

# AUGUST



ride 	papaya 	skate 	raspberries 	honeydew 
play 	wade 	go tubing 	cucumber 	race 
nectarine 	play 	family ate a meal together		bounce 
	climb 	Canned Vegetables 	100% fruit juice 	nectarine 
play 	honeydew 	sweet corn 	swim 	raspberries 

Pick a **better snack**™ & **Act** allows you to enjoy a variety of fruits, vegetables, and physical activities. Complete the card by putting an "X" through the squares of fruits, vegetables, and physical activities you have tried. A "Bingo" is complete when you make a line of X's diagonally, horizontally, or vertically.

## Family Goal Setting

Eat one more vegetable everyday for a week. Snack on cut-up veggies. Add lettuce and tomatoes to your sandwich. Microwave veggies for dinner.



Arkansas' Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) provides nutrition assistance to people with low income. It can help you buy nutritious foods for a better diet. Go to [access.arkansas.gov](http://access.arkansas.gov) for more information.



# EAT SMART. PLAY HARD.™

## PICK A BETTER SNACK.

### Raspberries (Wash. Bite. How easy is that?)

• **Buying:** Choose dry, plump, firm raspberries. Avoid berries that look wet.

• **Storing:** Do not wash raspberries until you're ready to eat. Refrigerate for use within 2-3 days.

• **Enjoying:** Mix raspberries with other berries (strawberry, blueberry, and blackberry) for a colorful fruit salad. Or top oatmeal, pancakes, waffles, or yogurt with this sweet berry.

### Papaya (Peel. Eat. How easy is that?)

• **Buying:** Select papayas that are firm with some yellow streaks and no blemishes.

• **Storing:** Keep papayas at room temperature for 2-3 days until they are totally yellow to orange.

• **Enjoying:** Cut the papaya in half and scoop out the seeds. Cut between the skin and fruit. Papaya is wonderfully sweet all by itself! For a summer snack, freeze pieces of papaya on a stick. Insert a wooden popsicle stick into a piece of papaya and lay on wax paper in the freezer. Yum!



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### Resource:

Want your kids to have fun and learn about healthy eating this summer? Log on to [www.nutritionexplorations.org/](http://www.nutritionexplorations.org/) or fun, educational games.

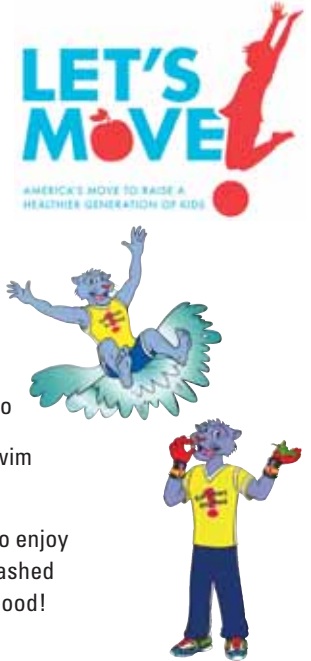


## LET'S MOVE!

### Let's Move at the Pool.

Summer isn't summer without swimming! Head to the local pool with your kids with these simple ideas:

- Talk to your local pool about a summer membership. Some pools offer discounts or assistance based on income.
- Take turns with your trusted neighbors watching the kids at the pool.
- Discover the kid in you by racing, playing Marco Polo, and jumping off the board at the pool.
- See how many laps in a row your family can swim at the pool.
- Pack healthy snacks like grapes and pretzels to enjoy at the pool. For an extra-special treat, freeze washed seedless grapes in plastic bags. They taste so good!



NAME \_\_\_\_\_

has played Pick a **better** snack™ & Act bingo this month.

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