There is nothing quite like summer when you live in the Twin Ports area. Whether you’re into traveling and adventuring outdoors or are looking for a concert or a new food venue to try, the northland has a little bit of everything to offer! For students living up north this summer, or families looking to check out the area, here are some fun things you can do:

Travel the North Shore: There are numerous state parks where you can go camping, hiking, kayaking—you name it! With over two hours full of places to see all along Lake Superior, the trip itself is fantastic regardless of the destination.

Wisconsin Point/Park Point: On those hot summer days, make a trip to one of these beaches and relax in the sand and sun. When evening rolls around you can make a campfire and cook up some hot dogs and s’mores right by the lake. Both places have great beach access and a good amount of shoreline to enjoy.

Stand Up Paddleboarding (SUP): Located at the end of Park Point, North Shore SUP is a great way to get in some fun exercise while enjoying the Great Lake. You can rent a paddle board either hourly or for the day, and you can participate in beginners classes or SUP yoga! If you would like to travel out of the Park Point area, you can bring the boards with you off-site as well. [http://www.duluthsup.com/](http://www.duluthsup.com/)

14th Annual Dragon Boat Festival: Every summer this exciting event takes place on the waters of Barker’s Island in Superior. The festival has a little bit of everything from lots of food, live music, and dancing, to craft fairs, hay rides, and the famous Dragon Boat Races. Get a team together to participate in the races (no experience needed!) or just come to enjoy the competition! This year the festival will take place August 21-22, 2015. [http://lakesuperiordragons.com/](http://lakesuperiordragons.com/)

Grandmas Marathon Weekend: Whether you’re looking to participate in the 5k, half marathon, the full 26.2 mile race, or just come for the festivities, marathon weekend in Duluth is a fun time for everyone! The days are packed with concerts by both big-name and local bands, beer tents, and lots of places to eat in Canal Park for the day. This year the event takes place June 19-21, 2015

Bayfront Festival Park: Located directly on the lakeshore in Duluth, MN, Bayfront is home to multiple events during the summer months such as concerts, brewfest, grill wars, road races, and much much more! Check out their 2015 events calendar and you’ll be sure to find something to participate in while enjoying a great view! [http://bayfrontfestivalpark.com/events-calendar/](http://bayfrontfestivalpark.com/events-calendar/)
As a college student, coming home for the summer isn’t always the easiest transition to make. Students are used to being able to set their own schedules, come and go as they wish, see friends as often as they’d like, and just live life independently. When they arrive back at home, they are often put back into a position where they feel like they don’t have as much say in what they do on a day-to-day basis. The best way to avoid conflict is to lay the groundwork right from the start so everyone is on the same page. Here are some things to consider when planning a summer with your student:

- What time is acceptable to come home at night?
- What responsibilities will they have around the house while they are there?
- How much independence do they have with leaving the house when they want?
- Do they now need to pitch in money for food/rent?
- Do they need to ask to have friends over?

Though some of these things should certainly be addressed, having your student home for the summer shouldn’t be a bother. Spending time with your student gets harder as they grow more independent, so this is time to cherish with them. Here are some ideas of things you can do with them to make the most out of summer:


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