

Family Fun

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I'm convinced that "family fun" is the glue stick of the family. Of course, one of the drawbacks of family fun is that it's not always fun . . . that is, for the mom and dad. Or maybe I should say that the *idea* of family fun doesn't always sound fun. In fact, sometimes it sounds inconvenient, messy, or a big pain in the neck.

But here's the key to family fun success: feel the fear and do it anyway. It's really just a matter of doing what you know is important whether it sounds fun or not. For example: January is a good time to go roller-skating. Kids like roller-skating, and for a small fee (watch for specials), your family can go roller-skating. So, even if roller skating sounds like torture, you say, "Hey kids, tonight we're going roller skating as a family."

Your children will laugh, try to knock you down, challenge you to a race, and want to hold your hand during the "couples skate." And to top it all off, you'll *all* have a great time and your children will remember nights like that forever.

It's really that simple and it works with

- . . . bowling
- . . . bike rides
- . . . pillow fights
- . . . movie nights
- . . . swimming parties
- . . . tea parties
- . . . long games of Monopoly
- . . . etc.

All you gotta do is . . . grit your teeth, open your mouth, and say, "Tonight, we're going to _____."

Feel the fear and do it anyway!

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