

# VIRTUAL AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITY OF THE WEEK

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# THE MISSION

Each week, Project RISE will send out an activity that you can do virtually with the children and/or families in your program, either in a live, online session or by sending a video with instructions to parents. The activities are intended to give children opportunities to learn, express themselves, and feel connected to you and their after-school friends. Providing this on a weekly basis during this difficult time can also help to strengthen your relationship with the children, families, and communities you serve.



# PREPARATION

Family engagement is an important part of a successful after-school program. This week's activity offers your program an opportunity to host a *Virtual Family Fun Night*, or you can use this idea to facilitate an ice-breaker for a virtual program information meeting or presentation about essential community resources.

# MATERIALS



## AT HOME SCAVENGER HUNT

- A PHOTO THAT HAS THE FAMILY MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN THE HUNT IN IT
- SOMETHING WITH A SPINE BUT NO BONES
- SOMETHING FROM A FARAWAY PLACE
- SOMETHING THAT STARTS WITH THE FIRST LETTER OF YOUR LAST NAME
- SOMETHING THAT CAN LIGHT UP
- SOMETHING THAT EQUALS 12 CENTS
- SOMETHING THAT IS RED, WHITE, AND BLUE
- SOMETHING THAT YOU CAN BUILD
- SOMETHING THAT GROWS

- Video Chat tool such as Zoom, Google Hangout or Facebook Messenger Rooms.
- Phone or device with video capability
- The [At Home Scavenger Hunt](#) sheet with instructions
- Staff to host the Virtual Family Fun Night
- Music to play during 10 min
- Timer

# OVERVIEW

Your after-school program will host a *Family Fun Night* to engage your families while they stay safely at home. We will be using a scavenger hunt for this example but many other activities such as competitions, talent shows, or games can also be used to offer virtual family engagement activities each month.

# CREATE IT

We have created a sample [At Home Scavenger Hunt](#) with instructions, but your staff can adapt it as needed and translate it into other languages as well. Your staff and children may want to work together to create the invitation that will be sent out, as families enjoy receiving artwork and other creations that their children make in the program. The invitation must include information like the time, date, and a fun description of the activity. You may also want to create a short PowerPoint as an introduction to be used at the family night.

# SHARE IT



An invitation created by your staff and children or video of you describing the event can be sent to families with the instructions below.

Prior to the actual event be sure to do a trial run. Try it out with your staff as a team building activity in a video chat session. This will help you to find the best way to run this event and tweak before doing it with the parents.



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# INVITATION TO FAMILIES

**Our after-school program staff is hosting a virtual "Family Fun Night"! We hope you will join us as we help your child stay connected while they stay safely at home!**

- **Respond to our invitation to let us know you will be joining us.**
- **Test the video chat tool with the link we provided on your phone or computer.**
- **Your family should sign in to the event 5 minutes prior to start time.**
- **Be ready for a fun, scavenger hunt that your whole family can participate in!**

