



YOUR MONEY MATTER\$

OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED: July 4th - Independence Day & September 5 - Labor Day





Here are some simple money earning ideas for you this summer.

- **Extra Chores.** Ask your parents to take on extra chores for more cash.
- 2. Sell clothes. Sell the clothes you no longer wear to places that will give you cash.
- 3. If you know someone that owns their own business, ask them to hire you over the summer or on weekends.
- 4. Become a tutor. Take advantage of any academic skill you have by tutoring younger students or other classmates.
- **5. Wash Cars.** Offer to wash cars for your neighbors or family members for a small fee.
- **6. House sit or pet sit.** If you have a friend or family member going on vacation, offer to take care of their pets or house sit (which may involve checking the mail, bringing in the newspaper, stopping by daily, or spending the night) for a price. People sometimes have to pay expensive fees to dog kennels to care for their pets while they are away; if you can take over this role, you can save the pet owner money while earning some cash yourself.

- Farmers market. If you can grow a garden with flowers or vegetables, you may be able to sell at local farmers markets. Stop in and ask for details the next time you drive by a farmers market.
- **8. Art.** If you have an artistic talent, you may be able to sell your work at craft shows. Some local venues offer artists a place to set up and sell their creations. Gathering information on any fees will help you decide if this can be a worthwhile venture for you.
- 9. Clean Gutters. Offer to clean your neighbor's gutters for
- 10. Errands. Offer to run errands for your parents, and see if they will fill up your gas tank in exchange.
- 11. Pet Baths. Offer to wash your neighbor's pets. It can be difficult sometimes for pet owners to find time to wash their pets. Offer to give their pet a basic bath.

*Before any money making venture, make sure you have the supplies you need to complete the task. Get details first, to ensure you don't spend more than you earn on any fees or needed supplies. For certain services, you should be able to borrow items from the person you are helping to complete the task.

*Always take pride in your work. Strive to always do a good job, and never leave a mess behind for some else to clean up. These things will help you ensure repeat business.



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Trying to save money this summer but still want to hang out with your friends and have fun? Here is a list of free and inexpensive activities for you and your friends.

Acoustic Squared - Artists come and play live music every Thursday night through the end of August, on the square in Downtown Huntsville. A different performer can be heard each Thursday from 5 PM to 8 PM.

Greene Street Market - This farmer's market is where you can find locally grown vegetables, plants, and various homemade treats. There will be featured artists displaying their work, as well as food vendors during this open air market located at the corner of Greene Street and Eustis Avenue in downtown Huntsville. Now through October, the market is held on Thursdays from 4 PM to 8 PM. www.greenestreetmarket.com

Concerts in the Park - Free concerts every Monday, until August 8th, take place at the Big Spring Park, featuring various local artists. Lasting from 6:30 PM to 8 PM, food vendors will be on site.

First Wednesday Car Show - Classic and custom cars and trucks will be on display every 1st Wednesday of the month, through November. The show starts at 5 PM and is located at 7 Towne Center Dr. NW, Suite 102 in Huntsville.

Friday Night Art Walk - More than 40 local artists will gather the 2nd Friday of July and August (July 8 and August 12) from 5 PM to 8 PM on the square, displaying their creations. You can stroll the local work while you shop or simply enjoy the environment.

Food Truck Rally - You can find over 30 food trucks and live music during the food truck rallies in Downtown Huntsville. Hours are from 5 PM to 9 PM. Dates and locations include July 15th on Church Street, August 19th at the lumber yard, and September 16th on Church St.

Huntsville Ghost Walk - Learn some local history during this walking tour that begins at Harrison Brothers Hardware on the square. Every Saturday through October 29th, departures are at 6 PM. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. www.huntsvilleghostwalk.com

Poetry Slam - Compete by reading 3 pieces of your own poetry (no longer than 3 minutes each), or come and listen to the local writers. Occurring every 4th Sunday through November at 2211 Seminole Dr., Suite 501 in the Flying Monkey Arts Center, hours are from 7 PM to 8 PM.