Weekend Date Idea: High School Sweethearts





By Shannon Seibert. Updated by <u>Stephanie Sacco</u>.

The purest form of love is often times teenage love. The anticipation of first kisses, stolen glances, and broken curfews are some of the most magical memories we have of our high school romances. So, why not relive it? Even if you and your partner just met, there's nothing more romantic than recreating past moments that you can cherish while making new memories.

Plan a high school-inspired weekend date idea while adding a modern twist.

Throw on his old Letterman jacket, and catch a football game at your old high school. Underneath the Friday night lights, you can cuddle on the bleachers and reminisce about the good old days. Get loud and proud for your local team and bond with your man by seeing who can cheer the loudest or try to predict the end score of the game. Enjoy the concession stand and share a bite to eat. Visit with old teachers or coaches if the time presents itself. It would be a good boost for the both of you.

With this <u>date idea</u>, you can snuggle close together and pick a topic to discuss. Chat about the game, your high school experiences, your past relationships, and your possible future together!

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Didn't win prom queen in high school? Well, now's the time to make your dream come true with this prom-inspired date idea. Put on a fancy dress to impress your partner, bring out the dusty CDs you grew up with, and recreate your own prom. Turn your backyard or living room into an intimate dance floor and invite a few friends over. String up some lanterns, shuffle some tunes, and have a night to remember.

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Completely turn the tables and start at the beginning again. Throw rocks at his window, pass secret notes, write love letters. Call their house phone and leave mushy voicemails. Pretend the times are different and we went back in time. Rent

a movie from an old video store or visit the places you used to hang out. Your old stomping ground might be a little bit different today but it'll provide nostalgia that you can share with your partner.

Did you have a high school sweetheart? Comment below!

Weekend Date Idea: Game On





By Jessica Conigliaro. Updated by <u>Stephanie Sacco</u>.

Get ready for some friendly competition with your man. Show off your gamer side, and challenge your partner to a tournament. Face off against each other in your favorite games, both video and board with these date ideas.

Here are some fun <u>weekend date</u> <u>ideas</u> involving games.

Video games are a great way to bond with your partner. You can show each other how to play your favorite games and then compete to see who's the champion. Make different bets for different games: loser has to cook dinner or winner picks the restaurant. Win or lose, you'll have a great time bonding with your partner.

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Find other ways to compete with one another, too. Break out the old pool table in your basement, and wager kisses. Play foosball, or find some old board games you loved as a kid. Reminisce about simple times, and learn about each other's childhoods. You'll feel closer than ever before.

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Hit up an arcade at a mall or movie theater. If your man's a dedicated gamer, he'll love the chance to go retro. Challenge your partner to an intense game of Pac-Man, or race him in a car simulation game. Challenge him to a nice game of air hockey. Win tickets for small candy and prizes. Playing skeeball and other arcade games make for a fun afternoon.

You may even decide to invest in a pinball machine or PlayStation 3 after having such a fun day!

What's your favorite game to play with your partner? Comment below!

Date Idea: Go Camping or Glamping





By Maria Darbenzio. Updated by Mary DeMaio

Enjoy a peaceful warm weather getaway with this weekend <u>date</u> <u>idea</u>, which involves sneaking away from all the hustle and bustle of everyday demands. Take a trip into the wilderness with your honey for a romantic camping trip filled with s'mores and star gazing. Don't want to rough it in the middle of the woods? Not a problem — there are ways to get around having to sleep in a tent.

Use Glamping as Your Next Date Idea

When the work day is over and the weekend begins, pack up

those necessities — tent, blankets, sleeping bags, snacks, and entertainment — and head out. Take a look online for any campgrounds in your area, and make sure to book a spot in advance if needed. Once there, set up your tent, build a fire, and let the romance begin! Spend your evening cooking over the flames and cuddling up next to each other for warmth. You and your sweetheart can end the night by laying under the stars and talking about your summer plans.

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If pitching a tent and sleeping on the ground isn't your cup of tea, that's okay. Glamping is all the rage right now, and it's a great way to get the camping experience without having to sacrifice showers and electricity. There are companies dedicated to renting RVs and camping trailers.

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Or if you'd prefer, check your local campgrounds for cabins available for rent. These houses are furnished and usually come equipped with most of the essentials. All you need to bring is toiletries, food, clothing, and bed sheets. And don't forget to pack that bug spray! You wouldn't want mosquitoes to get you itching and ruin the moment.

Whether you're camping or glamping, you and your sweetheart can slip into nature and away from crowded city streets. Staying outside of civilization for a few days will strengthen your relationship and provide you with much-needed, uninterrupted one-on-one time.

Do you and your love like to go camping? Let us know in the comments below!

Date Idea: Summer Nights





By Sarah Ribeiro. Updated by Mary DeMaio

There's something so romantic about summertime. The fresh smell of flowers, the sweet salt from the ocean and all the fun and laughter. Embrace the warm summer nights this weekend with these enjoyable <u>date ideas</u> to do in the dark.

Top Three Summer Night Date Ideas

1. Evening picnic: Find a public park that's open after sunset, park your car at a scenic location or stay in your own yard. On this date night, bring a lantern, portable music player to set the mood, and two blankets, one to sit on and one to wrap around you if it gets chilly. Pack a simple dinner of late-night snacks, like crackers with cheese, chocolate-

covered berries or a baguette and hummus. If you're in a zoned area, you and your honey can even light a bonfire and roast some marshmallows.

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2. Midnight dance party: Pick an area in your yard and surround it with lights and midnight snacks, like popcorn and chips. Before the party, send your guests a playlist in MP3 format and ask them to bring their music players with them. At the stroke of midnight, have everyone plug in their headphones and hit play for a "silent disco." You can dance under the stars without worrying about being too loud. Be sure to include a couple slow songs for a few romantic moments — especially if you have single friends who you want to set up.

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3. Movie in the park: You can find park series from California to New York by checking online databases or your local paper. If the park's too far away, look for a local drive-in theater or make one of your own. Hang a large white blanket on the side of your house, rent a projector and pop in any of your favorite movies to have a private theater in your own backyard. When the date night is over, there's no need to go inside. Set up a couple of sleeping bags and a tent with a mesh skylight, and fall asleep in your partner's arms while you stare at the stars.

What's your favorite late-night date idea? Comment below and let us know.

Relationship Advice: The Power of Touch





By Amy Osmond Cook for <u>Divorce Support Center</u>

A dim room, calming oils, quiet music, two masseuses, you, your significant other, and a few hours away from the world: A couples massage sounds hard to beat. While couples massages are known for being a relaxing and romantic date idea, have you ever considered the real health advantages of them? It turns out the power of touch plays a very important role in massage therapy and health. Follow my relationship advice and learn how a couples massage can provide you and your love with real health benefits that can ultimately strengthen your relationship.

Relationship Advice: Strengthen Your Relationship Through A Couple's Massage

1. Physical touch. Physical touch is a vital part of any relationship. "Touch is important for sustaining healthy relationship, but it's also necessary for our feelings of connection, safety and overall well-being," says Dr. Justin R. Garcia, Associate Director for Research and Education at The Kinsey Institute. Receiving a couples massage with your partner will not only satisfy a need for physical touch but also remind you both of the need for physical touch in your relationship. As a relationship expert, I always hear about couples who have been together for a long time, perhaps growing out of the stage of passionate love to companion love who tend to touch less. A couples massage presents an opportunity for you both to feel a renewed sense of satisfaction and peace. You can pick up on a few massage techniques to use on each other at home. Relationship advice: Take time to make touch a priority so you can become closer as a couple and give you both a greater sense of love and security.

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2. An anxiety reliever. Every relationship goes through tough times, whether caused by a difficult life event or lack of communication. A couples massage can help alleviate some of this stress and anxiety. Regular massages can decrease cortisol while increasing frontal delta brainwaves, causing you to feel more relaxed. After a couples massage, you and your partner will not only feel less stressed but will also handle challenges better. Releasing anxious feelings together can bring you closer and set the tone for a better week.

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3. Improved overall health. A healthy couple is a happy couple. Massage provides a variety of overall physical health benefits, including heart health. "Studies show massage therapy can immediately lower blood pressure, decrease heart disease risk, and improve circulation," said Dr. Candice Hall, D.C., an expert in Functional Medicine with Next Advanced Medicine. "We often use massage therapy to help our patients control anxiety and common digestive disorders." If you and your partner are looking for ways to become healthier together, this is the perfect solution. Another added health benefit of a couples massage is how well it accompanies chiropractic care. Whether you or your partner have chronic back pain or are just in need of some TLC, massages can be a great way to get the most out of your chiropractic appointments. While a chiropractor can adjust your joints, massage therapy can help relieve stiffness and discomfort. If your loved one is suffering from back or joint pain, offering a couples massage is a great way to show you care. When you both feel good, you're less likely to be irritable and more able to enjoy spending time together.

A dating tip for this weekend? Surprise your significant other with a couples massage and you'll not only enjoy spending quality time together but could leave feeling healthier and more relaxed than ever.

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Weekend Date Idea: Head Back In Time & Enjoy A Drive-In Movie





By <u>Sarah Batcheller</u>. Updated by <u>Mary DeMaio</u>

We all want a relationship and love like we see in old films like *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, *Casablanca* — you get the picture. Why not plan a <u>date night</u> that reminds you of these movies? Catch a film at a drive-in movie theater with your beau. Drive-in movies are the perfect balance of the big screen and the great outdoors. The two of you will have your seats all to yourselves, so you can snuggle as you please. Best of all, you'll have a classic, romantic <u>date night</u> that you'll never forget.

Date Idea: Head to the Drive-In Movie Theater

Drive-in theaters are easy because you never even have to stand up. So, if you and your boo are torn between hanging out on the couch or getting all dressed up to go out, you can have the best of both worlds. Netflix just doesn't compare to a night like this. *USA Today* has described some of the best drive-in theaters in the nation, and you can always search for local ones online as well. It pays to do your research before embarking on this date idea, as you'll find which theaters are older and have a more iconic feel and which are newer with more updated features, like high-resolution screens. You'll also want to look at the movie listings ahead of time so that you can choose a film you know you will both enjoy.

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To go all out, rent or borrow a convertible so that the openness creates a relaxing atmosphere. Or if you're insectadverse, go ahead and keep the roof up. Either way, fill the car with pillows and blankets and recline your seats. Another good thing about drive-in theaters is that you don't have to sneak in snacks in your purse. Bring something homemade to munch on. You can even bring a bottle of wine and two disposable wine glasses. That way, the coziness is at 100 percent. When the film is over, you can end the date night with a midnight drive around town or stop at a local diner to really achieve that 1950's feel.

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This date idea is perfect for the summertime, because it will make you feel like you're in a movie yourself. Now that you've found the relationship and love you've always dreamed of, it's time to have a date to make you feel like a star. With the summer sky twinkling above and the coolness of the night

settling in, neither of you will be able to deny the romance in the air. Take this <u>dating advice</u> as it'll be a great way to spend quality time with your sweetheart and remind you that your love is timeless.

Have a fun drive-in movie experience? Let us know in the comments below!

Independence Day Date Ideas: Fire Up Your Love!





By Maria Darbenzio. Updated by <a>Stephanie Sacco.

It's the perfect time to get a little adventurous this weekend

in the spirit of Independence Day. Fireworks (outside and in your heart) will appear as you celebrate this holiday weekend. With these 4th of July <u>date ideas</u>, you'll be sure to have an awesome time with your partner by your side.

Date Ideas for Independence Day

Begin your Fourth of July with this weekend date idea: A romantic nighttime picnic. Pack up some of your favorite (yet portable) foods, grab a bottle of wine, and take a trip to one of your favorite spots for this date night. For added fun, make it a group date and invite other couples to come along. If you're near a beach, watch the sunset over the ocean while enjoying a glass of Merlot. After dinner, build a cozy campfire and roast marshmallows to make s'mores. A perfect date idea for the long summer nights.

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Leave the other couples at home and take some one on one time to go out dancing. You and your partner can turn up the romance by taking a class together or winging it under the moonlight. The shining stars against the dark sky provide a lovely backdrop for your evening. To make your 4th of July date extra special, our relationship advice is to try playing some sweet slow jams that tell your partner how you truly feel.

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End your weekend with a bang by attending a fourth of July fireworks display. Take a trip to a nearby lake or park to view the fireworks. Buy a drink to share or a plate of carnival food. Ride something romantic like the Ferris wheel. With sparks flying in front of you providing a backdrop for a romantic kiss, go for it with your partner. Secure your

relationship by spending the whole weekend together. It's a romantic holiday to look forward to.

What is your favorite way to spend the fourth of July with your partner? Comment below!

Date Idea: Float Away To Paradise





By Amanda Martin. Updated by <a>Stephanie Sacco.

Take advantage of the summer sun by spending time on the open seas. Whether you're looking for excitement or relaxation, our relationship advice is to enjoy the water with your partner because it will unite you as a couple. For this <u>weekend date</u> <u>idea</u>, grab your favorite swimsuit and get ready to make waves.

Refreshing, Water Infused Date Ideas

Research your local (or not so local) area to find romantic dinner cruises. Find couples packages like massages and spa days. Look for specialty boat tours, a fireworks show, or a party cruise with a DJ and a full bar that both you and your partner can participate in. Enjoy night swims at the pool deck. Once you've embarked, the waves will whisk you away on a romantic date night.

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Another adventurous date idea is to navigate your own excursion. Visit a nearby lake and rent a canoe or kayak. Pack a picnic lunch that you and your partner prepared together. Even just going for a swim or dipping your toes in the water can provide you with refreshing weekend date ideas. Our dating advice is to plan ahead so you have something to look forward to as the week winds down.

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If you want to explore deeper waters, try scuba diving or snorkeling. Find a venue that offers couples activities that you can try together. Look at the various sea creatures or swim with dolphins. If you don't want to scuba or snorkel even just going to an aquarium with your partner would be fun. Dive into these date ideas, trust in your partner and most importantly have fun. Explore new territory with your significant other and make a splash!

What's your favorite way to explore the open seas with your

Date Idea: Enjoy The Great Outdoors With Your Other Half





By Amanda Martin. Updated by <u>Stephanie Sacco</u>.

It's finally summertime, which means it's time to get active outdoors and take advantage of the hot sun. There's no reason not to spend every second outside this summer. Say goodbye to the snow and hello to the beach with these date ideas.

Date Idea: Spend Time Together Outdoors

Go to a nearby park or trail and go for a romantic stroll or a bike ride. Rent a bike on the boardwalk or walk hand in hand taking in the scenery. Remember, this isn't a race, so don't speed ahead or try to show off your skills. To be extra romantic, go for the tandem bike and make this a team effort. Either way, it's a fun healthy way to spend the weekend.

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Another way to take in the trees is to go on a hike. Instead of a casual walk, take it to the mountains. Bring a backpack and a camera and document your trip like a tourist. Have a date night at the top of the mountain and if you can't get to a mountain, find a hill. Spread out a blanket at the top and take in your surroundings with your partner by your side.

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When you're done with your intense outdoor activities, take a break from your exercise and sit under the stars. Maybe drive to a lookout point or a camp site for a romantic dinner. Just enjoy each others company while nighttime hits and a cool breeze falls over you. Follow this dating advice and snuggle up under a blanket or borrow his sweatshirt on this weekend date idea.

Where outdoors would you take your loved one? Comment below!

Weekend Date Idea: Kick off Summer 2016 With A Bang





Updated by Stephanie Sacco

There's nothing like the start of the summer to get you in the mood for fun. With the hot weather and the good company there's so much you can do. It's time to shed your layers and break out your sunglasses. Cupid's got some date ideas for you:

Top Three Date Ideas That Scream Summer

1. Outdoor cooking: Spend as much time as you can outdoors

this summer. Plan a picnic or BBQ and soak up the sun's rays while you enjoy some tasty food. Invite some friends or family over and take a dip in the pool (if you have one) or take the picnic to go and have a beach bonfire.

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2. Camping: There's nothing more romantic than being in the wilderness alone with your partner. Under the stars, you can snuggle up under a blanket or in your tent and enjoy each other's company without any noisy distractions of the city. Take this dating advice as it'll be a great way to spend quality time with your sweetheart and be one with nature this summer.

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3. Amusement parks: If you're an adventurous person and want to take your partner for a ride, then go to an amusement park or carnival. There's something adorable about going on the Ferris wheel together or screaming your head off on a speedy roller coaster. Find a place that has a fireworks show and maybe make some fireworks of your own for this date idea.

Have suggestions on other ways to start the summer off right? Comment below!

Weekend Date Idea: Test Drive Your Relationship





Updated by Stephanie Sacco

Are the usual <u>date ideas</u> like dinner and a movie boring you? If so, change it up with something a little bit more exciting and something with a little more speed. Cupid has some suggestions.

Top Three Car Related Date Ideas

1. Test driving: Even if you don't need a new car, you can still test drive them. Sitting behind the wheel of a brand new car and experiencing which ones are the best to drive is fun, especially if you bring your partner. It's a great way to live it up without investing in a luxury vehicle.

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2. Auto shows: If you absolutely love cars or you know your

partner does, attend an auto show. Hold hands while you window shop for a new car. Again, you don't have to buy anything so it's not going to be an expensive date idea.

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3. Road trips: Even if it's only somewhere local, it's fun to take a trip. Roll the windows down and take your partner on an adventure that they'll never forget. Take this dating advice as it'll be a great way to spend quality time with your sweetheart even if there's no destination in sight.

Do you have any great date ideas involving cars? Comment below!

Date Idea: Stroll Through the Farmer's Market





By Amanda Martin. Updated by Mary DeMaio

Enjoy the spring weather with this weekend <u>date idea</u> by visiting a farmer's market with your significant other. You'll find individual vendors — mostly farmers — who set up booths to sell locally grown products.

Great Date Idea for the Warm Weather

Stroll around, smell the flowers and try all of the food samples, from the aged Gouda to the warm loaves of sourdough bread. Be inspired by what's in season and grab the ripest, red apple to snack on while walking around with your honey. If you're in the mood for lunch, you can find all of the ingredients here to make your very own picnic for two.

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For this date night, pair your meal with a regional wine, and head to the nearest park. Or, buy fresh vegetables to bring home and cook up with your partner using a recipe idea from

one of the vendors. Either way, you'll be trying something new and saving on the cost of the bill from an expensive restaurant.

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No Farmer's Market visit is complete without a delicious tasting dessert. You can make a sweet treat out of the fruits you purchased or enjoy the fresh baked blueberry pies, apple tarts and lemon bars that are nicely packaged and ready to bring home and enjoy as a couple for this date idea.

Have you ever gone to a farmers market with your partner? Share your stories below!

Date Idea: Make Your Own Memorial





By Amanda Boyer. Updated by Mary DeMaio

Memorial Day weekend is the time of year when we recognize the heroic efforts of the men and women who have served our country. It also means that we have to say goodbye to spring and welcome the hot, humid weather. For this weekend date idea, take the next two days to set a plan for the rest of your summer and decide what you want to accomplish during these months with your honey.

Celebrate Memorial Day Weekend With These Date Ideas

To kick off the long weekend, have a picnic in a park. Bring some little American flags, and wear red, white, and blue to show your patriotism. Our dating advice is to leave your phones behind and spread out a comfy blanket to sit on during lunch. Use this Memorial Day date idea to talk about what this holiday means to you and share some stories about the veterans in your family.

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Find a parade around town and be sure to get a good spot. You can cuddle up next to your partner as you enjoy the floats and entertainers. The parade will show the ins and outs of our culture. There may even be a fun run or 5K that you can participate in with your significant other. Grab some spirited workout gear and support your honey all the way across the finish line.

Now, in honor of the holiday, it's time to make your own memorial. Grab a carving knife and head outdoors with your love. As you enjoy a romantic walk, find a tree that is near a special spot in your relationship and love — maybe where you shared your first kiss or had a big talk about the future. Carefully carve your initials into the bark. To make it even more special, add the date with a heart around it. That'll help you remember when you ventured out of your comfort zone to make your mark as a couple. Once you're done, take a picture of it for safe keeping.

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If tree carving isn't your thing, buy a few cans of spray paint and head to a deserted area of town. Proclaim your feelings for one another with a sweet mural that represents your relationship. You and your significant other will enjoy this chance to get your creative juices flowing. Plus, years down the road, you'll smile when you think back to this special Memorial Day weekend.

To end the night on a good note, find a drive-in movie theater nearby. Breathe in the fresh air and take a trip back in time as you watch the film. You can even sneak in some ice cream or a bottle of wine to enjoy as the on-screen story unfolds.

Know another Memorial Day date idea? Comment below!

Date Idea: Enjoy the Warm Weather





Updated by Mary DeMaio

Now that temperatures have turned, you may be searching for new <u>date ideas</u> to make the most of this season with your special someone. With May finally here, it's time to go outside and soak up that sunshine. Cupid has some suggestions.

Top Three Warm Weather Date Ideas

1. Heading to the shore: If you've been wearing layers and

getting cozy in front of the fireplace all winter, then heading to the beach with your significant other would be a great weekend date idea. While there, have a competition between you and your love. See who can build the best sand castle or who can throw the Frisbee the farthest.

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2. Road trips: If you enjoy going traveling, take a trip with your partner. Better yet, visit attractions in your state that you haven't had the time to explore yet. Do you live in New York? The Empire State Building, Statue of Liberty, Staten Island Ferry and Central Park are a just a few amazing tourists areas.

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3. Park excursions: If you wish to relax this weekend, pack a picnic basket, grab a book and head to the park. Take this dating advice as it'll be a great way to spend quality time with your sweetheart.

Do you have any great May date ideas? Comment below!

Weekend Date Idea: Spa Day at Home





By Ché Blackwood. Updated by Brooke Crawford.

Warm weather is on its way, bringing with it romantic outdoor dates in mini-skirts and toe-baring sandals. But first, you and your honey need to leave all of your winter stress behind. What better way to do so than to treat yourself and the one you love to a spa day at home! Keep the day intimate by pampering one another on this weekend date idea.

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Start off by giving each other manicures. If your beau protests, remind him that there is nothing wrong with a man keeping his nail beds healthy. A bonus palm massage will keep the afternoon flirty. Let him pick out a color and attempt to paint your nails. Keep some nail polish remover handy just in case he has trouble staying in the lines. If you're feeling daring, give each other pedicures to get your feet sandal-

ready.

Spend the next hour of this date idea creating makeshift facials with items you already have in the house, like lemons, yogurt, and honey. You can also purchase a mud mask from a drug store or splurge by heading to a salon to experience the pore-cleansing heaven together. If you do stay at home, apply a mask to your partner's face by taking the time to massage it into his temples, cheeks, and jaw. This simple act will leave him relaxed and feeling like he received a professional facial.

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A healthy diet is just as important as soft skin, so be sure to cook a low-calorie meal together afterwards. If you want to keep it light, blend together a mixture of organic berries and Greek yogurt for a delicious smoothie.

Once you are done, take a few moments to meditate with one another. Sit in silence and enjoy the tranquility of a quiet afternoon with the one you love. This <u>dating advice</u> is sure to relax you both and refocus your relationship.

How do you like to pamper your honey? Let us know in the comments below!

Weekend Date Idea: Walk for a Charity





By Gabby Robles. Updated by <u>Brooke Crawford</u>.

The sun shines brightly, and the air is a cool. It's particularly enjoyable outside, and charity walks are perfect for this time of year. Throw on a pair of leggings and lightweight t-shirt to take a walk for a cause with your lover. Sometimes, weekend date ideas can get repetitive. The movie theater, a favorite restaurant, or the local art gallery are all typical date night spots. Try our dating advice and do something that will give back and get your heart rate up!

Give Back With This Date Idea

Finding a charity walk is simple. If one of your Facebook friends is not posting about one, check out local listings on your own. Check your local Starbucks; each store has a non-profit board that often has all sorts of charity events posted.

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If you want to choose a cause that is close to your heart, search for events related to that cause and see if there is a walk going on. Runs that fund breast cancer or leukemia research and poverty are pretty common. You and your significant other can talk about what charities are important to you. Make it a topic of discussion to deepen your bond and open you up to each other.

Doing a charity walk not only promotes and helps out the cause, but it's also a great way to do a fun workout with your sweetheart. Usually, these walks are at least a 5K, so you'll be able to replace gym time. Even if you opt to walk rather than run, as many people do, you can have some alone time with your significant other and possibly make a few friends along the way.

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Most walks take place in the morning, so end this charitable date idea by heading to your favorite brunch spot to recap the morning and share a delicious meal.

What charity events have you participated in? Share with us in the comments below.

Weekend Date Idea: Bases, Peanuts, and Home Runs!





By Gabby Robles. Updated by <u>Brooke Crawford</u>.

It's time to make a baseball game your next weekend date idea. Although tickets can be pricey, it *is* possible to watch a baseball game without breaking the bank. It only takes a little creativity and thinking out the box to make this date idea happen on a budget! Don't worry — Cupid is here to provide dating advice to help you flesh out the details.

Enjoy a Baseball Game on This Date Idea

Taking your man to watch a baseball game is the perfect opportunity to let your beau see your sportier side. Use this date idea to let loose. Impress your man with your passion for the sport and knowledge of its history.

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Make it a group date by inviting some friends to join in on the fun. You may even be able to play matchmaker! Or if you want to keep it in the family, ask your guy's siblings or parents to join you. This will give you a chance to get closer to his loved ones in a social, relaxed setting. Either way, it's a great time to make some memories.

Instead of taking a trip to your major league team's stadium, stay local. Find a sports bar near you where you can watch the game and have a few wings. As long as you're both into the game and enjoying your time like the rest of the baseball fanatics, you are sure to have almost as much fun as actually being there. You can also wear your favorite jersey or your team's color to really get in the mood.

If you are not into the bar scene, take your date to check out a local county or high school baseball game. Most cities have baseball teams that play open games on the weekends. Be sure to bring snacks (boiled peanuts and Cracker Jacks are two winners!) and wear your favorite baseball attire.

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While there, see how you can get involved. Maybe they have a co-ed team that you could join! Athletic skills are one of the many ways couples can connect. It's also a great way to meet friends and possibly find a new baseball-loving crew. Doing something that you both love is essential to a strong relationship, and when you keep it light-hearted, you're sure to have a great date!

How have you incorporated baseball into a date idea? Tell us in the comments below!

Weekend Date Idea: Spring Cleaning





By Ché Blackwood. Updated by **Brooke Crawford**.

A fresh breeze through your curtains and the smell of Daffodils only means one thing: It's Spring! With the great scents and not-so great-showers comes the sudden urge to read outside together, plan a picnic, and, unfortunately, clean. This year, turn one of the most daunting tasks of the changing season into a great date by taking on the challenge with your sweetheart. This weekend <u>date idea</u> is sure to spruce up your love life <u>and</u> your home.

Tackle Spring Cleaning With These Dating Tips

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Grab some bagels and head over to your beau's place. Bring garbage bags and Lysol to help him clean until his pad shines and smells of lemons. If he's a true bachelor, you might need a box of rubber gloves too. Since getting rid of the old to make room for the new can cause anxiety, be sure to stay encouraging and upbeat. Go through his items together, as doing so will give you the opportunity to learn more about him. You will be able to hear the story of his favorite old sweatshirt or that strange, vintage lamp, giving you a glimpse into his past.

If you are motivated enough, then head on over to his office, and help discard old papers and files. Most companies have an <u>office cleaning service</u> but unfortunately, they can't go through years of documents. So, he will need your help with that.

After his home and office are spotless, switch roles and turn the focus onto your own home. Stay open-minded and don't be afraid to share intimate details of your life before you met him. Testing your boundaries will make you grow closer — and you'll be freeing up closet space at the same time!

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After you have had all the cleaning you can take, celebrate by going shopping together. Pick out a pretty picture or unique clock to fill up all that new, empty wall or bookshelf space. If you are really feeling romantic, purchase an engraved picture frame to memorialize the day. There is nothing better than a fresh-scented home filled with even fresher memories.

These dating tips are sure to help when you are struggling for a few date ideas this Spring!

How can you use this dating advice to keep spring cleaning fun? Share your thoughts below!

Weekend Date Idea: Rack Up a Few Laughs At a Comedy Show!





By Daniela Agurcia and Brooke Crawford

With April Fools Day today, why not step away from your normal date idea and attend a comedy show this weekend? A stand-up show can be the perfect way to trigger that funny bone for you

and your partner. Forget about all of the awkwardness of an ordinary dinner-and-a-movie date. If your sweetheart has a sense of humor, then the comedian's inappropriate jokes will be ironically appropriate. Consider this <u>dating advice</u> by heading to one of the three spots below!

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Follow This Dating Advice to Second City

This world renowned comedy club was first opened during 1959 in the Old Town neighborhood of Chicago, Illinois. The Chicago Second City has helped mold comedians such as Bill Murray and Steve Carell. It is not only a comedy club, but this legendary establishment is host to classes as well. Check their website for your next weekend date idea, and who knows, maybe you will catch someone famous while you're there!

Formerly located in the heart of Chelsea, New York, Caroline's has become a prime New York nightlife spot for those looking to take in a few laughs. The newest location was one of the prime establishments in the renewal of the Times Square district. Headliners such as Kathy Griffin, Dave Chappelle, and Tracy Morgan have graced the stage. This place is sure to give you a great night out on the town.

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The Comedy Store, nestled in the heart of Hollywood, is not only a historical location, but it also has a story behind the name. Co-founder Sammy Shore originally had a TV show before deciding to open the notorious club with his former wife Mitzi. The celebrity exes have a son who can often be seen there because the business is still owned by his mother. Be sure to get in a drink with a splash of laughter at this

historical nightlife spot. As you can see, taking your beau to a comedy show is a unique date idea when you're looking for something new to do.

What are some great comedy shows you have attended? Share below.

Tease Your Taste Buds on This Weekend Date Idea





By Brooke Crawford

If you're in need of a new weekend date idea, improve your palate and tease your taste buds by taking a couples trip to a

winery or brewery. Napa Valley is one of the world's premier locations for fine wine. If you live on the West Coast, you can plan a romantic getaway to one of the region's romantic vineyards. On the East Coast, north Georgia is home to some wineries too.

A Beer and Wine-Filled Date Idea

Is your partner more of a beer fan? New York City is home to a variety of wonderful options. The Brooklyn Brewery not only serves an assortment of beer, but it also offers tours and allows customers to order food from the surrounding area. Or with summer approaching, try the Standard Biergarten's lovely outdoor facility, which is right below the beautiful High Line.

Related Link: Weekend Date Idea: Pop the Cork

Put a spin on the winery date idea by visiting The Sommelier Society of America. Since 1954, the organization offers wine education classes and tasting programs for couples who want to become more knowledgeable about reds, whites, and roses.

Maybe you don't have a weekend to plan a trip away. You and your partner could also enjoy a fun-filled day activity touring one of the famous Anheuser-Busch breweries. The St. Louis location is currently the number one ranked brewery in the United States. Tours are available in four other states as well.

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Dating Advice from a Favorite

Celebrity Couple

Famous couple <u>Angelina Jolie</u> and <u>Brad Pitt took</u> wine-tasting to a whole new level by buying Chateau Miraval, a winemaking estate in France, in 2012 after leasing the property for three years. This is the same location that the celebrity couple held their wedding. Grab a bottle of the vineyard's famous rose Miraval (formerly known as Pink Floyd) for your next date night!

Do you have any great date ideas centered around wine or beer? Share with us in the comments below!

Weekend Date Idea: Kinkajous, Horses, and Clown Fish — Oh My!





By Brooke Crawford

According to *HelpGuide.org*, spending time with a furry friend can provide both mental and physical health benefits. So take a step away from your normal date night activities and invite a furry friend along next time! Our <u>dating advice</u> below could help you relieve some stress and take your relationship to a new level.

An Exotic Weekend Date Idea

The Exotic Animal Experience, located in Orlando, Florida, is home to many endangered and exquisite animals. According to the owner, these animals have been raised together since birth and are now interactive with each other as well as guests. Some of the animals that can be seen include lemurs, kangaroos, and even a kinkajou. If you want to spend time with these cute companions, call ahead to make a reservation.

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Although horses aren't as exotic as the animals mentioned above, horseback riding can still provide the type of one-on-one time that you and your partner are craving. Sequoia and King Canyon, located in the Sequoia National Park in California, offers three different areas for your next horseback riding adventure. These trails give riders a refreshing view of beautiful scenery — perfect for a tranquil and romantic weekend date idea. Again, be sure to call ahead for accommodations.

Tropical Adventures is a California-based company that provides not only scuba diving classes but trips for divers with various levels of experience. Room, board, and dives are included in their year-round package deals. See who can spot Nemo and his clown fish friends first!

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Dating Advice from a Favorite Celebrity Couple

Incorporate your love for animals into your relationship with this date idea. If you need a little inspiration, look to celebrity couple <u>Ian Somerhalder</u> and wife <u>Nikki Reed</u>, as the pair are often seen rescuing and loving on furry friends of all kinds.

What's your favorite way to spend time with animals? Share with us in the comments below!

Enjoy the Outdoors With This Challenging Date Idea!





By Brooke Crawford

According to PsychologyToday.com, one of the qualities of a very successful relationship is the ability to stand together in the face of external challenges. Why not embark on a walk on the wild side and take your date outdoors? Not only will you learn about yourself, but you'll learn how to navigate through challenges as a couple — and you'll grow closer in the process. Consider our <u>dating advice</u> below to add a little adventure to your next date.

Follow This Dating Advice All the Way to Acadia National Park

During the 20th century, large parcels of land were donated in order to form what is now called Acadia National Park. This park is home to natural life, three campgrounds, five lean-to shelters, and the tallest mountain on the Atlantic coast. If you're looking to fit in some exercise on this weekend date idea, it boasts hiking trails for the thrill seeker. It's also a great spot if you're just looking for a little fresh air.

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Another great outdoor activity to consider is whitewater rafting. If you live in West Virginia, the Gauley River, nicknamed the Beast of the East, boasts the most intense whitewater rafting east of the Mississippi. This 105-mile long river creates the perfect space to test your endurance and coordination as a couple. If you're concerned about intensity, New River is an easier path to navigate. Choose this activity for your next outdoor, water adventure!

Date Idea: Get Wet and Wild at the Columbia River Gorge

The Columbia River Gorge is the perfect getaway for windy water sports, including windsurfing, paddle boarding, and kiteboarding. This gorge is said to be the largest scenic area in the United States and includes a mixture of trails, forests, and windy rivers. Whether you fancy a trail walk or a windy ride on a paddle board, there is something for every couple looking for some outdoor fun. Leave your phones at home and spend a weekend here connecting with nature and one another.

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a Road Trip

These outdoor date ideas allow you and your partner to focus on your relationship without the strain of your normal day-to-day expectations. Challenge your relationship by tackling these activities as a team and grow through your new experiences.

What's your favorite outdoor date idea? Share with us in the comments below!

Date Ideas: Be Thankful (And Chefs) Together





By Erika Mionis. Updated by <u>Josh Ringler</u>

It's that time of year again. It's time for family, friends, and slaving over a hot stove. Are you a newlywed or a new couple and are worried about preparing your first Thanksgiving dinner? Don't worry, you're not the only one! Cupid's got you covered.

Check out these Thanksgiving date ideas!

First, you have to determine how many people you'll be entertaining. Here's a great piece of <u>dating advice</u>: Always be prepared! Obviously, the more people, the more work you will have to do. But that doesn't necessarily have to be true. Try checking out some recipes for large groups of people. These recipes will make it very easy to cook for a crowd. For a small, intimate crowd, try some unique appetizers that will fit perfectly on a small side table, like cheese fondue.

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Unfortunately, not all recipes can be as easy as cheese fondue. Turkey definitely isn't easy to do! The *Meleagris gallopavo* was first domesticated by the Aztecs around the year 1100 A.D, and, coincidentally, is extremely hard to cook. Try putting some Rosemary and Thyme under the breast skin, and be sure to check out a few other tips to ensure a delectable main course. And involve your new husband as much as possible. Don't do all the work yourself. At the very least, take him in as the turkey carver.

Too lazy to cook? Don't worry. Many food stores sell ready-to-go Thanksgiving dishes. If you live in the Manhattan area, be sure to consider these marketplaces. Or, you can choose to see what your favorite <u>celebrity couples</u> made for Turkey Day last

year! Get inspired!

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For Your Partner

After the meal, when all waistbands at the table are comfortably tight, be sure to have a dessert prepared. If you want to stay traditional, be sure to have the all-american pumpkin pie waiting in the oven. For those who don't have a taste for pumpkin pie, try having an assortment of cookies, brownies, and ice cream on standby.

Have any romantic Thanksgiving recipes to share? Comment below and share with our other readers. If you want some more Thanksgiving meal ideas, let us know! Until next week, Happy Thanksgiving!

Dating Advice: Get Inspired by Childhood Fun





By Brooke Crawford

It's easy to get bogged down with your school work or job and other adult responsibilities, but sometimes, you need to embrace your inner kid and let loose. Luckily, Cupid is here to help with these fun date ideas! Whether you are a busy college student, a mom of two, or an account executive, follow our <u>dating advice</u> and get inspired by childhood fun.

Follow This Dating Advice and Visit Historical Coney Island

Located in the borough of Brooklyn, Coney Island is host to two amusement parks, Luna Park and Deno's Wonder Wheel Amusement Park, as well as rides not associated with the parks. The Wonder Wheel was built in 1918, has stationary and rocking cars, and is illuminated at night by neon tubes. Built in 1927 with an 85-foot drop, the Cyclone is one of the oldest wooden roller coasters in the United States. To top it off, the Thunderbolt was recently built and includes a 90-degree vertical drop followed by a 100-foot loop. If you're looking for more relaxed activities on this weekend date idea, there

are multiple tossing and shooting games as well as a carousel and circus sideshows. This historical location is the perfect place to put this dating advice into action!

Related Link: Weekend Date Idea: A Day at Sea

Another way to enjoy this date idea filled with childhood fun is to go on a scavenger hunt. There are endless organizations and groups that organize monthly get-togethers. The popular website Meet Up maintains a vibrant New York group that hosts an underground scavenger hunt throughout the subway system. Teams meet at a particular subway stop and begin the hunt for various subway items along the system. Additionally, Stray Boots organizes pre-arranged private, corporate, individual and group quests in over 40 different cities. You even have the option to organize a scavenger hunt with other couples. A scavenger hunt can get the adrenaline pumping and help you grow closer while working to win.

Take This Date Idea to the Happiest Place on Earth

Orlando, Florida is host to one of the happiest places on Earth: Disney World. Home to four theme parks, two water parks, 24 themed hotels, many golf courses, and downtown Disney, it hosts millions of people a year. Themed ride, cultured foods, and exotic animals make for an extra special date idea. If you truly want to embrace your inner kid, it's the place to go. Who knows — you may even see a celebrity wedding during your visit!

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Every couple can benefit from some child's play. From the Big Apple to the Sunshine State, there are plenty of activities that spark your favorite childhood memories. Remember that dating is always a fun-filled adventure with the right person!

How do you embrace your inner kid on date night? Share with us in the comments below!