

monthly mini dates

APRIL

# PIRATE

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# Send your little buckaneer on a treasure hunt!

Cut out the cards below and place them around your house.

Wrap up a treat or fun present to be found as the last clue.

Arrgh! Are ye ready for  
a treasure hunt?

1

Find the first clue  
where ye rest yer head.



Ye found it!

2

Look for th' loot  
where ye brush  
yer teeth!



Ye found it!

3

Search through  
yer toys and  
ye'll find th' next clue.



Ye found it!

4

Now find th'  
next clue where ye  
watch yer TV.

Ye found it!

5

To find the loot,  
to th' mess hall  
ye must go.

Ye found it!

6

Head to th' machine  
where ye  
wash yer clothes.



Ye found it!

7

Look in th' drawers  
that hold yer britches.



X marks the spot!  
Ye've found  
the booty!

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# Pirate Pancakes

These easy to make Pirate Pancakes might make you start talking like a Pirate!

## INGREDIENTS:

- Your favorite pancake mix
- Strawberries
- Bananas
- Mini-chocolate chips
- Chocolate Chips
- Chocolate wafer cookies

## DIRECTIONS:

**Step 1:** Mix up your pancake mix and pour into large ovals on a warm (not hot) griddle that has been sprayed or wiped with oil. I always use a warm griddle when I am making fun pancakes because otherwise they will turn brown too quickly and it is hard to see the different features.

**Step 2:** Slice the strawberries and arrange onto the pancake in the shape of a bandanna.

**Step 3:** Split one of the chocolate wafer cookies in half to use for the eye patch. Arrange the mini-chocolate chips for the tie that holds it on.

**Step 4:** Slice a banana for the eye and add the chocolate chip. Add one more chocolate chip for the nose.

**Step 5:** Cut one more strawberry into a mouth and you have a scurvy pirate.





# Pool Noodle Swords

These pool noodle swords are perfect for a Pirate war without hurting each other!

## MATERIALS:

- Pool Noodles
- Duct Tape Silver and Black
- Scissors
- Utility Knife



## DIRECTIONS:

STEP 1: Cut the pool noodles in half or to the length that you want.

STEP 2: Wrap one color duct tape around the ends of the pool noodle. Wrap strips of the other color over the top of the duct tape to create a handle.



Make a variety of swords with different colors of pool noodles and black and grey duct tape.



# Geocaching

Geocaching is the ultimate treasure hunt for kids! Using your cell phone or other handheld GPS devices, you can find hidden “caches” in your neighborhood and surrounding areas.

Most caches are tupperware containers with a log book to sign saying you were there. Some of them include little trinkets that you can trade with something you brought.



## HOW TO GO GEOCACHING WITH KIDS:



**STEP 1:** Visit [geocaching.com](http://geocaching.com) where you will find over 2 million caches and it will specifically tell you how many caches are in your area.

**STEP 2:** Make sure the kids are dressed comfortably and with good shoes on. Some caches are near the road and some require walking for awhile.

**STEP 3:** Look at the rating system and find those listed as 1 star if you have small children with you.

**STEP 4:** Also look for the size of the cache. Larger caches tend to have trinkets to exchange if that is important to your children.

**STEP 5:** Then follow your GPS to find the cache. The easiest way to do this is by downloading the Geocaching app from the App store.

## HOW TO FIND A CACHE

- Follow your coordinates until you are within 20 feet
- Once you are close, just start looking around since a GPS is only accurate to within a few feet
- Take a pole, stick, etc to help you look in enclosed areas.
- Look for branches, piles of sticks or anything else that seems out of the ordinary.

## WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU FIND ONE?

- Exchange any trinkets found with something of better value
- Leave your name on the log book
- Put it back where you found it!



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Our favorite activity:

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Fun things we did together:

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