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## Coparenting Tips To Secure Summertime Fun!

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*Summer is always a fun time for kids, but for separated or divorced parents, it brings challenges that can make short holidays and beach days feel more stressful. Parents always want to create enjoyable experiences for their kids during school breaks, but sometimes those experiences become distractions that create issues with the ex. But don't give up on summer this year. Coparenting during the summer is an exciting challenge that can strengthen your relationship with your kids and their relationship with their other parent. Here are 5 tips to make coparenting during the summer successful.*

### 1 Make Social Plans for Your Kids

One essential tip to make your kids feel comfortable and happy during summer is to keep them socially engaged. Have your kids join summer camps, sports clinics, and community events with other peers. This way, they can learn and enjoy new things while at the same time making friends and building their confidence. If both parents can agree on an activity for the children (e.g., sports camps, picnics), it is a way to ensure that the legitimacy from both parties will bring some positivity to the overall experience.

## **2** Schedule Your Time Effectively

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As someone who coparents, it's crucial to be understanding when it comes to balancing time with your child during the summer. While it's essential to spend time with your kids, it's also vital to remember that your ex-spouse also deserves time to bond with their child. Create a summer schedule that promotes shared parenting time and includes flexible pickups and drop-offs to accommodate changes in events, weather, or emergencies.

## **3** Communication is Key

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Communication is crucial when coparenting during the summer. Inform your ex-spouse about your vacation plans or any changes to your schedule. If possible, give them an itinerary that includes your child's meal times, playtime, and sleeping arrangements. This transparency creates a comfortable environment for both parties, which can lead to more happy summers for your child.

## **4** Use Technology to Coordinate

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Today's technology, such as online calendars and applications, can be helpful tools to coordinate coparenting schedules in real-time. It's important to encourage your ex-spouse also to utilize these tools so that both of you can stay up to date during busy summer schedules. This technology is also a great way to share documents, pictures, and other media that can form a collective memory of your child's summer experience.

## **5** Be Flexible and Positive

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,it's essential to remain flexible and positive throughout the summer's experience. Avoid entering heated disagreements with your ex-spouse, as they can make the days harder for your kids. Instead, be positive and try to make the best of your situation. Be open to making adjustments to your plans if your ex needs your assistance during their parenting time or if unexpected emergencies occur.

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