# IOI SCREEN-FREE ACTIVITIES

## **At Home**

- 1. Listen to the radio.
- 2. Write an article or story.
- 3. Paint a picture, a mural or a room.
- 4. Write to the President, your Representative, or Senators.
- 5. Read a book. Read to someone else.
- 6. Learn to change the oil or tire on a car. Fix something.
- 7. Write a letter to a friend or relative.
- 8. Make cookies, bread or jam and share with a neighbor.
- 9. Read magazines or newspapers. Swap them with friends.
- 10. Go through your closets and donate items to Goodwill, the Salvation Army, or a local rummage sale. Have a garage sale.
- 11. Start a diary/journal.
- 12. Play cards.
- 13. Make crafts to give as gifts. Try a new craft.
- 14. Do a crossword puzzle or play Sudoku.
- 15. Save money: cancel your cable TV!
- 16. Learn about a different culture. Have an international dinner.

- 17. Teach a child some of your favorite childhood games.
- 18. Study sign language.
- 19. Write a letter to your favorite author.
- 20. Cook dinner with friends or family.
- 21. Make cards for holidays or birthdays.
- 22. Play chess, bridge, or checkers.
- 23. Play charades.
- 24. Have a cup of coffee and a conversation.
- 25. Repair or refinish a piece of furniture.
- 26. Make a wooden flower box.
- 27. Wake up early and make pancakes.
- 28. Read a favorite poem. Read poems by poets new to you

#### **Outdoors**

- 29. Learn about native trees and flowers in your area.
- 30. Plan a picnic or barbecue.
- 31. Go bird watching. Learn the names of local birds.
- 32. Walk the dog. Wash the dog.

- 33. Plant a garden. Work in your garden.
- 34. Take a nature hike.
- 35. Feed fish or birds.
- 36. Watch the night sky through binoculars and identify different constellations. Observe the moon.
- 37. Learn to use a compass.
- 38. Take photographs and then organize them into an album.
- 39. Do yard work.
- 40. Go camping.
- 41. Take an early morning walk.
- 42. Climb a tree.
- 43. Watch a sunset; watch the sunrise with a friend.

#### **Around Town**

- 44. Attend a community concert. Listen to a local band.
- 45. Visit the library. Borrow some books.
- 46. Visit a local bookstore.
- 47. Visit the zoo.
- 48. Visit the countryside or town. Travel by bus or train.
- 49. Attend a religious service.
- 50. Go to a museum.

- 51. Walk to work or school.
- 52. Attend a live sports event.
- 53. Look for treasures at a yard sale.
- 54. Try out for a play. Attend a play.
- 55. Collect recycling and drop it off at a recycling center.
- 56. Learn to play a musical instrument.

# On the Move

- 57. Go roller skating or ice skating.
- 58. Go swimming. Join a community swim team.
- 59. Start a community group that walks, runs or bikes.
- 60. Organize a game of touch football, baseball, or softball in the local park.
- 61. Go for a bicycle ride.
- 62. Learn yoga.
- 63. Play soccer, softball or volleyball.
- 64. Play Frisbee.
- 65. Workout.
- 66. Go dancing. Take a dance class.

### **In Your Community**

- 67. Organize a community clean-up or volunteer for charity.
- 68. Become a tutor.

- 69. Join a choir. Sing!
- 70. Start a bowling team.
- 71. Visit and get to know your neighbors.
- 72. Start a fiction or public policy book group.

# With the Kids

- 73. Make paper bag costumes and have a parade.
- 74. Design a poster for Screen- Free Week.
- 75. Discover your community center or local park activities.
- 76. Blow bubbles.
- 77. Draw family portraits.
- 78. Build a fort in the living room and camp out.
- 79. Research your family history. Make a family tree.
- 80. Invent a new game and teach it to your friends.
- 81. Make a sign to tape across the TV during Screen-Free Week.
- 82. Play hopscotch, hide & seek, or freeze-tag.
- 83. Organize a neighborhood scavenger hunt.
- 84. Play board games with family and friends.
- 85. Clean up or redecorate your room.

- 86. Make puppets out of old socks and have a puppet show.
- 87. Write a play with friends. Perform it at a nursing home.
- 88. Construct a kite. Fly it.
- 89. Go on a family trip or historical excursion.
- 90. If it's snowing, go sledding or make a snowman.
- 91. Create a collage out of old magazine pictures.
- 92. Shoot hoops with friends. Play a round of H.O.R.S.E.
- 93. Make a friendship bracelet.
- 94. Create a cookbook with all your favorite recipes.
- 95. Tell stories around a campfire.
- 96. Plan a slumber party.
- 97. Bake cakes or cookies and invite friends for a tea party.
- 98. Construct a miniature boat and float it on water.
- 99. Write a letter to your grandparents. Make a special card.
- 100. Create sidewalk art with chalk.
- 101. Everyone! Have a huge party to celebrate a Screen-Free Week!

