

Hey, everyone, my name is Josh Counselor.

I am a project manager with the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood.

I want to come to you today and talk about my experience as a dad.

As many of you are probably experiencing during this pandemic,

some of the crazy adjustments that we have to do to kind of help

our kids stay engaged in a virtual environment.

So during the summertime since we spent the whole year

basically with Zoom fatigue, our kids being in school

virtually or a hybrid approach during the summer, we as parents,

my wife and I are trying to keep our kids engaged with outdoor activities.

One of the programs that are awesome at providing this kind of structure,

are Boy Scouts of America programming.

It is open to not just boys, it's now open to girls as well.

And it teaches leadership, it teaches citizenship.

It also does other skills that not only on the outside, but

can be skills that you can complete inside, but hands on as well.

There are a lot of other programs out there that you can research,

so I recommend looking on social media or contacting your

local community partner and maybe your church organizations to find other programs

out there that would help your kiddos stay engaged this summer.