

Summer Spark

2026

Your complete guide to summer fun with Save Our Youth!

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3 Ways to Get Involved

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THE BUCKET LIST CHALLENGE

Complete at least 5 activities across 4 categories as a match, and SOY will buy you fun activity tickets to celebrate! **Pg 2-5 for info**

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GROUP MEET UPS

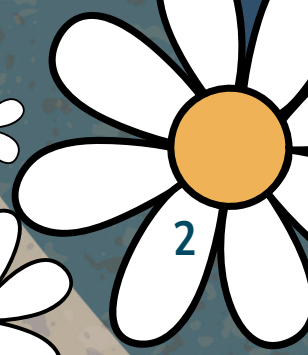
Hang out with other matches this summer during one of our Summer Meetups!
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SUMMER STIPENDS

We've put together a list of enriching activities happening across the community—many of which offer scholarships. To make participation even more accessible, SOY can provide stipends to help with remaining costs. **Pg 7 for info**

1. Bucket List



The adventures in pages 3-5 make up the 2026 Bucket List. The ideas cover 4 categories:

1. Growth
2. Movement
3. Creativity
4. Conversation

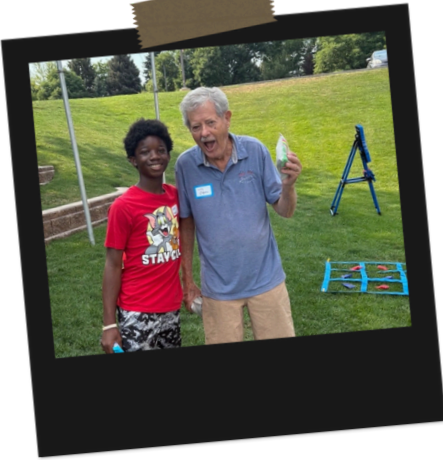
First, sit down with your mentee and identify which ideas sound the most fun! Then you can create a plan to accomplish 5 activities in each of the 4 categories.

Many activities count for multiple categories, but you cannot do one activity more than once (i.e. go to the zoo 8 times). *Most activities are designed to be done together.*

Complete 5 activities per category and SOY will get the first 25 matches tickets to Elitch's, Waterworld, Meow Wolf, or Paddleboarding (your choice)!

Email candace@saveouryouth.org
to submit your challenge.





Categories

Growth



Creativity



Movement



Conversation



Visit the RiNo Art District Murals



Attend SOY's workshop day in June (see meet-up page)



Climb the stairs at Red Rocks



Skip stones in a creek or river



Pick out a library book for each other



Go on a photography walk



Complete "Make the Most of Your Summer" on "Level All"



Tour Auraria campus with SOY (see meet-up page)



Play H-O-R-S-E (basketball)



Create a secret handshake



Visit your mentor's favorite spot



Watch each other's favorite movie



Photograph the sunrise



Do an anonymous kind deed for someone



Use your SOY Conversation Cards



Make each other smoothies



Complete "Find What Motivates You" on "Level All"



Learn how to change a tire (bike or car!)



Visit the zoo



Find and visit a waterfall or creek



Do a devotional series together for >5 days



Help each other face a fear



Go Swimming



Watch a TedTalk together



A pink box indicates an activity that SOY either provides **FREE** tickets for OR provides the resource. (For Conversation Cards or *Big Life Journal*, contact your Mentoring Specialist)

Create a trick shot video (any sport)



Create boat rafts and do a competition



Go to a Rockies game



Hike to the summit of a hill/mountain!



Go phone-free for a whole afternoon



Visit a state park



Do 5 activities in the "Big Life Journal"



Go GeoCaching



Write a short story, alternating sentences



Have a Powerpoint Party with another match



Go fishing (or play Go Fish)



Go to the Science & Nature Museum



Complete "How to Set Your Priorities and Make Decisions" on "Level All"



Learn about your mentor's career



Share a favorite childhood memory



Learn basic laundry skills



SUMMER SPARK BUCKET LIST

Resource



LEVEL ALL LEARNING

You may have noticed that Level All Learning is a Bucket List activity! If you aren't yet familiar, Level All is an interactive platform full of fun, bite-sized lessons to help your mentee build confidence, life skills, and a roadmap for success. It's a key part of our Skills 4 Success program and includes summer-specific lessons.

Scan to learn how to make an account and scroll down to the "Level All Video Library" section to find the summer list!



CHECKING OFF YOUR BUCKET LIST



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There are 4 activity categories. Complete 5 activities per category and SOY will get the first 25 matches tickets to Elitch's, Waterworld, Meow Wolf, or Paddleboarding (your choice)!

Take a picture of this page once completed and email to Candace along with which tickets you'd like! candace@saveouryouth.org

Growth



Movement



Creativity



Conversation



*Many activity ideas can count for multiple categories,, but you cannot count an activity twice if you do it twice.

2. Group Meet Ups



Let's Get Together!

Connect with other matches at one of our Summer Meet Ups!

- Auraria campus college tour
- Workshops and fun! We will be covering personality strengths and how to find a teen job along with fun activities at the office

Scan the QR code to get all the info and sign up!

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BACK TO SCHOOL



August 8 - You're Invited!

Mark your calendar for the annual Back to School event on August 8. Mentees will get a backpack with school supplies as we celebrate the launch of a new school year.



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We are happy to offer stipends so mentees can participate in a wide variety of activities happening around the Denver Metro and beyond. Besides ones listed on the website, you are welcome to find your own opportunity, and our Education Manager will review.

These activities are enriching in some way (camps, art, music, sports, robotics, etc). Stipends are not guaranteed and there is a limited number, so apply if interested, and Angela, our Education Manger will be in touch with next steps!

We encourage all matches to start by looking at the websites of local rec centers, libraries, and boys and girls clubs near you as these usually have some very affordable and great summer options!

SOY will cover up to \$100 remaining balance for a summer activity (most activities listed offer their own scholarships that we encourage mentees to apply to).