

KIDS YES DAY

WHEN OTHERS SAY NO, WE SAY YES!

GUIDE: How to say "YES"

Potential Panic

Reasons for a knee-jerk 'no' response

What's the worst thing that could happen if you say 'yes' to this idea?



Pain Points

What are the barriers that keep you from saying yes?

"I could be persuaded but..."

IT COSTS TOO MUCH
IT'S DANGEROUS
I'M TOO TIRED
IT'S MESSY
(Insert a million
reasons here.)





The Workaround

Consider these steps to get from the original idea to a modified version that is just as fun (and also safe & practical).

Identify the main draw: What is it about the idea that excites your kid(s)?
 a) The thrill, the independence, the novelty, etc.

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Identify obstacles, set parameters, plan ahead and be ready to problem-solve.

- 1. What skills are required for your kid(s) or the supervising person?
- 2. Is extra support needed? (friends with experience, experts, external resources that are easy to learn from, more adults supervising, etc.)
- 3. What's your kid(s) comfort level with the activity? Find something that is a fun challenge but not so hard that it's too extreme.
- 4. What's your kids(s)' ability to understand and assess risk, and their own limits?

Find a pivot idea that helps your kid(s) still experience the 'main draw' in a way that is safe, practical, and age and skill appropriate.

The Win

With a few collaborative nuts, bolts and tweaks to the initial idea, your kid has an exciting concept creation that's ready to go! Your kid(s) will benefit from:



Kids will be able to identify potential hazards and plan ahead to mitigate risk.



Overcoming challenges and problem-solving, leading to resiliency



Discovering their capability and new skills



Bringing an idea to life builds confidence

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