Free and/or Low-Cost Activities for You and Your CASA Child(ren):

In Inyo and Mono Counties:

- 1. Visit Law's Railroad Museum.
- 2. Visit Manzanar. On your way back stop to feed the fish at the Mount Whitney Fish Hatchery.
- 3. Visit Owens Valley Paiute Shoshone Cultural Center.
- 4. Take a drive and visit the Bristlecones.
- 5. **Take a tour of the Bishop Community Garden.** Contact Owens Valley Career Development Center to arrange a tour (760)-873-8851.
- 6. Take a tour of the Owens Valley Radio Observatory. Once a Month Tours are offered or call 760-938-2075 to arrange a tour.
- 7. Learn the Paiute and Shoshone Language together. OVCDC Nuumu Yadoha Program offers beginner classes for pre-school to adult learners, contact them at (760)-873-5107.
- 8. Visit Keough's Hot Springs. If you are feeling extra adventurous go to a water aerobics class together.
- 9. Visit and walk the trails at Hot Creek.
- 10. Visit Devils PostPile and Rainbow Falls.
- 11. Visit Red Rock Canyon and on your way back towards Bishop stop by the Red Mountain and Chidago Canyon Petroglyphs.
- 12. Hike the Loop around Convict Lake.
- 13. Drop in on a kid's Climbing Class at Sage to Summit.
- 14. Go on a 4x4 adventure in search of the **Crowley Lake Columns.**
- 15. Head south to the Alabama Hills and see if you can pick out any film locations.
- 16. See about visiting or attending an education program put on by Wildcare Eastern Sierra (760)-872-1487.
- 17. Check out Eastern Sierra Land Trust Community Events, At-Home Haven activities or book club together (<u>https://www.eslt.org/at-home-haven/</u>).

Do Anywhere Activities:

- 1. Write a letter to congress or your local representative; share your feelings about local, national or global issues.
- 2. Take an **architectural tour** of your town. Spend a few minutes researching the buildings online. Have your child(ren) draw their own rendition of their favorite building from memory.
 - 3. **Make up short stories** and remove random nouns, verbs and adjectives. Ask your child(ren) to fill in the blanks.
 - 4. Write a letter to a favorite celebrity. Mail it to their fan club.
- 5. Learn a magic trick.
- 6. Take turns playing advice columnist. Take turns to see who can come up with some

of society's most challenging problems. Share each other's ideas and your solutions.

- 7. Buy inexpensive t-shirts. Design and paint them.
- 8. **Visit the local library**; look at a book on astronomy, origami, French cooking, anything fun and interesting. Visit a bookstore.
- 9. Make a Kite and find a place to go fly it.
- 10. Go for a **hike** on one of the many trails in Inyo or Mono County.
- 11. Use a Frisbee to knock down 2-liter plastic soda bottles, set up like bowling pins.
- 12. Practice filling out applications.
- 13. Visit a local **coffee shop** to sip hot chocolate, have a snack and play a board game.
- 14. Take a **tour of City Hall or attend a City Council** meeting to find out how our local Government works.
- 15. Read through the **Guinness Book of World Records** together.
- 16. Participate in a local intramural sports team.
- 17. Create your own nature or shopping scavenger hunt. Use a camera to capture the items.
- 18. Go out to breakfast before school starts.
- 19. Walk around a local boat or car show.
- 20. Raise money for future outings by collecting recyclable bottles and cans.
- 21. Lay out 20 socks and see who can match the most in 2 minutes.
- 22. Learn something new together, such as a card trick or how to juggle.
- 23. Volunteer together at a local non-profit or charity during the holidays.
- 24. Go window shopping. Discuss how certain clothes affect your body & body image.
- 25. Learn to play a musical instrument together.
- 26. Get a couple of **disposable cameras** and take pictures. At the end of your picture taking, put a photo album together. Decorate with lots of stickers and colorful markers.
- 27. Get a book of **animal tracks** and explore a pond or trail together to see what animals live in the area.
- 28. Develop **a list of 30 questions**: odd and unusual facts you would like to know about each other.
- 29. Make a calendar of events of his/her year.
- 30. Collect leaves and safe plants on a hike. Make a plant rubbing or press the leaves between wax paper.
- 31. Open the hood of a car and discuss what is under there.
- 32. Sit on a bench and watch people. Take turns guessing where you think the people are going.

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- 33. On a sunny day drive around and photograph serene scenery.
- 34. Visit a local, regional and/or state park. 🛆 📃 📃 🦷
- 35. Hold your own Olympic Games. Create your own teams, flags and colors.
- 36. Put together a themed **picnic**.
- 37. **Go grocery shopping**. Find the cereal with the least and most amount of sugar. Do that with other food items.
- 38. Go geocaching.
- 39. Hit golf balls at a driving range.

- 40. Go to the Farmers Market. Try new foods, see who can identify the most different types of fruits and vegetables.
- 41. Attend a sports game at your child's school or the high school they will be attending.
- 42. Volunteer to walk dogs or socialize cats at the animal shelter together.
- 43. If you or your child have a dog, take them to the **dog park** and see how many other breeds of dogs show up while you are there.
- 44. Go Bowling.
- 45. Go to a Movie.
- 46. Go Fishing.
- 47. Go Sledding.
- 48. Go skiing, snowboarding or skate skiing.
- 49. Go ice skating.
- 50. Go for a bike ride along the canals.

Zoom/Video Chat Activities:

- 1. Rock, Paper, Scissors
- 2. **5-second Game:** Pick a topic and give your child(ren) 5 seconds to come up with three items that go with that topic.
- 3. **Guess the sound:** turn off your video sharing and make a sound, have the child(ren) guess what it is.
- 4. **Once Upon a Time Story Telling:** Start the first line of a story and let the child fill in the next line, continue until you have a story.
- 5. Charades.
- 6. **Pictionary:** Either use Zoom Whiteboard option to have kids draw a picture or have them draw on a pad of paper and let you guess.
- Name, Place, Animal, Thing: Pick a letter, kid has to think of a famous place, name,
 animal or thing that starts with that letter. Next person in line has to do the same using the last letter of the last persons answer.
- 8. Silly Faces: make silly faces and screen shot them then vote on the best/worst silly faces.
- 9. I Spy.
- 10. Simon Says.
- 11. The ABC Game: First person starts with "I'm going to the beach and bringing (any object
- A that starts with A, example apple), Player 2 goes next and says I'm going to the beach and bringing an apple and (any object that starts with a B) and so on through the alphabet.
- 12. **Puppet show:** You can send them finger puppets or kits to make their own or just have them pull off their socks and put on a zoom puppet show.

- 13. **The Memory Game:** You'll need a baking sheet and different magnets. Stick magnets to the sheet in a pattern, show them the sheet, then take down and remove one or more of the magnets and ask which is missing.
- 14. **Zoom Dance Party:** Have the child name songs they like, find them on YouTube and everyone dances.
- 15. What's Your Talent: Ask child(ren) what their talent is, have them explain and show you.

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