- 42 Create a Nature Journal

PRETEND

- 43 Go camping
- 44 Identify shapes in the clouds
- 45 Have a picnic
- 46 Have an outdoor dance party
- 47 Write and film a nature movie
- 48 Turn rocks, sticks, and logs into drums
- 49 Race toy trucks through the mud and then play carwash
- 50 Hide a treasure in the yard and create a map to it