

Activities & Resources for EL Families

Tips & Ideas for Practicing English

- **Reading:** Make a time to read, read aloud together, talk about the story to engage listening and speaking skills, talk about story elements like characters, plot, setting, problem, and solution, make predictions in the story to check for understanding.
- **Start a book club!** Role play, read to younger children, everyone read the same book, storytell (expand the plots or create new stories).
- **Writing:** Write letters to family, write about a character in a book, keep a journal about daily activities, send a postcard to a friend or a teacher, send emails, leave secret messages throughout the house, create a scavenger hunt, create a newsletter to share with family and friends.
- **Schedule English time:** Everyone in your family speaks English for a given amount of time!
- **Play Board Games** to promote social language.
- **Skype** or video chat with friends.
- **Start an English Club** with friends who speak English.
- **Teach** friends or younger siblings English.
- **Listen to Audio Books** (can be found at your local library!)
- **Research a Trip** and write about your findings.
- **Watch Movies/TV Shows** to identify new vocabulary, summarize the plot, discuss the characters.

Websites for Practicing English

Unite For Literacy

- Read and listen to books in English AND other languages!
- www.uniteforliteracy.com

National Geographic for Kids

- Read and watch videos about ALL kinds of things in our world.
- <http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/>

Cool Math

- Math games to practice fact fluency
- www.coolmath4kids.com

PBS Kids

- Play educational games, watch PBS Kids shows, and other activities
- <http://pbskids.org>

Colorin Colorado

- Many different ELL teaching resources
- <http://colorincolorado.org>

Fun English

- A wide range of fun, interactive games and activities for learning English
- www.funenglishgames.com

Learning English

- A free learning program that teaches English through lessons with native speakers and real-life images
- www.goenglish.me/

ESL Kid Stuff

- Flashcards, worksheets, games, and activities!
- www.eslkidstuff.com

Kids Online

- Free downloads, activities, games, books, and a lot more!
- www.kids-online.net/

Learn English Kids

- Games, songs, stories, printables about various topics.
- www.learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/

English for Kids

- Picture dictionaries, basic English vocabulary, grammar for kids, online word games.
- <https://anglomaniacy.pl/>

Homework Spot

- Resources organized by subject and grade level
- www.homeworkspot.com/

Community Resources

Nature	Art, Music, Dance, & Science
<p>Shaver's Creek Environmental Center: <i>Summer camps at the nature center & family activities</i> 3400 Discovery Rd., Petersburg, PA 16669 Phone: (814) 863-2000 www.shaverscreek.org</p> <p>Millbrook Marsh Nature Center 548 Puddintown Rd. (College Township), State College, PA 16801 Phone: (814) 235-7819 https://www.crpr.org/millbrook-marsh-nature-center</p> <p>Penn's Cave and Wildlife Park 222 Penns Cave Rd., Centre Hall, PA 16828 Phone: (814) 364-1664 www.pennscave.com</p> <p>Boalsburg Military Museum 51 Boal Avenue, Boalsburg, PA 16827 Phone: (814) 466-6263 https://www.pamilmuseum.org</p> <p>Pennsylvania State Parks: <i>Offer boating, fishing, swimming, and more</i> Whipple Dam State Park, Greenwood Furnace State Park, Black Moshannon State Park https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/pages/default.aspx</p>	<p>The State Theatre 130 W. College Ave, State College, PA 16801 Phone: (814) 272-0606 http://thestatetheatre.org/</p> <p>Palmer Art Museum Curtain Road, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA Phone: (814) 865-7672 www.palmermuseum.psu.edu</p> <p>Art Alliance of Central Pennsylvania: <i>Summer art camps</i> 824 Pike Street in Lemont Phone: (814) 234-2740 http://artallianceofcentralpa.org</p> <p>Discovery Space of Central PA: <i>Science discovery and summer camps</i> 1224 North Atherton Street, State College, PA 16803 Phone: (814) 234-0200 www.mydiscoveryspace.org</p> <p>The Center for Arts and Crafts Penn State: <i>Summer art camps/classes</i> 003 Ritenour Building, University Park, PA 16802 Phone: (814) 863-0611 www.studentaffairs.psu.edu/hub/craftcenter</p> <p>Centre Summer Dance Workshops 2121 Sandy Drive, State College, PA 16803 Phone: (814) 238-8685 https://www.centredance2121.org/summer-programs</p> <p>Singing on Stage: <i>Offers musical theater camps</i> 1108 S. Pugh Street, State College, PA 16801 Phone: (814) 360-9761 www.singingonstage.com</p> <p>Bricks4Kidz <i>Camps for Lego lovers</i> Phone: (814) 574-2211 https://www.brick4kidz.com/pennsylvania-statecollege-bellefonte/</p> <p>Bellefonte Art Museum: <i>June and July, Friday-Sunday 12-4:30, free admission for "Imagination Celebration"- Interactive art!</i> 814-355-4280 http://www.bellefontemuseum.org/exhibits/129</p>

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Sports and Leisure	
<p>Schlow Library: <i>Has many activities through the summer for all ages</i> 211 S. Allen St., State College, PA 16801 Phone: (814)237-6236 www.schlowlibrary.org</p> <p>Happy Valley Mini Golf 1890 S. Atherton St., State College, PA 16801 Phone: (814) 466-6840 http://www.happyvalleyminigolf.com/</p> <p>Northland Bowling Alley 1521 Martin St., State College, PA Phone: (814) 237-1500 www.northlandbowl.com</p> <p>State College Spikes Baseball Medlar Field at Lubrano Park, State College, PA www.statecollegespikes.com</p> <p>Nittany Gymnastics Academy Phone: (814) 238-8995 www.nittanygym.com</p> <p>Pegula Ice Arena: <i>Ice skating</i> 250 University Dr, University Park, PA https://gopsusports.com/sports/2018/8/8/pegula-ice-arena-public-sessions.html.aspx</p>	<p>Tussey Mountain 301 Bear Meadows Rd., Boalsburg, PA 16827 http://www.tusseymountain.com/</p> <p>Penn Skates 2210 High Tech Rd. Phone: (814) 357-6898 www.pennskates.com</p> <p>Penn State Berkey Creamery 119 Rodney A. Erickson Food Science Building, University Park, PA 16802 Phone: (814) 865-7535 www.creamery.psu.edu</p> <p>Meyer Dairy Ice Cream 2390 S. Atherton St., State College, PA 16801 Phone: (814) 237-1849 https://meyerdairy.weebly.com/</p> <p>Get Air 2252 E. College Ave., State College, PA 16801 Phone: (814) 924-0800 https://getairsports.com/state-college/</p> <p>Centre Parks & Recreation Programs: <i>Summer camps, summer pool information, discounted tickets to amusement parks in PA, and Millbrook Marsh Nature Center</i> http://www.crpr.org</p>

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Summer Festivals	Swimming
<p>Central PA 4th Fest Celebration July 4, 2019 Penn State Campus (Beaver Stadium area) https://www.visitpennstate.org/events/4th-fest-celebration/</p> <p>Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts July 10-14, 2019 Downtown State College https://arts-festival.com/</p> <p>People's Choice Festival July 11-14, 2019 Downtown Boalsburg https://peopleschoicestival.com/</p> <p>Centre County Grange Fair August 16-24, 2019 https://grangefair.com/</p>	<p>State College YMCA 677 W. Whitehall Rd., State College, PA 16801 Phone: (814) 237-7717 https://www.ymcaofcentrecounty.org/locations/state-college-branch/</p> <p>Park Forest Community Pool 2100 School Dr., State College, PA Phone: (814) 238-4515 https://www.crpr.org/aquatics/schedule_and_rules</p> <p>Welch Pool 670 Westerly Parkway, State College, PA Phone: (814) 237-2964 https://www.crpr.org/aquatics/schedule_and_rules</p> <p>Whipple Dam State Park Huntingdon, PA (turn East of PA 26) Phone: (814) 667-1800 http://www.stateparks.com/whipple_dam.html</p>