Play in All Weather

Rain, snow, summer heat...

all weather conditions affect getting your kids outside. Rather than staying indoors, find ways to get your family outdoors in all seasons and in all weather. Here are some tips and ideas for all-weather nature play.

**Winter**
Layer up with weather—appropriate clothing. If there’s no snow where you live, kids can experiment with freezing water in various containers overnight. Winter is also a time to observe birds at your bird feeder!

**Spring**
Spring showers are the perfect opportunity for putting on rain coats and galoshes, grabbing an umbrella, and heading outside for puddle-jumping.

**Summer**
Beating the heat is as simple as hooking up the garden hose and letting kids take aim at each other. Or head into a shady section of the yard for a midsummer mini “hike.” Challenge kids to identify insects, birds, and plants they see along the way.

**Fall**
Almost nothing is better than the simple pleasure of jumping in a freshly-raked pile of leaves! Ask your kids which leaves belong to which trees.

“There is no bad weather, only bad clothing.”

— SIR RANULPH FIENNES