

Parent Pointers

Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 2011				1 Talk about how your family can do something for others this holiday season.	2 Some teenage holiday parties involve alcohol. Check with the host's parents before you allow your teen to attend.	3 During the holidays, have your teen talk to older relatives about their childhood days.
4 If your teen has a part-time job, insist that she save some money for college or other future plans.	5 Look in the newspaper for a list of holiday events. Plan to attend one this month.	6 Is your teen asking for "leeway"? Remind him it means "a permitted margin of freedom," not "no rules."	7 Write your teen's name in a vertical column. Have her use each letter to begin a line of a poem.	8 Have breakfast with your teen today. Talk about what he likes best about his friends.	9 Bake cookies with your teen. If you're doubling a recipe, have your teen do the math.	10 Help your teen sort through things she's saved. Make a scrapbook of her favorite items.
11 Enjoy some outdoor physical activity as a family today.	12 Teach your teen that "A goal is a dream with a deadline."	13 Have your teen draw a picture of what he thinks describes and defines "December."	14 Make time to go shopping with your teen—just to look. You may learn things about each other.	15 What is the coldest place in the nation today? The warmest? What's the difference between the two temperatures?	16 Teens who aren't praised enough may become sexually active, not so much for the sex as for the closeness.	17 Plan an indoor "camp-out." Make a tent from a blanket. Eat s'mores and read scary stories.
18 Know where your teen is and who she's with. Knowing friends can head off trouble before it starts.	19 Holidays have you feeling hassled? Share the responsibility. As kids help, they appreciate holidays even more.	20 Teenage boys are one of the main markets for smokeless tobacco. Know the dangers and share them with your teen.	21 Tonight is the longest night of the year. Give everyone in the family a flashlight and read in bed tonight.	22 When your teen overreacts, stay calm. Set a time to talk later when you both can keep tempers under control.	23 Make plans to do something together with the family of one of your teen's friends.	24 Read a story by Mark Twain together.
25 Talk with your teen about the very best present he ever received. What made it special?	26 Ask your teen to tell you some of the things you've done together that she most enjoyed.	27 Look for a skill you and your teen can learn together. It's a fun way to get to know your teen on a new level.	28 Listen to your teen's music. Have him play a favorite song. Listen to the lyrics and discuss what you hear.	29 Choose a number, then have your teen list all the things she can think of that come in that number.	30 Take a walk with your teen.	31 Help your teen create a time line of the last year.