

## Get Growing this Summer!

The warm summer months are a great time to begin a vegetable garden with your kids. Starting an edible garden can also teach important lessons about science and biology as you look forward to harvesting fresh and organic foods. The easiest vegetables to start from seed include beets, radishes, peas, swiss chard, beans, lettuce, and cucumber. Vegetables need plenty of sun and water, so be sure to site your new garden for success. Many vegetables can be grown in small spaces and even in containers.

For tips on how to begin gardening with your kids, visit [kiddiegardens.com](http://kiddiegardens.com).



## Oregon College Savings Planning Tips

Set up an Automatic Contribution Plan to activate regular additions to your college savings account.

- Periodically review your investment strategy. Choose from 15 different investment portfolios to help address your risk/return objectives.
- Encourage relatives and friends to contribute to your child's 529 plan with the online "eGift" option.

For more information, call 866-549-6536 or visit [OregonCollegeSavings.com/Planner](http://OregonCollegeSavings.com/Planner).

## Fun and Thrifty Summertime Activities

You don't have to send your children to expensive summer camps to keep them entertained over break; create your own summer fun with these ideas:

- **Scavenger hunt.** Take photos of your neighborhood's landmarks, paste them into a book and send your kids outside to find them. Leave a puzzle piece at each location so they can put the puzzle together at the end!
- **Outdoor adventure.** Search for shells, pebbles and other treasures on a beach or explore local parks for unique plants and wildlife. Then discuss your findings and their importance to the environment for educational fun.
- **Bicycle brigade.** Rally your kids and their friends together to decorate their bikes with balloons and streamers for your own neighborhood parade—your kids will get exercise and show off their creativity.
- **Sign up for summer reading at your local library.** Many libraries offer incentives to read during the summer, thus helping your kids retain much of what they learned during the school year. Plus, you can enter to win a \$529 Oregon College Savings Plan account when your child signs up for summer reading at your local Oregon public library. If you are drawn as a winner, your library will receive \$500 as well! Visit [OregonCollegeSavings.com/SavetheDay](http://OregonCollegeSavings.com/SavetheDay) for prize details and official rules.

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