

## Today's Generation of Kids Was Made for This - Lake County Edition

The change came like lightning. Just a month ago, the coronavirus was still looming, I was preparing for Cactus League action in Arizona and my April cruise to Europe was on my mind. Then in a rapid-fire series of events all my options closed in around me. Social distancing, 6' rule, self-quarantine, unprecedented school and business closures became overnight realities.



Terms like 'community spread', 'containment zones' and global pandemic filled the airwaves and now became part of every-day speech. Fear, not panic, became the new buzzword to manage anxiety, market volatility and those affected as well as first responders in the medical field trenches.

Even as we face restrictions like never seen before, and with many choices now off the table, many possibilities remain. Time is a luxury we now have at this moment. With online schooling, virtual field trips, binge-watching and 24/7 nuclear families in vogue we are very adaptable. Just remember today's generation of kids were made for this. They have never

not been in the tech-savvy era. Let's embrace their gifts and with a little old-fashioned nostalgia get started with a Covid-19 inspired school lesson plan - a family educational enrichment activity.

Your challenge - use online resources to research the following topics. Afterward as a family, you can view



these learned outcomes in a digital format or in person while completing your social distancing hike or exercise session.

Remember while global events may have curtailed dinners with friends, traveling to a destination or all sporting events- your kids were made for this new form of social gatherings.

## Mini History Lessons – Lake County Edition

• <u>Lake County Historical Markers</u> - Ohio's smallest county has the most history as 27 markers are located in our community. Visit *RemarkableOhio.org* to find our county landmarks and their histories. Use photos,



social-media or personal hikes / trips to record your visit.

- <u>Hometown Street Names</u> How do streets get their names? Research the topic and apply it to the cities and townships of Lake. Here are just a few street names to get you started Girdled Road, Vrooman Road, Manry Road, Casement Drive, Huntington Drive, Dock Road, Johnnycake Ridge Road, Rockefeller Road, Hubbard Road, Prouty Road and more.
- <u>Cemetery Stroll</u> A walk thru your local cemetery is a walk thru history. Early pioneering families, local businessmen, notable citizens, and veterans of wars dating back to the American Revolution are interned on these fields of history. Your local sextant, city hall or cemetery monument legend can be a good source.

<u>Historic Buildings, our Hidden Gems Then & Now</u> - Select a historic home or structure in your hometown
and trace its history. Here are some to get your started- Wickliffe City Hall, Casement House, Fairport Harbor Lighthouse, Sawyer House, Painesville Depot, Eber Howe homes, US Route 20, Corning House, the

Nolan building, Ohio cottage, Lake County Poor House...

 Community Timeline - research your city or township and develop a timeline with text and images of 12-25 significant events in its history. Remember to include early pioneers, industry, famous citizens and events.

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