

HACKS

THE ENTERTAINMENT ISSUE

Simple tips to have a **SUPER FUN SUMMER** on the cheap

School's out and summer is here (finally!). It's time for blockbuster movies, concerts or just hanging out with friends—but watch out. From movie tickets to gas prices, the cost of having a good time can quickly add up. Luckily, you can enjoy your time off without blowing your savings with these cheap entertainment hacks.

START A BAND

You don't have to be a Foo Fighter to start a band. Even if your friends don't play instruments, it's the perfect excuse to learn. Buy or rent cheap gear, set up in a garage and start jamming. Just remember us when you're headlining Coachella next year.



CREATE A MOVIE CLUB

Are you a cinephile? Addicted to Avenger movies? You and your friends can have weekly movie nights. Take turns hosting, and serve themed snacks. It's a lot more fun than spending a fortune at the theatre.



PLAN YOUR THEME PARK VISIT

Theme parks can make you dizzy—and we're not talking about rollercoasters. Admission and costs are expensive, so plan ahead, buy tickets online and follow parks on social media for extra discounts.



WATCH FOR "FREE DAYS"

Many local attractions frequently offer free or discount days. Museums and zoos in particular usually have free admission. Check out their websites for dates and times.



ENTERTAINMENT ECON 101

These days, the most jaw-dropping part of any big concert isn't the pyrotechnics; it's the ticket price. Reportedly, floor seats at a recent Justin Timberlake concert went for over \$500! The cost of tickets is at an all-time high because of three reasons:

PRODUCTION VALUE

those pyrotechnics aren't cheap

MUSIC SALES ARE DOWN

partly because of free streaming

HIGH SERVICE FEES

So if you want to score good seats to the next Taylor Swift show, make sure you start saving ahead of time. Otherwise, you're better off checking out your local venues and coffee shops to catch cool music for cheap or free.



SNAP YOUR WAY TO \$250

We want to see how much fun you can have this summer—without spending too much money. Send us a photo of your Summer Savings Fun **AND YOU MAY WIN \$250!**

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SUMMER INCOME

WHAT TO DO WITH THE MONEY YOU EARN

If you're working this summer, don't forget to save some of your money. **A Credit Union savings account is actually the perfect place to put it.** If you deposit part of your paycheck, whether it's \$5 or \$50 each month, you'll be surprised by how fast it adds up. Plus, you'll have money left over for expenses that pop up once school starts again. Or you can apply it towards long-term goals like a new car or college. With your money safe in a Credit Union account, not only will you earn interest, you won't be as tempted to spend it on things you don't really want.

HELP WANTED

Check out some of these companies that hire teens:

JCPenney ★ AMC Entertainment ★ Kentucky Fried Chicken

Retail and fast food not your thing? You can always offer to mow lawns or babysit in your neighborhood.



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