

Believe it or not, but movie making has gotten so easy and so affordable that kids under the age of ten are doing it. There are year round film classes and summer film camps for kids between the ages of 8 to 18. Even screenings and film festivals are now open to young film makers nation wide. There are basic guidelines that most endure while learning, and we're going to teach you those guidelines in this easy 9 step DIY.

So where do you think all this starts? How do kids get the idea and motivation to get up and start shooting? It might start from watching other movies, but the connection isn't made there. It starts by dreaming and thinking after what another has dreamed and thought up and had put on on the big screen.

Step 1 Don't think negatively

Just because you don't have the right tools or the greatest equipment, doesn't mean you can't make a home video. Turn things into "can do's" instead of "can't do's"

Step 2 Have to have a camera

Find and pick up a camera. Talk to parents, family members, friends if your having trouble finding one. There's nothing to worry about when your looking for one, any camera will do.

Step 3 Get your cast

Gather up a group of friends, family members, or pals. If none of them are really up to

the task, motivate them to get up and join you. Show them how much fun they could have making a home video. You need to be dedicated when it comes to film making, and you need to give a great vibe in order to get others to join you. No one will take you seriously if you give off a boring vibe.

Step 4 Shoot your movie

Take what you've gathered up, go out, and capture what every you want. Whether it be climbing a tree, exploring with your friends, or jumping off a boat dock into the lake.

Step 5 Safety

Be sure to keep in mind of everyones safety while shooting.

Step 6 (optional) Lighting

Be observant about lighting. Try to keep things in the middle of too bright or too dark. Things to look out for are waiting for clouds to pass by, camera settings, and car headlights.

Step 7 (optional) Sound

Be observant about sound. Bug noises, car noises, city noises. Nothing real light, only be cautious of the big stuff. Most of all, be more observant about you characters voice. Get closer if that person is speaking to soft or move back if that person is speaking to loud.

Step 8 (optional) Edit

Editing your film is a long process, but you can do in-camera editing as well or just shoot to watch what you got.

Step 9 Call it a wrap

After you've shot and put together what you have. Play it. Get even more people motivated by getting them to watch your work. Get them excited about what you might want to do next. Get them into it so that they will be stoked enough to help you out with your next video project.

As kids, there are many things you can take advantage of, a lot of those advantages are to get cut slack...a lot of slack. It's easier for kids to get equipment and locations because money isn't expected out of any of you. Another advantage you get to take is being able to do something with your spare time. You might not have thought of this, but making movies before the age of twenty gets you a head of the game. No matter what it is you want to do. Whether it be acting, directing, filming, editing, or just helping on set, it's good to have fun. But it's even more fun capturing it on tape!