

# Dear Anny Bannanny

Dear Anny Bannanny,  
We are new to the Keys and are on a strict budget and I was wondering if you could tell me if you know of any activities or things to do with children in the Keys that won't cost an arm and a leg? Everywhere you look there are expensive tourist-based activities but nothing inexpensive that we can afford to do as a family. What would you recommend?  
Yours truly, Penny's in Paradise

Dear Penny,  
Good golly, you got me on that one! Here are some suggestions from my readers - **Fishing** is #1 because you can fish off the land or bridges without a license. Make sure you follow the regulations though. **Swimming** - The Jacob's Aquatic Center pool is a great place to meet other families. **Art** - have them sign up for a class at the Art Box. That will open up a whole new world of creativity. **Volunteer** - The Upper Keys Humane Society at MM 106. You can help out by cleaning cages but sometimes just giving a sheltered animal some love really makes a difference. **Support** - stop by the High School and watch some sports. Our teams need some enthusiasm.  
Anny Bannanny's friends just take their kids to the bar every night. The kids get a real lesson watching all the old folks get schnockered silly. They slur their words, drool, scream and yell and stagger around like clowns if they don't get thrown out early like 9 or 10 pm. Then the kiddies can watch mommy play "swerve that white line" in the car. How exciting! Maybe even get to meet Officer Friendly and if they do it often enough, get the kiddies a free, all-inclusive vacation at the Florida Keys Children's Shelter in Tavernier while mommy gets to sober up at the Plan-tation Key jail.  
Bet you 10 to 1 that those kids will take after their parents.



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