



File away those humdrum playing cards. Put the checkers game in storage—for good. This list of tantalizing summer activities includes unusual games to activate your mind or your body.

Game On!



1. Let's Go Fly a Kite

Care to soar to the highest heights? Then get out there and go fly a kite or try this nifty glider. This 16-inch dragon glider from X-Kites is an inexpensive option.

\$6.99 at Homewood Toy and Hobby, 2830 18th St. S., Homewood | 205-879-3986 | homewoodtoy-hobby.com

2. Dig It

Make the most of your next excursion to Oak Mountain. Uncover hidden treasures (or bury your own!) using this recommended Garmin GPSMAPS 62st featuring a 2.6-inch sunlight-readable screen and 100K topographic data worldwide.

\$349.99 at Academy Sports, 301 Doug Baker Blvd. | 205-981-4150 | academy.com



3. Balance Test

It's cross training, backyard fun and a fitness challenge all in one. Mount a Slackline on two trees and begin testing your balance

Gibbon Slackline Classic, \$74.99 at gibbonslacklines.com

4. Randomize

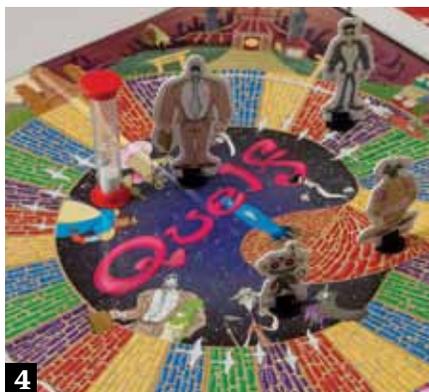
This game capitalizes on the random. To advance, you may have to stay in the bathroom until someone retrieves you, or mumble like a troll when someone makes eye contact.

Quef, \$24.95 at Barnes & Noble, multiple locations | bn.com

5. Superhero Strength

Amass the powers of all of your favorite superheroes to defeat an evil mastermind's scheme, save innocent bystanders and survive a swarm of villains and henchmen in Marvel Legendary.

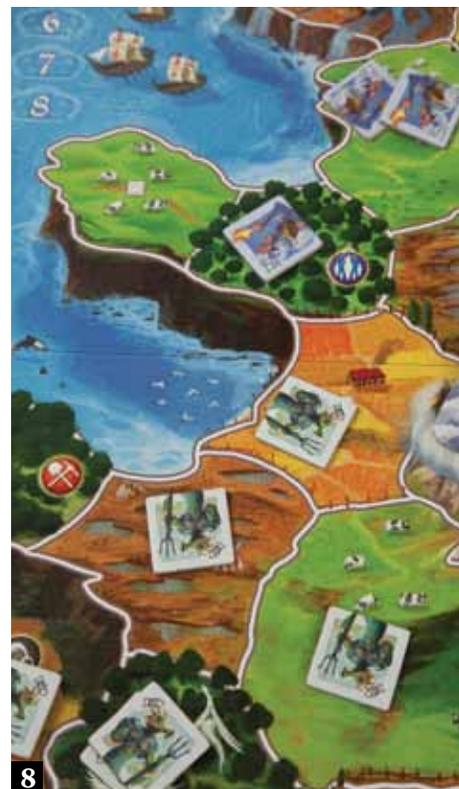
\$59.95 at CJ's Cards and Games, 5192 Caldwell Mill Road Suite 103, Hoover | 205-980-3041 | facebook.com/cjcardsandgames



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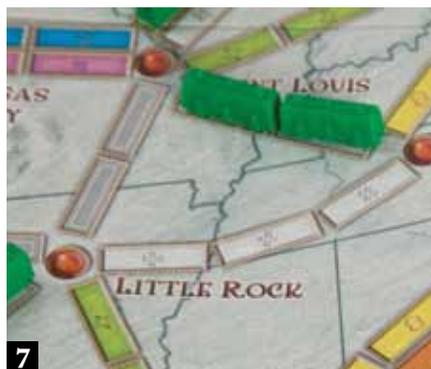
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6. Strategy Rules

Fancy a challenge? Survive in the new world by producing, trading and shipping goods in strategic game Puerto Rico.

\$44.95 at Excelsior!, 3150 B Lorna Road, Hoover | 205-822-0227

7. Cross-Country Choo Choo

Fulfill the dream of creating a cross-country railroad in Ticket to Ride, a game that's simple to learn, but tough to complete. Compete for railway real estate (and points!) in this popular board game.

\$49.95 at Mad Doctor, 1318 20th St. S., Southside | 205-933-0154 | facebook.com/maddoctorgameshop

8. Rule the Globe

The world is a crowded place. How long can your tribes of powerful villagers expand and conquer before they are extinct? The magic in Small World is the abilities of each race change from game to game.

\$44.95 at Excelsior

9. Get Up and Groove

Sure, there are other dance games out there. But Dance Central 3 truly captures realistic, sweat-inducing dance moves with a powerful and popular mix of songs.

\$39.99 at Game Stop, multiple locations | gamestop.com

10. Imagination Station

Use your imagination to create a one-sentence story from the beautifully illustrated cards of Dixit. Will you stump your opponents?

\$34.95 at Mad Doctor

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