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Plenty to do in Pacifica

I've been hearing for too long the cry, "there's nothing (for kids) to do in Pacifica." There's plenty to do. It may not always be exciting, or thrilling. But there are plenty of legal, moral, pleasurable ways to enjoy life and pass the time. Here are 38 suggestions for kids 9 to 18. They're all I have room for.

1. Take a walk on the beach. Feel the sand between your toes. 2. Take a hike on Sweeney Ridge, and check out the wildflowers. 3. Read a classic novel from the library. 4. Enjoy a videocassette tape from the library. 5. Check out a magazine in a field of your interest from the scores the library has available. 6. Create a crossword puzzle for your friends to solve. Include their names in it. 7. Dance with your friends. 8. Get involved with 4-H. Raise an animal or a vegetable garden. 9. Get involved in the scouts. 10. Get a newspaper route. You'll learn business skills and earn some money. 11. Go to church. Get involved in special church events. 12. Become politically active. You're welcome at meetings of the Pacifica Democrats, the Pacifica Republicans, or the political group of your choice. You can make a difference. Assemblywoman Jackie Speier was politically

active at age 15. You can be too. 13. Spend an hour picking up trash. Make a group project out of it with your friends. 14. Volunteer to help the Youth Service Bureau, the city of Pacifica, the Resource Center, a child care center, or a hundred other services that are chronically short of help and money. 15. Write a short story. 16. Learn to type. 17. Take a computer night class. 18. Form a service club, or join one. Pick a worthy, achievable goal. Achieve it. 19. Talk to some older people. Learn something about local history. 20. Volunteer at Channel 8. 21. Fish at the pier. No license needed. 22. Mow a neighbor's lawn. Do it as a favor. 23. Bake some bread. 24. Attend high school football games, baseball games, basketball games, and wrestling matches. They can always use more fans. 25. Visit the museum in the EurekaBank. 26. Volunteer for Project Read. Help a neighbor who can't read as well as you can. 27. Run the PAR course at Frontierland Park. 28. Walk your dog, or your neighbor's dog. 29. Train your dog. 30. Plan a family picnic. Prepare all the food. You be the host. Invite your parents and friends, 31. Take in a movie at the Seavue, Only \$1,32. Learn to play duplicate Bridge. 33. Join the Chess Club and learn chess. 34. Have a Scrabble party and invite your friends. 35. Ride your bike to the other end of Pacifica. 36. Attend a City Council or Planning Commission meeting. Plan to speak if you have something to share with the council or commission. 37. Write me a letter, listing 10 interesting things to do that I've forgotten or overlooked, or never knew about, that kids can do in Pacifica, free of charge or inexpensively, 38. Write me a letter, telling me of 25 things you'd rather do, but which are impossible or difficult to do in boring old Pacifica.