Guide to Fun for Families 2014
Places to go and things to do at home and in your community
We are the Macomb Intermediate School District.

We provide quality service to special education and general education students, instructional and technical support to school staff, and cutting-edge educational leadership in Macomb County.

We are committed to all the students of Macomb County. To serve them well, we are resolute in involving parents, school personnel, and the community at large, including business, government, and civic organizations as active partners in planning, delivering and evaluating our services.

We work directly with individuals with disabilities who reside in Macomb County School Districts. We serve students of all ages, from newborns to adults, meeting their unique learning needs and supporting their families all along the way.

Within the twenty-one local districts and public charter schools, we focus our efforts on building capacity with school staff. Through quality training and instructional support, we increase their knowledge, skills and abilities so all students receive a rigorous and effective educational experience.

We promote all aspects of the educational process through our development and support of technology. We provide training in the use of essential technology tools that enhance curricular, instructional and administrative services in our schools and, as a result, opportunities are expanded for all.

We work collaboratively with colleges and universities and are leaders in state and national programs. We anticipate needs and opportunities, all with the single purpose of identifying, developing and implementing programs and practices that, through education, improve the quality of life in Macomb County.
Welcome to the newest edition of Family Fun!

From museums, nature centers, local libraries and theaters to activities at home, you will find endless possibilities for enjoyment, learning and relaxation throughout the year.

**Learning Tips** are designed to help you and your child get the most out of the suggested games and activities. Watch for ideas related to social-emotional health, communication development and early literacy.

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- The RESOURCES box at [http://www.misd.net/EarlyOn/](http://www.misd.net/EarlyOn/)

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Investigating Together
“What’s Going On Today?”

For further details on specific events, look under city in the “What’s Happening in My Neighborhood” section.

Events Calendar
Great Start Macomb
1-866-4MACOMB/866-462-2662
www.greatstartmacomb.org

Calendar
Metro Parent Publishing Group
248-398-3400
www.metroparent.com

Metropolitan Detroit Convention and Visitors Bureau
1-800-DETROIT (338-7648)
211 W. Fort St., Ste. 1000
Detroit, MI 48226
www.visitdetroit.com

Pure Michigan
1-888-784-7328
Order a copy of the Official
2014 Michigan Travel Guide.
www.michigan.org

Tips for Traveling with Kids
Various parents share ideas:

Prepared NOT Scared recommends game bags for young travelers:
http://preparednotscared.blogspot.com/

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DIA's Inside/Out Spring Tour at Wolcott Mill Metropark
Enlarged versions of world class art will hang at the park from April—
June through a collaboration with the Detroit Institute of Arts’ (DIA) pro-
ject. Between 8 and 10 works will be outdoors at the Farm Center and
Historic Center. Entrance to Metroparks requires an annual pass ($30/
$20 for seniors) or a daily fee of $7/vehicle.
1-800-PARKS/1-800-477-2757
http://www.metroparks.com/2014/02/03/DIA-Inside%7COut-Tour/News/196

April is the
Month of the Young Child!
Check Great Start Macomb’s
Events Calendar for special events
or check out the event’s webpage.
1-866-4MACOMB/1-866-462-2662
http://www.misd.net/EarlyChild/
communityevents.htm

Learning Tip . . . Promoting Oral Language
Daily activities, such as cleaning up toys or snack time, provide
many opportunities for language development. Talk with children
about what they are doing. This type of talking exposes children to
language, involves them in learning conversation skills, and helps
children use vocabulary in their everyday lives.

Farmers’ Markets
Enjoy the bounty of the summer season and
encourage healthy habits at a local farmers’
market.
Eastpointe: 586-776-5520
Mt. Clemens: 586-463-7600
New Baltimore: N/A
Romeo: N/A
Shelby Township: N/A
Warren: 586-268-8400
http://www.macombgov.org/
msuextension/
communityfoodsystem/
macombfood.htm

Orchards, Farmers’ Markets, Dairies and Trails
HomeTown Treasures 2014 is a brochure, which lists a variety of places to visit in Macomb
and the counties of Lapeer, Oakland and St. Clair.
http://4ccf.org/

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**Summer Reading at Public Libraries**
Join the summer reading program at a public library!
Cooperative Members: [http://www.libcoop.net/siclibraries.html](http://www.libcoop.net/siclibraries.html)
Harrison Township Public Library: 586-329-1261
[https://sites.google.com/a/htplib.org/htplib/home](https://sites.google.com/a/htplib.org/htplib/home)

**Outdoor Concerts**
See “What’s Happening in My Neighborhood.”

**Armada Fair is August 11-17**
An old fashioned event with carnival rides, 4H and livestock exhibits, tractor and truck pulls. $8 adults (13 and over), $2 kids (ages 9-12 years) and FREE for ages 8 years and younger
[http://armadafair.org/home.html](http://armadafair.org/home.html)

**Fireworks**
Displays throughout Michigan:
[http://michiganfireworks.com/](http://michiganfireworks.com/)

**America’s Thanksgiving Parade**
Rather than watching on the television, consider taking part in the morning’s excitement on Woodward.
[http://www.theparade.org thanks.php](http://www.theparade.org thanks.php)

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**Learning Tip . . . Environmental Print**

Environmental Print is the print of everyday life. It is a natural starting point to teach young children to read and write. Adults can take advantage of environmental print by using it to talk about letters, words, and print.

- Cereal boxes are colorful and interesting to look at. Ask your child to find the first letter of his name somewhere on the box. See if he/she can find other letters from his name too.
- Cut out familiar words from cereal boxes, labels from soup cans, and from yogurt containers. Use these individual words to talk about capital and lower case letters. Talk about the sounds of letters and encourage your child to read the words.

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“What Can We Do At Home Today?”
Fun low-cost activities to make a great day for you and your children.

**BABIES’ GAMES**

Play a clapping game.

Pat a cake, Pat a cake, baker’s man
Bake me a cake as fast as you can;
Pat it and prick it and mark it with a ‘B’;
And put it in the oven for Baby and me.

**Hide and seek.** Sit with your baby and a favorite toy. While the baby is watching, partially hide the toy under a blanket. If baby doesn’t reach for it, tap the uncovered part or move the toy a little to draw attention to it. Allow your baby to play with the toy for a few minutes before hiding it again. Play over and over. As baby begins to find it more easily, completely cover the toy with the blanket.

**Play with a child-safe mirror.** Help a child notice his/her reflection and name the facial features. “See your nose?” You can play peek a boo. Point out different body parts while you are looking in the mirror together; eyes, nose, mouth, hands, feet. Sing songs while watching in the mirror.

**Learning Tip . . . Social Emotional Health and Communication**

The key to children’s success in school and in life!

Even these simplest of games nurture a bond between a parent/caregiver and child.

The simple patterns created by hiding and then reappearing in Peek A Boo or identifying a child’s nose, then kissing it, laughing, and looking again, as in Mirror Play, form a foundation for understanding the give-and-take of conversation and turn-taking.


**OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES**

**Make sailboats and race them.** Put water into a plastic kid’s pool and race your handmade sailboats. Use only the natural wind power to make them go and see who makes it to the finish line first! (If you live near a ditch or other moving water source, you might consider racing them down the stream after a rainstorm!) Remember water safety with young children.

**Puddle jumping.** Nothing is more fun than getting to play outside when it’s raining. Summer rainstorms don’t always mean you have to head inside—put on bathing suits and rain boots and stomp in the puddles!

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Have your own drive-in movie. On a clear, dry night, bring the television set outdoors and let the kids watch a movie on blankets under the stars. For added fun, invite the neighborhood kids to drive-in on their bicycles to enjoy the movie, too. Don’t forget the treats! <<Popcorn = leading cause of choking in children <,3

Plant a container garden. Many vegetables and herbs can be grown indoors or out inside containers. Let your children pick some varieties to grow and tend to them throughout the summer. It may even convince them to eat a vegetable if they know they grew it!

Target squirting. Set plastic cups on the top of a fence, or deck railing and let other children squirt them off with water guns or plastic water bottles. You can create points by writing on the plastic cups and keep score or just see who’s the fastest to knock over the cups.

Car wash. Arm your kids with the hose, a bucket, soap and some sponges and set them to work washing the family car (and each other). Remember, children will often get tired before the car is clean.

Dirt restaurant. Kids love to play restaurant, and who doesn’t love to play in the dirt? Send the kids outside with plastic cups and plastic spoons, a few dollar store dishes and see what kind of gourmet meals they come up with. They can make salads from leaves and flower petals, mud pies, and tree bark chicken. The kids can take turns making meals, being waiters and restaurant patrons.

Go for a hike, walk or bike ride. Most towns have parks and areas that are perfect for this, but even if you have to make it a full day trip and travel a bit, this is a great activity. Pack a picnic lunch and plenty of fluids and enjoy some exercise.

Oversized painting. Tape several large sheets of paper together on the backside, and flip them over on the lawn. Fill a few containers with different colors of finger paints, and give the kids a box of strange items to make their painting with. Try: spaghetti strainer, a balloon, a mop head, sponges, rain boots and any other objects you see lying around!

Water painting. Paint with clean paint brushes and a pot of water outside on walls, pavement, wood fences etc. The sun removes the evidence.

Mud painting. Make some mud and let kids create art on the sidewalk. Cleanup is a breeze with the garden hose.

Bubbles. Just about every kid enjoys bubbles! Create your own bubble solution (see Fun Art Recipes). Pour into a shallow container with a wide open mouth and then use odd objects to create your bubbles. String, rubber bands, the spaghetti strainer, straws, slotted spoons and anything else you can think of make some fun bubbles!
**Bubble art.** When the kids get tired of making bubbles, add a few drops of food coloring to the bubble solution and have them blow bubbles that pop onto white paper. The result will be an artistic masterpiece made from the rainbow colored bubbles!

**Sand art.** Use food coloring to color sand in zip-closure bags. Pour the sand on paper plates to dry before using. Once dry, glue to paper to make cards and art; or fill plastic containers with your sand art creations.

**Make a sandbox.** For whatever reason, kids like playing in the dirt! You can make an inexpensive sandbox by filling a kid size plastic pool with clean dirt you dig up from your yard, or from sand you purchase from the store. Fill with plastic trucks and plastic cups and let the kids go to town.

**Organize play dates.** If you live in an area where there are many children, you may be able to organize play dates, taking turns at each other’s house. Set up some of the activities listed here for fun activities to do together.

**Sidewalk Chalk.** Drawing on the ground is always fun. You can let the kids make pictures and drawings, or use it to make hopscotch and other games to play on the sidewalk. You can make your own chalk. (see Fun Art Recipes).

**Create race car track.** If you have miniature cars (hot wheels and others), it can be tons of fun to create elaborate race tracks in the dirt, complete with jumps, water pits and crash areas.

**Water games.** You can let the kids run through the sprinklers, wade in a kid’s pool, spray each other with the hose, or play with a bucket full of water and plastic cups. They’ll be creative with it; or they’ll just get each other wet, but either way they’ll have fun doing it.

**Organize a bike parade.** Gather as many neighborhood kids as you can, and have everyone decorate his or her bike or wagon like parade floats. Parade around the driveways or through a bike path.

**Collect cans and bottles.** Take your kids through the town and collect as many bottles and cans as you can. Return them to the store and give the kids the money to buy themselves a treat. It will take up an afternoon, give the kids exercise, and help the environment all at the same time.

**Scavenger hunt.** Create a list of 20 or more things that can be found naturally outside in your area. Pinecones, specific flowers, nuts, etc. can be found in most neighborhoods. Send the kids on a scavenger hunt to try and collect one of each item on the list. This can be done as a group effort, or each child can compete with the other to see who can find the most objects fastest. Ready-to-print scavenger hunt: [http://www.4shared.com/dir/18428241/4b39460d/sharing.html#](http://www.4shared.com/dir/18428241/4b39460d/sharing.html#)

**Lemonade stand.** Turn your children into mini-entrepreneurs! Teach them how to figure out their profits by subtracting the cost of their materials and supplies and how many cups of lemonade they sell.
Start a collection. Seashells, rocks, old keys, fancy pencils, matchbox cars, etc. Starting a collection can be a lot of fun, especially if you can start with items you have around the house or can find easily.

Make a nature display. Go for a nature walk and collect items such as leaves, twigs, flowers, rocks, and acorns. When you get home, take a shallow box (a cereal box works well) and cover with plain white paper or the paper of a brown grocery bag. Cut the front of the box open, leaving a 1 inch border. Glue light weight items to the back inside of the box, and heavier items to the bottom.

Have a campout. You don’t have to actually go anywhere to go “camping”. Pitch a tent in the backyard, build a fire (if local laws allow), toast marshmallows and enjoy camping in the backyard.

Set up an obstacle course. Turn your backyard into an amazing obstacle course! Help your kids create a course from toys, bikes, and other things found in your backyard. Build the course with your child’s age and ability level in mind.

Go to yard sales. Give each child a few dollars and allow her to make purchases at a few yard sales. The new-to-them items are always more fun than the items she already owns (at least for a couple hours!) You could do the same thing at a dollar store.

Join the Toy Society. It’s totally free, feel good fun! This family fun idea started in Australia and has caught on around the world. Simply make a handmade toy and leave it with a note someplace a child will find it. To learn more visit: http://thetoysociety.blogspot.com/p/about.html

Build a rock garden. For some reason, kids really enjoy rocks. Let them collect various rocks and arrange them in a nice garden. For added fun, they could paint the rocks.

Make a slip n’slide. Use an old tarp as a slip n’ slide, or buy one. The kids will enjoy this activity for a few hours on a hot summer day.

Stargaze. Take a blanket out after it gets dark, a flashlight and an astronomy guide. See if you can find all the constellations.

Letterboxing. Set up a letterboxing hunt in your neighborhood or local park. For more information visit http://www.letterboxing.org and enjoy a low-tech treasure hunt!

Be a tourist. Pretend to be a tourist in your own town or nearby locations. Use maps to discover real landmarks, attractions and parks that you’ve never gone to, and plan family trips to visit each.
**INDOOR ACTIVITIES**

Crafts. You can purchase a bunch of craft supplies and let your children’s imaginations lead them to the creation of masterpieces. The local dollar store often has a good selection of craft supplies or a craft store has a good variety that won’t hurt your wallet too much. Alternatively, you can probably dig up enough craft-stuff from around your house for a few hours of creating: buttons, glue, string, macaroni noodles- if it can be glued, it can work! (Remember, small items can be choking hazards.)

**Indoor camping.** Throw a sheet over your kitchen table and camp out underneath. You can sing campfire songs, make s’mores in the microwave, and pretend to go fishing. If you have a small pop-tent, it can be set up indoors temporarily and provide hours of entertainment.

**Make a puzzle.** Draw a picture or cut one from a magazine or cereal box. Cut it into puzzle shapes and then put it back together.

**Play volleyball.** Yes, you can play this version of volleyball inside. You just need a blow-up beach ball and your couch. Pull the couch into the middle of the room so you can stand on either side of it, and use it as your volleyball net. (You could also drape a sheet over a couple of chairs to create your net.)

**Newspaper basketball.** Roll a sheet of newspaper into a ball. Throw into an empty wastepaper or laundry basket. Add different size baskets or distances.

**Blow football.** For two players. Use a straw each to blow a ping pong ball or small newspaper ball on an empty table. Goals can be unopened cans of soup.

**Papier-mâché.** Mix water and flour in a bowl to create a paste. Cut up strips of newspapers to make papier-mâché objects. You can make piñatas, decorative items or animal creations. Just remember it takes several days for it to dry before you can paint and decorate it (or before you can break it open if you’ve made a piñata!)

**Make puppets.** Use socks and craft supplies from around the house to create puppets and put on a puppet show.

**5-Minute make-your-own ice cream.** In a quart zip-closure bag, put in 1/2 cup of milk, 1/4 teaspoon of vanilla and 1 Tablespoon of sugar. In a gallon ziplock bag, put in a 1/3 of a cup of rock salt and fill the bag ¾ of the way full with ice cubes. Place the smaller bag inside the larger bag, and shake for 5 minutes. Open and serve!

**Dance, dance, dance.** If you feel like you’ve been cooped up inside for too long due to bad weather or other reasons, put on some upbeat music and dance until you’re too tired to dance anymore! The sillier you are, the better!
Set up an obstacle course. Turn your living room or basement into an amazing obstacle course! Let the kids create a course from toys and other things found in the house. Crawl under tables or chairs and slither through a tunnel made from couch cushions. Build the course with your child’s age and ability level in mind.

Create the beach. If the beach is too far away or the weather causes you to stay inside, turn your bathtub into the ocean! Fill your tub with some cool water, play some beach tunes and give the kids the sand toys to play in the tub in their bathing suits. Blow up a beach ball for some extra fun.

Café Kids. Let the kids create restaurant menus of items you have in your kitchen and then take turns taking lunch orders from each other (or you). Let everyone be the kitchen staff to prepare the lunches, and then switch to become the customers who get to eat the delicious meals they’ve ordered!

Make your own board games. Playing board games is fun for all ages, but can get a little boring when you play the same games, over and over. Spend some time creating your own board game with cardboard, crayons and other objects and then play! The real fun is the creation of the game itself, but you can play and save the game for future playtime as well.

Draw mazes. On paper, create mazes and let your kids try to get to the end point. If you have a hamster or guinea pig, create a maze out of cardboard and see if it can find the end of the maze.

Start an activity co-op. If you are good at arts and crafts, your friend is good at yoga, someone else knows gymnastics or plays an instrument, etc- you could all get together and start an activity co-op. Once a week, each parent could host an activity at her home for everyone’s kids. It’s a low cost way to keep the kids involved in various activities.

Pass the Parcel. Hot potato meets musical chairs. The player stuck with the parcel when the music stops must un-wrap a layer of paper to reveal his or her task. To prepare the game, start with a prize that can be shared with everyone such as stickers or packages of raisins or fruit snacks. Place it inside a box, write a message on the box such as “sing row, row, row your boat while pretending to row a boat; spin around 10 times with your hands on your head; make a silly face; pinch your nose and sing ‘Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star’; waddle like a duck”, or anything silly. When the box is unwrapped everyone can enjoy the snack.

Indoor picnic. Spread a blanket out on the living room floor and have an indoor picnic. The best part is No bugs!

Scrapbook. If you have a digital camera, consider letting the children take photos and get the best ones printed. Alternatively, you could buy a few disposable cameras for them to use. Using your craft supplies, create mini-scrapbooks.

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Put on a talent show. Let the kids practice their talents, create tickets and flyers to give to the neighbors, and invite everyone to watch their performance. Let the neighborhood kids participate in the talent show, too! You can hold it inside or out; and give every participant a certificate and a round of applause.

Make a dream book. Using magazines let the children cut out photographs and draw pictures of things they’d like to have someday, places they’d like to go, careers they’d like to have one day and glue them into a dream book.

Make holiday gifts for family. Using various craft supplies the kids can make photo frames, mini scrapbooks, and other items to give as gifts throughout the year.

Tie Dye. You can buy a kit or just get the colors from the craft store (or department store). You’ll need socks or tee shirts or whatever else you want to tie dye, rubber bands, as well as rubber gloves to protect your skin from the dye. Alternatively, try using berries to create dyes.

Room rearranging. Let the children draw a new layout of their bedroom(s) on paper, and then help them move everything around to their new configuration.

Organize a block party. Get everyone on your street or block together for a block party. Have face painting, activities, music and dancing, karaoke, and food (pot luck works great!).

Set up a net. Put up a badminton or volleyball net, or create one from clothes line and a sheet. Use a blow up beach ball to play volleyball or get a badminton set from a yard sale and play.

Soccer bowling. Set up 10 empty soda cans or plastic bottles in a triangle or circle on a fairly level section in your yard or driveway. Give each child three tries to knock down as many "pins" as possible by kicking an inflated ball at them. Keep score like bowling.

Make fruit Popsicles. Make your own fruit juice Popsicles with juice in paper cups and Popsicle sticks in them. Pop them into the freezer until they are frozen and then serve.

Host a pretend sleepover. Let your children invite a few friends over for a “sleepover”. It’s a fun way to break up the routine. The kids can play games, watch a movie, make and eat fun snacks and enjoy some social time. Ask parents to pick up their children when it’s time to go to bed.

Act out your favorite book or movie. Get the family together and/or invite some friends over to help re-enact a fairy tale or favorite scene from a book.

Learn a new language. Use the internet or rent videos and/or audio instructions from the library to learn a new language.
Make a Movie/Play. If you have a video camera, let the kids write, direct, act, and record their own movies. If you don’t have one and can’t borrow one, you can do the same thing but have a live performance play.

Treasure Hunt. Hide a small treasure (a bag of candy, new game, stickers etc) somewhere in the house. Then use post-its to write clues or pictures. Each clue will lead to another clue, until finally the last one will lead the children to the “treasure”.

Make music together. Write song lyrics and come up with a melody. Record on your computer, mp3 player or tape recorder as a special keepsake.

Learning Tip . . . Social Emotional Health

Is key to success in school and in life!

This is a child’s growing ability to:
• express feelings in healthy ways (without hurting self or others)
• develop close relationships with others
• explore his surroundings and learn

These abilities help a child to:
• focus and follow directions
• problem solve
• share and care about how others fell

Make your own musical instruments. Cymbals: 2 saucepan lids; Drum: upside down saucepan and wooden spoon; Maracas: rice, dry beans or pasta in an empty water bottle; Xylophone: jelly or pickle jars filled with different levels of water and a spoon; Guitar: shoe box without the lid and rubber bands around the box.

Play store. Either purchase a toy cash register from the store, or set up a calculator at the check-out station. Make or buy play money, and spend an afternoon buying items and making change. You could even make a pretend check register and write checks, depending how old your children are.

Teach children to cook. Use easy recipes, but take advantage of all the learning opportunities involved with cooking: creating the shopping list, sticking to a budget, using measuring cups and spoons, nutrition, and actually making the meal.

Start a parent child book club. Ideally, you could get a few kids around the same age with their parents to all read the same book and get together to chat about it. Make it a fun time together and create a craft or snack that relates to the story.

Color carnations. Buy white carnations from a florist or grocery store, and place them in cups with food coloring mixed with water. After awhile, the flowers will take on the colors of the water they’re in.
Play school, restaurant, veterinarian, or florist. If possible plan a visit to see what happens in a school, restaurant, veterinarian’s office or florist. Talk about what you see and hear. Take pictures that you can look at once you are at home. Gather the props you will need such as stuffed animals, pretend money, menus, paper and pencils.

**Keep a Journal.** Have your children keep a journal. They can draw about what they did that day, or what they hope to do the next day. Ask your child to tell you about their picture and you can write the words.

**Toss a ball.** Have everyone sit in a circle. Every time someone gets the ball, she says a name of a state (or animal, or food, etc) that starts with the next letter of the alphabet as the ball is thrown to someone else.

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**Learning Tip . . . Communication with Preschoolers**

- Talk to your child a lot.
- Read to your child every day.
- Point out words you see. Point to signs in the grocery store, at school, and outside.
- Speak to your child in the language you know best.
- Listen and respond when your child talks.
- Encourage your child to ask you questions.
- Give your child time to answer questions.
- Set limits for watching TV and using electronic media. Use the time for talking and reading together.

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
101 Things Every Child Should Do Before Growing Up

Every child should . . . . .

1. catch snowflakes on his tongue and eyelashes
2. go to a museum
3. build a gingerbread house and then get to eat it
4. spit watermelon seeds
5. spend time with a senior citizen
6. have a favorite book or bedtime story
7. fly a kite
8. experiment with simple science projects
9. help bake a cake from scratch and then lick the frosting bowl
10. grow a vegetable garden
11. do something to make the world a better place
12. ride a horse
13. put on a puppet show
14. go outside at dusk and stay there until it’s dark, watching the stars come out
15. camp in the backyard
16. go to the zoo
17. organize a neighborhood clean up day
18. play in the bathtub until her skin wrinkles
19. turn off the television for a weekend
20. eat homemade ice cream on a hot summer evening
21. receive praise for who he is and what he has accomplished
22. blow a bubble gum bubble until it pops
23. experience a family car trip
24. paint a mural
25. see a classic movie on the big screen
26. learn a magic trick
27. go to a parade
28. create a special holiday keepsake
29. own a soft, cuddly, stuffed animal that he is never forced to give up because “he’s too old”
30. go fishing
31. have a collection
32. build a tree fort
33. play checkers or chess
34. go canoeing
35. build a sand castle in the summer and a snow fort in the winter
36. go on a factory tour
37. write a “memory letter” each year
38. play dress up
39. eat “green eggs”
40. have a treasure box
41. do something to make the world a better place
42. have a car wash
43. spend some time on a farm, even for a short visit
44. put on a play
45. a trip to Washington D.C.
46. visit the place(s) where mom and dad grew up
47. get dressed up and go to a fancy dinner or restaurant
48. create a board game
49. write a letter to a favorite actor, athlete or hero
50. decorate her room according to the theme of her choice
51. run a lemonade stand
52. go to a family reunion
53. go for a car ride in pajamas
54. learn origami
55. have a secret hideout
56. have a “get better” box
57. spend some time alone with each parent
58. build a model
59. go to a baseball game

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60. take a night time hike by the light of the moon
61. go to a fair, carnival or amusement park
62. have one outstanding teacher
63. have a hobby
64. clown around
65. make a pizza
66. express creativity
67. watch a caterpillar turn into a butterfly
68. have a pet
69. finger or toe paint
70. play a musical instrument
71. make choices, decisions and mistakes
72. learn to appreciate the different abilities of people
73. have a best friend
74. go to the beach
75. experience the feeling of love, safety and security
76. participate in an extracurricular activity
77. enjoy lazy summer days
78. be given a camera to take pictures, and the freedom to take whatever picture she wants to take
79. see mom or dad laugh
80. make caramel apples
81. publish a book
82. do chores around the house
83. have a pen pal
84. help someone else blow out birthday candles
85. draw with chalk on the sidewalk
86. go for a boat ride
87. have a personal library card
88. experience the ocean
89. make a meal for the family
90. spend some time alone
91. learn about the family history
92. play with play dough
93. receive notes of support, encouragement or "just because"
94. write a thank you note of gratitude to a relative or teacher
95. write in a journal
96. have a chance to sleep away from home
97. create a self-portrait
98. play classic games
99. blow soap bubbles
100. go on a scavenger hunt
101. have a dream for the future and an adult who believes in that dream.

What Would You Like to Do With Your Children Before They Grow Up?

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“What Can We Do For Le$$?”

**County Early Childhood Calendar:** Visit [http://greatstartmacomb.org](http://greatstartmacomb.org) to find out more about child-centered events and fun activities taking place in your community.  

**The Right Connection:** For a user friendly guide to free and low coast services in Macomb County, including military resources visit [www.misd.net/connection](http://www.misd.net/connection)  

**United Way of Southeastern Michigan:** Call 2-1-1 or (800) 552-1183 to find employment/job training, assistance with shelter, food pantries, rent assistance, legal aid, medical services, care for seniors and more.

**GROCERIES**

**Save Money with Coupons** it is easier than you think………………

- [www.mommysavesbig.com](http://www.mommysavesbig.com)
- [www.couponmom.com](http://www.couponmom.com)
- [www.smartsource.com](http://www.smartsource.com)
- [www.couponing101.com](http://www.couponing101.com)

- Get a store card – Kroger, CVS, Mperks (Meijers), Walgreens
- Get paid to shop with [www.checkout51.com](http://www.checkout51.com) instead of seeing the savings up front with paper coupons, get a check mailed to you with your earnings.

**EATING OUT**

**Get cash back.** Use a cash rewards credit card to get money back on your purchase.

**Buy gift cards** for as much as 25% off the face value on sites like [raise.com](http://raise.com)

**Eat early or late.** Sometimes restaurants offer discounted meals for dining during off-peak times. In addition to early bird and late night prices, try dining out for breakfast instead of dinner where prices are considerably cheaper.

**Drink water.** You’ll save by avoiding pop or alcohol. The restaurant business has a large profit margin on drinks, especially pop.

**Ask about a half portion.** Some restaurants will gladly make a half size meal for half the price.

**Stop somewhere else for dessert.** If you must eat dessert, stop by a local ice cream shop or stop at the grocery store and pick up ice cream on the way home. It will be a lot cheaper.

**Forget dining in and get take out.** Dine somewhere that doesn’t require a tip. Panera, Subway, Jimmy Johns.

**Sign up for restaurant clubs.** Clubs give free meals on your birthday, kids eat FREE or cheap on select days, coupons and frequent dining card. Take advantage of them.

Check out [www.macombcountykidseatfree.com](http://www.macombcountykidseatfree.com) for dining out cheap.
ENTERTAINMENT

Amusement Park Discount Tickets Can Be Purchased At:
1. Some grocery stores (Kroger, Meijer)
2. AAA
3. Some credit unions
4. Some local parks and recreation departments

Coupons – Check your local telephone book for coupons or the website of where you are going for coupons before you go. There are lots of great deals out there!

Detroit Tiger Kids Club – Purchase package online, newsletter, membership card, and more. For more information go to http://detroit.tigers.mlb.com

MJR Free Movie
Saturdays. Spring and Fall-selected MJR theatres show first run children’s movies at no cost for children, $1 per adult. Check theatre near you for dates, times and availability.

Opening Night Discounts – When the circus (or Dora or Barney, etc.) come to town, check to see if there is a discount night. Sometimes opening night is at a fraction of the regular price.

Silver Cinemas 586-415-1041 Showtimes
Macomb Mall
All day Tuesday: $1.50 admission.
2nd run movies: $2.50 admission before 6 p.m., $3.00 after 6 p.m.

CLOTHING

Clothing Swap
If you are interested in receiving information on upcoming clothing swaps in our area, join the Yahoo group to receive announcements per year.
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SEMIclothingswap/

Mom to Mom List.
Metro Detroit Mom to Mom sales listed. Articles on a wide variety of topics, plus tips, quotes, recipes and crafts every month for parents to enjoy with their children. Very active message boards where members can buy and sell their items between sales, plan playdates, enjoy moms’ nights out, share advice and adult conversation

Old Navy – sign up and save plus get exclusive treat on your birthday… http://oldnavy.gap.com

OTHER

Reduce – Reuse – Recycle! Find a treasure for your family or recycle an item you no longer need. All you need to participate is an email account.

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Choosing Books

Children are excited by books that speak to them and their experiences. They love familiar sights and stories, but also love novelty and challenge. What follows are some suggestions of what to look for when you are choosing books for young children.

Infants 6-12 Months like:
- Board books with photos of babies
- Brightly colored board books to touch and taste
- Books with pictures of familiar objects
- Small books sized for small hands

Younger Toddlers 12-24 Months like:
- Sturdy board books they can handle and carry
- Books with photos and pictures of children doing familiar things – sleeping, eating, playing
- Goodnight books for bedtime
- Books with only a few words on the page
- Books with simple rhymes or predictable text

Learning Tip . . . Reading with Toddlers
- Read with your child everyday, even if it's only for a few minutes.
- Look for text that is short and simple.
- Read favorite stories again and again.
- Point to pictures and name them out loud when you read.
- Talk with your child throughout the day and ask questions.
- Encourage play that involves naming, describing, and communicating.

Older Toddlers 24-36 Months like:
- Books with board pages – but also books with paper pages
- Silly books and funny books
- Rhymes, rhythms, repetitious text
  – books they can learn by heart
- Books about children and families
- Books about making friends
- Books about food
- Books about animals
- Books about trucks
- Word books

Preschoolers 3-5 Years like:
- Books that tell stories and books with information
- Books about kids that look like them and live like them – but also books about different places and different ways of living
- Books about going to school, books about making friends
- Books with simple text they can memorize
- Counting books, alphabet books, vocabulary books.

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Fun and Games with Songs

It is important to share songs and rhymes with your children. Say and read nursery rhymes so that your child hears words that rhyme. Rhyming is the beginning of understanding that words are made up of smaller parts. Babies and young toddlers often have short attention spans, but rhymes and songs are perfect for quick sharing.

This Little Piggy
This little piggy went to market.
This little piggy stayed home.
This little piggy had roast beef.
And this little piggy cried, “Wee, wee, wee!”
All the way home.
(can be done on fingers or toes)
touch and wiggle thumb
touch and wiggle index finger
touch and wiggle middle finger
touch and wiggle ring finger
touch and wiggle pinky

The Itsy, Bitsy Spider
The itsy, bitsy spider
Went up the water spout.
Down came the rain
And washed the spider out
Out came the sun
And dried up all the rain,
And the itsy, bitsy spider
Went up the spout again.

If You’re Happy and You Know It
If you’re happy and you know it,
Clap your hands.
If you’re happy and you know it,
Clap your hands.
If you’re happy and you know it,
Then your face will surely show it,
If you’re happy and you know it
Clap you’re hands.

Suggestions for other verses:
stamp your feet
pat your legs
wiggle your ears

Where is Thumbkin?
Where is Thumbkin?
Here I am. Here I am.
How are you today, sir?
Very well, I thank you.
Run away, run away.
Where is pointer?

Hands behind back
Bring right handout from behind back with thumb
Move right thumb as if it’s talking
Move left thumb as if it’s responding
Motions are repeated for each of the five fingers

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**Teapot**
I’m a little teapot short and stout.
Here is my handle, here is my spout
When I get all steamed up,
Hear me shout
Tip me over and pour me out.

**Baa Baa Black Sheep**
Baa Baa Black Sheep, have you any wool?
Yes sir, yes sir, three bags full,
One for the master, One for the dame,
And one for the little boy who lives down the lane.
Baa Baa Black Sheep, have you any wool?
Yes sir, yes sir, three bags full.

**The Wheels on the Bus**
The wheels on the bus go round and round,
Round and round, round and round.
The wheels on the bus go round and round,
All through the town.

The people on the bus go up and down
Up and down, up and down.
The people on the bus go up and down,
All through the town.

Other verses:
The wipers on the bus go swish, swish, swish.
The horn on the bus goes beep, beep, beep.
The money on the bus goes clink, clink, clink
The driver on the bus says, “move on back.”

**Head and Shoulders**
(touch body parts as singing)
Head, shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes,
Head, shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes,
Eyes and ears and mouth and nose,
Head, shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes.

Ankles, elbows, feet and seat, feet and seat,
Ankles, elbows, feet and seat, feet and seat,
Hair and hips and chin and cheeks,
Ankles, elbows, feet and seat, feet and seat.

Head, shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes,
Head, shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes,
Eyes and ears and mouth and nose,
Head, shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes.
What Are Fun Art Recipes?

**BUBBLES**

**Giant Bubbles**
- 3 cups water
- 2 cups dish soap (grease cutters are best)
- ½ cup light corn syrup
- glycerin if desired

Gently mix, trying to avoid making bubbles on the surface. The less bubbles on the surface, the stronger the bubbles will be.

**“No More Tears” Bubbles**
- ¼ cup baby shampoo
- ¾ cup water
- 3 Tbsp. light corn syrup

Gently mix together.

**OOBLICK**

**Ooblick**
- 1 cup water
- 2 cups cornstarch
- food coloring

Mix cornstarch and water. It will turn into a solid, but when you touch it, it will become a liquid. This is a great sensory activity. To make clean up easy in the summer, place bowls of ooblick and mixing spoons into a plastic wading pool outside. Children can sit inside the pool and play; clean up is easy.

**PLAYDOUGH**

**Fun Dough**
- 1 ½ cups flour
- ½ cup water
- food coloring (optional)
- ½ cup salt
- ¼ cup vegetable oil or a few drops of liquid detergent

Mix flour and salt together in a bowl. Slowly, add water, oil (or detergent) and food coloring. Knead dough well and shape into several balls.

**Cornstarch Play Dough**
- ¾ cup flour
- ½ cup salt
- ½ cup cornstarch
- warm water

Mix all ingredients together with spoon and hands. Add warm water gradually until mixture can be kneaded. If sticky, dust with flour.

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**PLAYDOUGH**

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**Kool-Aid Play Dough**
- 1 cup flour
- ½ cup salt
- 1 unsweetened Kool-Aid package
- 1 cups boiling water
- 1 Tbsp. oil

Mix dry ingredients together. Add boiling water. Knead on floured board. Smells great! Store in an air-tight bag or container in the refrigerator.

**Clean Mud**
- 2 rolls of toilet paper
- 1 bar of ivory soap (shredded or grated)
- warm water
- large dish pan

Unroll toilet paper and put in dish pan. Add ivory soap and water. Dig in- feels great and is a lot of fun!

**FINGER PAINTS**

**Flour and Salt Finger Paint**
- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup water
- 1 ½ tsp. salt
- Powder paint for coloring

Combine flour and salt, add water. Add powder paint for color. This has a grainy texture, different from other finger paints, providing a new sensory experience.

**Transparent Finger Paint**
- ¼ cup cornstarch
- 2 cups water
- food coloring

Mix cornstarch and water in a sauce pan. Boil until thickens. Cool. Pour into jars and add food coloring; mix well. Try using yellow, blue and red food coloring, have your child mix two of these primary colors to make “new” colors.

**CHALK**

**Sidewalk Chalk**
- 1 cup Plaster of Paris
- ½ cup water
- Powder paint for coloring

Mix Plaster of Paris with water and paint until desired consistency has been reached. It should be thick but not hard. Pour into paper cups, ice cube trays or toilet paper tubes lined with wax paper.
Learning activities and books to support your child’s growth . . .

Help Me Grow with a quick 10 minute look at my latest accomplishments and activities to encourage continued growth!

Ages and Stages Questionnaires

- **FREE** to Macomb County families with children 2 months to 5 years of age
- Available online and at many local libraries or call to request a paper questionnaire
- **RECEIVE IN THE MAIL**
  - A Children’s Book
  - Learning Activities Communication, Fine & Gross Motor Skills, Self Help Skills, and Social/Emotional Development
  - A Summary of the Results

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“How Can I Connect With Other Parents and Families?”

**PARENT GROUPS**

**Beaumont Health System**
- Website: [www.beaumonthospitals.com](http://www.beaumonthospitals.com)
- Phone: (800) 633-7377
- Locations: Grosse Pointe, Rochester, Troy, West Bloomfield
- Description: Join other expectant and new parents to learn about pregnancy, infant development, breastfeeding, children and teens, and parenting issues.

**Early Learning Communities**
- Description: Caring for young children? An Early Learning Community is a network of childcare providers and parents committed to providing the best care for children ages 0-5. Members participate in workshops and training to improve their skills throughout the year.

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**Go Moms**
- Description: Greater Oakland Mothers of Multiples
- Monthly meetings held second Tuesday in the evening, September – May, December and June off site. Annual membership $40.

**Great Start Parent Coalition**
- Website: [www.greatstartmacomb.org](http://www.greatstartmacomb.org)
- Phone: (866) 462-2662
- Description: Open to everyone in Macomb County. Keep informed on the activities, events, programs and services that are available for your family, while helping spread the word about the importance of early childhood. Learn advocacy and leadership skills, as well as, how you can help to ensure all children arrive at kindergarten healthy, safe and ready to succeed in school. Monthly meetings held in Clinton Twp. and Warren include FREE lunch/dinner and limited child care.

**Henry Ford Macomb**
- Website: [www.henryford.com](http://www.henryford.com)
- Phone: (586) 263-2410
- Description: Events and classes – Childbirth, breastfeeding, exercise, massage for mom and baby.

**LA Leche League**
- Website: [www.llnmacomb.weebly.com](http://www.llnmacomb.weebly.com)
- Contact: Donna (586) 826-9778 or LLLNMacob@live.com
- Description: Provides mother to mother breastfeeding support the second Friday of each month at 7 pm. There are no fees for the assistance or the meetings.

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Macomb County Mother of Multiples ......................... www.bigtent.com/groups/mcmom
mcmominfo@yahoo.com
Meetings will be held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, located at 30003 Ryan Road in Warren, meets 3rd Thursday of each month, except April, July and December. Visitors are welcome.

Macomb Moms Meetup .......................... http://moms.meetup.com/macombmoms
We are non-profit and all excess funding goes toward various child-based charities in the Macomb area. Annual membership Dues $10.

Michigan Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs, Inc ...................... www.momotc.org
Help in finding other clubs near your home or others with multiples.

MOMS (Moms Offering Moms Support) Club .......................... www.momsclub.org
Offering organized activities and playgroups for children and moms. Local MOMS Club chapters have meetings with interesting speakers and discussions, park play days, playgroups for preschool children, baby-sitting co-ops, activity groups like arts ‘n crafts, and a monthly Moms’ Night Out (activities change according to members interests).

Chesterfield/New Baltimore/New Haven ................. http://anchorbaymomsclub.org
Meets every week through out the year. Play groups, play dates, book club, field trips, calendar of events, newsletter, outings and more. Annual membership $25.

MOMS Club Clinton/Macomb Chapter
(586) 207-1178  Email: momsclubofcm@hotmail.com
www.momsclubofclintonmacomb.yolasite.com
Clinton Twp, Macomb, Washington Residents only.
For stay-at-home moms looking for a variety of activities like playgroups, outings, kids crafts, kids gourmet, lunch gatherings and Mom’s nights out.

Mothers and More ............................................. www.mothersandmore13.blogspot.com
A non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of mothers through support, education and advocacy.

The Real Mommies of Macomb County .................... www.meetup.com
Email: shelbymoms@yahoo.com
Meet other parents with similar interests, monthly meetings, newsletters, parties. Annual membership $20.

Check out other groups at meetup.com

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) ............................................. www.mops.org
Helps moms through relationships established in the context of local groups that provide a caring atmosphere for today's mother of young children. Teen MOPS groups are available in some areas.

Northern Macomb Mothers of Multiples
Visit on facebook to connect with Northern Macomb Mothers of Multiples.
PLAY AND LEARN GROUPS

Leaps and Bounds ........................................... www.leapsnbounds.org
(586) 759-3895
8129 Packard Street, Warren
Parents bring their children into a fun inviting atmosphere, where parents can
learn to build bonds with their children, learn about their child's growth and
development, and where the child can feel free to run around and express
themselves. This is also a way for parents to engage with other parents.

Macomb Family Services ................................ www.mfsonline.org
Play and Learns are a fun way to explore the world around us and the different dynamics
of preschool readiness skills. This benefits both the child and the caregiver/parent.
Children learn to cooperate with others, verbally express themselves, take-turns, play
and develop a strong sense of social self. Parents can take advantage of the socializing
with other adults, take a break from everyday routines, give and receive helpful advice
and build community.

Clinton Township
36975 Utica Road
Suite 104
Clinton Township, MI 48036
(586) 226-3440

Sterling Heights
43200 Dequindre Road
Suite 105
Clinton Township, MI 48314
(586) 254-5660

Richmond
35000 Division
Richmond, MI 48062
(586) 727-5529

Romeo
124 West Gates
Suite 103
Romeo, MI 48065
(586) 752-9696

Neighborhood Libraries
Call your local library for information on free playgroups held at the library.

Stay and Play
(586) 777-0215
St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 22915 Greater Mack Avenue, St. Clair Shores, MI
Every Thursday 9:30 am. Ages 2-6 with an adult. Fees apply. Register by phone.

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Looking for Child Care?

Information about Michigan’s licensed child care providers’ services is available at
http://greatstartconnect.org

United Way for Southeastern Michigan
2-1-1
(800) 552-1183
What are Seasonal Safety Tips?

SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

POOL SAFETY
- Never leave children alone in or near the pool, even for a moment.
- Make sure adults watching young children in the pool know CPR and can rescue a child if necessary.
- Install a fence at least four-feet high around all four sides of the pool.
- Make sure pool gates self-close and self-latch at a height that children can’t reach.
- Keep rescue equipment (a shepherd’s hook – a long pole with a hook on the end – and a life preserver) as well as a telephone near the pool.
- Avoid inflatable swimming aides such as “floaties”. They are not a substitute for approved life vests and can give children a false sense of security.
- Swim programs for children under four should not be seen as a way to decrease the risk of drowning.
- Whenever infants or toddlers are in or around water, an adult should be within arm’s length, providing “touch supervision.”

BOAT SAFETY
- Children should wear life jackets at all times when on boats or near bodies of water.
- Make sure the life jacket is the right size for the child. The jacket should not be loose. It should always be worn as instructed with all straps belted.
- Blow-up water wings, toys, rafts and air mattresses should never be used as life jackets or life preservers.
- Adults should wear life jackets for their own protection and to set a good example.

FUN IN THE SUN
- Babies under 6 months of age should be kept out of the direct sunlight.
- Move babies to the shade or under a tree, umbrella or the stroller canopy.
- Dress babies in lightweight clothing that covers the arms and legs and use brimmed hats.
- Apply sunscreen at least 30 minutes before going outside and use a sunscreen even on cloudy days.
- The sun protection factor (SPF) should be at least 15.
- Try to keep children out of the sun between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. That’s when the sun’s rays are the strongest.

PLAYGROUND SAFETY
- Carefully maintain all equipment.
- Swings should be made of soft materials such as rubber, plastic or canvas.
- Make sure children cannot reach any moving parts that might pinch or trap any body part.
- Make sure metal slides are cool to prevent children’s legs from getting burned.
- Never allow children to use home trampolines.

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DOG BITES
- When getting a pet as a companion for a child, wait until the child is mature enough to handle and care for the animal – usually around age five or six.
  - Never leave an infant or child alone with any dog.
  - Teach children some basic safety precautions for dealing with dogs outside the home, such as not surprising or scaring a dog and never approaching an unfamiliar dog.
  - Instruct children to stand still if approached or chased by a strange dog. Tell them not to run, kick or make threatening gestures. Children should face the dog backing away slowly until he or she is out of reach.
  - Contact a pediatrician whenever a child receives an animal bite that breaks the skin, no matter how minor the injury appears. The doctor will need to check whether the child has been adequately immunized against tetanus.

BUG SAFETY
- Do not use scented soaps, perfumes or hair sprays on children.
- Avoid areas where insects nest or congregate, such as stagnant pools of water, uncovered foods and gardens where flowers are in bloom.
- Avoid dressing children in clothing with bright colors or flowery prints.
- To remove a visible stinger from skin, gently scrape it off horizontally with a credit card or your fingernail. A stinger can also be removed by pinching it out with a pair of tweezers or your fingers.
- Check with a physician regarding use of “bug” spray on children under the age of 2.
- Insect repellents containing DEET are the most effective.
- The concentration of DEET in products may range from less than 10 percent to over 30 percent. The benefits of DEET reach a peak at a concentration of 30 percent, the maximum concentration currently recommended for infants and children. DEET should not be used on children under 2 months of age.
- The concentration of DEET varies significantly from product, so read the label of any product purchased.

FIREWORKS SAFETY
- Fireworks can result in severe burns, scars and disfigurement that can last a lifetime.
- Fireworks that are often thought to be safe, i.e. sparklers, can reach temperatures above 1,000 degrees F.
- The AAP* recommends prohibiting public sale of all fireworks, including those by mail or Internet and encourages families to attend professional fireworks displays instead of using fireworks at home.

*Information provided by the American Academy of Pediatrics
http://www.aap.org/advocacy/archives/summertips.htm

PLAYING OUTSIDE
- Dress infants and children warmly for outdoor activities. Several thin layers will keep them dry and warm.
- The rule of thumb for older babies and young children is to dress them in one more layer of clothing than an adult would wear in the same condition.
- Set reasonable time limits on outdoor play. Have children come inside periodically to warm up.
- The sun’s rays can still cause sunburn in the winter, especially when they reflect off snow. Make sure to cover children’s exposed skin with sunscreen.

WINTER SAFETY TIPS
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ICE SKATING
- Allow children to skate only on approved surfaces. Check for signs posted by local police or recreation departments. Call the local police department to find out which areas have been approved.
- Advise children: to skate in the same direction as the crowd; avoid darting across the ice; never skate alone; never chew gum or eat candy while skating.

SLEDDING
- Keep sledgers away from motor vehicles.
- Supervise children at all times.
- Keep young children separated from older children.
- Sledding feet first or sitting up, instead of lying down head-first, may prevent head injuries.
- Use steerable sleds, not snow disks or inner tubes.
- Sleds should be structurally sound, free of sharp edges and splinters and the steering mechanism should be lubricated.
- Sledging slopes should be free of obstructions like fire hydrants or fences, be covered in snow not ice, not be too steep (slope of less than 30 degrees) and end with a flat runoff.
- Avoid sledding in overcrowded areas.

TRAVEL SAFETY TIPS
- Buckle up car seats and seat belts.
- Keep children entertained with car games, activity books and story tapes.
- Make periodic stops along the way.
- Keep snacks, water, first aid kit and any necessary medicines handy.
- Always use a car seat, starting with baby’s first ride home from the hospital. Help children form a lifelong habit of buckling up.
- Read the manufacturer’s instructions and always keep them with the car seat.
- Read the owner’s manual for more information on how to install the car seat.
- Put children in the back seat. It is the safest place in the car because it is the farthest away from the head-on crash (the most common type).
- The harness system holds children in the car seat and the seat belts hold the seat in the car. Attach both snugly to protect children.
- Children in any rear-facing car seat should never be placed in a front seat equipped with an air bag.
- Children traveling alone to visit relatives or attend summer camps should have a copy of their medical information with them at all times.

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ART, THEATER, MUSIC

Chrysler IMAX Dome Theater .......................................................... www.mi-sci.org
(313) 577-8400
Michigan Science Center, 5020 John R, Detroit
Showing films that entertain, educate and inspire, Michigan’s only IMAX® dome theatre surrounds audiences with an experience that thrills students and adults alike. Its 70-foot-wide, five-story high screen, modern stadium-style seating and state-of-the art technology creates an ultimate movie experience not to be missed!
Closed Monday – Tuesday, Wednesday – Friday 12 pm and 2 pm, Saturday 11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm, 5 pm, Sunday 1 pm, 3 pm and 5 pm. General admission to the science center adult $13, child (ages 2-12) $10, under age 2 FREE plus fee for IMAX or planetarium show.

Cranbrook Art Museum ............................................................... www.cranbrook.edu
(248) 645-3220
39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills
Dynamic forum for contemporary art, craft, architecture and design. Permanent and changing exhibitions, collections and research.
Tuesday – Friday 10 am – 5 pm, Saturday and Sunday 11 am – 5 pm.
Adult $8, child (12-17) $4, under age 12 FREE

Detroit Institute of Arts ............................................................... www.dia.org
(313) 833-7900
5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit
Monday closed, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9 am – 4 pm,
Friday 9 am – 10 pm, Saturday and Sunday 10 am – 5 pm.
Adults $8, child (ages 6 – 17) $4, under age 5 FREE.
FREE to residents of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties.

Detroit Puppet Theater ............................................................. www.puppetart.org
(313) 961-7777
25 E. Grand River, Detroit
Puppet shows every Saturday Call for reservations.
Recommended for ages 5 and over. Adults $10, Child $5.
Workshops immediately after performance adult/child $8.

Detroit Puppeteers Guild ......................................................... www.detroitpuppeteersguild.org
(313) 273-6716
25 E. Grand River, Detroit
Founded in 1946, the Guild is composed of performers, puppet craftsmen, collectors, writers and others who share the love of puppetry. Puppet workshops, store, exhibits and much more. Register online. Each April a FREE Children’s Day of Puppetry.

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Detroit Symphony Orchestra ............................................. http://dso.org
(313) 576-5111
3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit
The Detroit Symphony Orchestra, a leader in the world of classical music, embraces and inspires individuals, families and communities through unsurpassed musical experiences. Young People’s Family Concerts. Calendar dates and times online. Ticket prices vary.

Freedom Hill............................................................http://freedomhill.net
(586) 268-9700
14900 Metropolitan Parkway, Sterling Heights.
Information online about summer outdoor activities.

Local City or Township
Some cities and townships have free concerts or children’s shows one day a week in the afternoon or evening throughout the summer. Check your local offices.

Macomb Center for the Performing Arts.........................www.macombcenter.com
(586) 286-2222
44575 Garfield, Clinton Township
Join us this season for “Pages to Stages.” Our current series takes the best books and transforms them into wonderful stage productions. Adults $10, Student $5.

Meadow Brook Theatre........................................www.mbtheatre.com
(248) 377-3300
207 Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester
Saturday children’s series. Times and prices vary.

Sterling Civic Theater...........................................www.sterlingcivic.org
(586) 264-5571
33240 Chatsworth Dr., Sterling Heights
Sterling Civic Theater is a community based theater group and a program offered through Sterling Heights Park and Recreation. We produce Broadway musicals with our “open” casting policy. That allows anyone First grade and older to be on stage. Adult/child $12 in advance, $14 at the Box Office the day of performance.
ARTS AND CRAFTS

Arts and Scraps ..........................................................  www.artsandscraps.org
(313) 640-4411
16135 Harper, Detroit
Visit Tuesday, Thursday 11 am – 6 pm, Saturday 11 am – 4 pm for 6 interactive areas. Adults and children participate together; preschool and up. Scrap Junction is also a part of field trips and birthday parties.
Child (ages 1 and up) $5.

The Art Castle ..........................................................  www.artcastleonline.com
(248) 844-5455
1550 Auburn Rd. Rochester Hills
Activities suitable for pre-school through adult. Hours change seasonally, open during school vacations. Birthday parties available. Scout groups welcome. Extended hours by appointment. Fees vary depending on the project.

Anton Art Center ..........................................................  www.theartcenter.org
(586) 469-8666
125 Macomb Place, Mt. Clemens
Different exhibits each month. Art classes for adults and children, art fair, art parties and classes offered year round, dates, times and cost vary. Registration is required. Handicap accessible. Mixed Media Saturday Workshops, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm, FREE child (ages 6-12).

Home Depot ..............................................................  http://workshops.homedepot.com/workshops/
First Saturday of each month, 9 am – 12 pm. Projects FREE child (ages 5-12)

Jo Ann Superstores ..................................................  www.joann.com/kidscamp/
Kids camps available in June, July, August and December (holiday break). Kid’s class schedules are available online with date, time and fee.

Lakeshore Learning ....................................................  www.lakeshorelearning.com
(586) 803-1435
12210 Hall Rd, Sterling Heights
Craft activities for children! Every Saturday, 11 am - 3 pm. No reservation necessary. FREE child (ages 3 and up).

Lego Store .................................................................  http://stores.lego.com
(248) 816-3350
The Somerset Collection, 2800 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy
First Tuesday of every month learn to build a cool mini model and take it home. FREE child (ages 6 – 14).

Lowes .................................................................  www.lowesbuildandgrow.com
Build and Grow Kid’s Clinic. Build a wooden project and get a free apron, goggles, and patch. The second Saturday of each month at 10 am. FREE child (ages 5-12).

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Michaels Craft Store .......................................................... www.michaels.com
Kids Classes, Kids Club, Birthday Parties and online projects. Dates, times and fees vary.

Plaster Playhouse .......................................................... www.plasterplayhouse.biz
(586) 566-0666
50652 Sabrina Dr., Shelby Township.
Create art from pottery, plaster, mosaics and more; choose from a variety of sizes and shapes for “make it and take it” plaster. Fees vary depending on the project.

Soulliere Kids Club .......................................................... www.soullieregardens.com
(586) 776-2811
23919 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores
Garden club for all ages.

AQUARIUMS, BOTANICAL GARDENS, ZOOS

Detroit Zoo .......................................................... www.detroitzoo.org
(248) 541-5717
8450 W. Ten Mile Rd, Royal Oak
125 acres and 1,500 animals from aardvarks to zebras and everything in between. Major exhibits include the Arctic Ring of Life, Australian Outback Adventure, Amphibiville and Great Apes of Harambee. Birthday parties and summer camps available. Open 362 days a year, hours change per season. Adults $14, child (ages 2-14) $10, under age 2 FREE. Parking $5.

Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Conservatory ............... www.mbgna.umich.edu
(734) 647-7600
1800 N. Dixboro, Ann Arbor
The University of Michigan maintains these gardens, research areas, and natural preserves. Outdoor gardens and trails are open 7 days a week, sunrise to sunset. Adult and child FREE, parking $5.00.

Meadow Brook Hall .......................................................... www.meadowbrookhall.org
(248) 364-6200
Oakland University Campus, Rochester Hills
Landscaped gardens including topiary shrubs, children’s maze and garden at Knole Cottage. Gardens open year round; best viewing Spring-Fall. Grounds are open to the public at no charge except during special events. Adults $15, under age 12 FREE.

Toledo Zoo .......................................................... www.toledozoo.org
(419) 385-4040
2700 Broadway, Toledo, OH
Visit the primate forest, featuring colobus monkeys, francois langurs, gibbons and other species. Live Web cam online. Summer Safari Camps. Hours change per season. Adults $15, child (ages 2-11) $12, under age 2 FREE, parking $7.

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Wiegand’s Nursery .................................................. www.wiegandsnursery.com
(586) 286-3655
47747 Romeo Plank Rd., Macomb Township
Walk through the Butterfly Garden, which opens in July.
Other seasonal family events: Easter Egg Hunt, weekend before Easter; Pumpkin Walk in October; visit Santa during Christmas holiday. Saturday Kids Workshops, pre-register by phone, cost varies.

CAMPS

Camp Finder - American Camp Association’s website .......... www.acacamps.org
State Campgrounds ...................................................... www.michigan.gov/dnr
Search for a state campground with the features your family enjoys.
See Summer Day Camps also.

CIDER MILLS

Blakes Big Apple .................................................. www.blakefarms.com
(586) 784-9710
71485 North Avenue (N. of 33 Mile Rd.), Armada
U-pick fruits (seasonal), animal farm, produce store, wagon and pony rides. September and October every weekend Family Fall Festival, 3-story Haunted House and Haunted Hayride. After Thanksgiving, cut your own Christmas tree.

Blakes Orchard and Cider Mill .............................................. www.blakefarms.com
(586) 784-5343
17985 Armada Center Road, Armada
“Pick your own” fruits and vegetables. 100 acres of apple trees, pumpkin patch and U-cut Christmas trees. Family entertainment farm featuring train rides, pony rides, hayrides, cornfield mazes, petting farm, and several animated attractions. See apple cider being made. Birthday parties.

Corn Fun Family Farm .................................................. www.cornfun.com
(586) 365-9401
9391 Lindsey Lane, Casco
Corn Maze, u-pick pumpkins. Open during the months of September and October, offering outdoor fall events for the whole family. Includes a 13 acre corn maze, pumpkin patch, hay bale maze, fun area, hay bale pyramid, animal farm and picnic area.

Millers Big Red Cider Mill .................................................. www.millers-bigred.com
(586) 752-7888
4900 W. 32 Mile Road, Romeo
U-pick apples, pumpkins, flowers, fresh produce, haunted house, green house and petting farm. Hayrides in fall.

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Stony Creek Orchard and Cider Mill ................................................. www.stonycreekorchard.com
(586) 752-2453
2961 W. 32 Mile Road, Romeo (between Mound and Dequindre)
U-pick apples, pumpkins and raspberries. Fresh apple cider pressed from our own mill and hot donuts. Moonlight hayrides on Fridays and Saturdays in October.

Verellen Orchards ............................................................... www.verellenorchards.com
(586) 752-2989
63260 Van Dyke (at 29 Mile Rd), Romeo
U-pick cherries and strawberries in season, picnic area with old fashioned train, roadside market, donuts, cider, and pies. Open year round.

Westview Orchards .............................................................. www.westvieworchards.com
(586) 752-3123
65075 Van Dyke (at 30 Mile), Romeo
Petting barns, straw mountain, live family shows, 2-acre playground, tractor driven hayrides, birthday parties, fall corn maze, cider mill, and bakery. Children of special needs tours.
Farm Market open May through Christmas Eve. Fall Family Fun weekends, Labor Day weekend through last weekend in October.

FARMERS MARKETS

Birmingham Farmers Market ..................................................... www.enjoybirmingham.com
(248) 530-1220
City parking Lot #6 (E. side of N. Old Woodward, N. of Harmon Street), Birmingham
Produce, flowers and crafts. Live entertainment. Kids activities including crafts.
Fresh prepared foods by local restaurants and other vendors. Sundays, May – October 9 am – 2 pm.

Eastern Market ......................................................................... www.detroiteasternmarket.com
(586) 393-8800 or (313) 833-9300
2934 Russell, Detroit
Eastern Market stores are open year round Monday - Saturday 8 am - 5 pm.
Farmers Market open Saturdays only 6 am – 4 pm; closed Sundays except for special events. Annual Flower Day, Sunday May 1, 2014, 7 am – 12 pm. Annual Wacky Wagon Contest, shoppers decorate wagons to compete for the titles of Most Entertaining, Most Creative and Most Spirit of Flower Day. Family fun activities, live entertainment, pony rides, face painting and balloons. Eastern Market food and refreshment vendors available. Free and low cost parking.

Mt. Clemens Farmers Market ...................................................... www.downtownmountclemens.com
(586) 493-7600
North River Road, Mount Clemens.
Offers locally grown fruits and vegetables as well as bedding plants, perennials, shrubs and herbs. Every Friday and Saturday May – November 7 am – 1 pm.
In-season produce available along with fresh baked goods, honey, eggs, mushrooms, New York Style Hog Dogs and other fun specialty items. Free parking.

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Royal Oak Farmers Market........................................www.ci.royal-oak.mi.us/farmersmkt/
(248) 246-3276
316 E. 11 Mile Road, Royal Oak (2 blocks E. of Main Street)
Farmers sell from an enclosed building with ample parking on Friday during May
through December and Saturday all year from 7:00 am – 1:00 pm.
Flea Market opens Sunday 8 am – 3 pm (except major holidays).

Warren Farmers Market........................................www.cityofwarren.org
(586) 268-8400
City Square Location, Warren
Local farmers sell produce, flowers and more. Sundays from 9 am – 2 pm,
May – October.

FARMS: DEMONSTRATION, PETTING, WORKING

Domino’s Petting Farm........................................www.pettingfarm.com
(734) 998-0182
24 Frank Lloyd Wright Dr., Ann Arbor
Enjoy hayrides, animal demonstrations, pony rides and picnic area. Birthday parties
available. Monday – Friday 9:30 am – 4 pm, Saturday and Sunday 10:30 am – 5 pm.
Adult $5, child (ages 2-12) $3, under age 2 FREE, free parking.

Frontier Town........................................www.frontiertownromeo.com
(586) 557-5316
67310 Van Dyke, Romeo (N. of 31 Mile Road)
Western style attraction and water wheel. Year-round Christmas store, café, gift
shops and goat petting area. Monthly events. Open year-round.

Mt. Bruce Station/Farm........................................www.sheepstuff.com
(810) 798-2568
6440 Bordman Rd., Romeo
Romeo farm offering families an up-close look at sheep, spinning, knitting
and more. Spring Fiber Day in May adult/child $5, under age 5 FREE.
Sheep and Wool Festival in September adult/child $8, under age 5 FREE.

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Upland Hills Farm .......................................................... www.uplandhillsfarm.com
(248) 628-1611
481 Lake George, Oxford
Open all year weather permitting, call to confirm. Visit the animals, milk the cows, play on the playground or go on a hayride. Pony rides $2 per ride. Summer Sundays, Harvest Festival, milking a cow, storybook trail, hayride, farm demos and more, every Saturday and Sunday in October adult/child $8, under age 2 FREE.

HISTORIC VILLAGES AND FARMS

Crossroads Village and Huckleberry Railroad ........ www.geneseecountyparks.org
(800) 648-PARK (7275)
6140 Bray Rd., Flint  (1/2 mile south Stanley Road)
Captures the spirit of early communities in Michigan. See villagers at work and ride the 40-minute train excursion. For-Mar Nature Preserve and Arboretum, 35-minute Genesee Belle paddlewheel river boat rides available. Some activities are seasonal. Fees vary.

Greenfield Village ............................................................ www.thehenryford.org
(313) 982-6001 or (800) 835-5237
20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn
Experience 300 years of American history through 90 acres of authentic, historic structures, four living history farms and nationally-renowned artisans creating pottery, tin and glass pieces. Immerse yourself in the sights, sounds and sensations of America’s past with period-clothed presenters and ride in historic transportation, including authentic Model Ts, an 1873 steam locomotive or horse-drawn carriage. Open April – November, 7 days a week from 9:30 am – 5 pm. Adults $24, child (ages 5-12) $17.50, under age 4 FREE.

Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm ............... www.rochesterhills.org
(248) 656-4663
1005 Van Hoosen Road, Rochester Hills
A nationally registered historic site that contains the 1840 Van Hoosen Farmhouse, the 1888 Red House and the 1927 Dairy Barn that has been converted into a year-round exhibit gallery. Situated in a 15 acre park with Stoney Creek Stream, gardens, agricultural barns and nearby pioneer schoolhouse and cemetery. Friday and Saturday from 1 pm - 4 pm all year. Adults $5, child (all ages) $3

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Troy Historic Village .......................................................... www.troyhistoricvillage.org
(248) 524-3570
60 West Wattles Road, Troy
Restored and furnished village of ten buildings on a 4 acre site including a log cabin, one room schoolhouse, wagon shop, print shop, general store, old town hall, Greek revival home, 1837 Church, parsonage and more. Monday - Friday 10 am – 3 pm. Holiday Nights select dates in December. Monthly special programs and lectures fees vary. Adults $5, Child (ages 6 – 16) $3, under age 6 FREE.

Wolcott Mill Metropark ..........................................................www.metroparks.com
Farm Center
(586) 752-5932
65775 Wolcott Road, Ray Township
250-acre working farm featuring dairy cows, chickens, horses, sheep, ducks and donkeys. Visit the animals and discover where our food comes from and view the displays throughout the barns. The interpretive staff conduct programs on food, farming and agricultural topics. Open daily 9 am - 5 pm.
The cows are milked at 10 am daily. Fees vary.

Historic Center
(586) 749-5997
64100 Kunstman Road, Ray Township (Just north of 29 Mile Road)
Visit the historic grist and feed mills and a barn museum to discover old mills and the history of American barns. At 160-years-old, Wolcott Mill offers a picture of pioneer life. Many children’s pioneer workshops are offered throughout the year. Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday 9 am – 5 pm. Parking fees passes apply.

ICE SKATING PONDS-RINKS/ROLLER RINKS:

Campus Martius Ice Rink ..........................................................www.campusmartiuspark.org
(313) 963-9393
800 Woodward Ave, Detroit (between Fort and Michigan Avenue)
Ice skating occurs on a seasonal rink at the north lawn throughout the winter months. Tree Lighting Ceremony, mid-November.
Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 11 am – 9 pm, Tuesday 11 am – 6pm, Friday 11 am – 12 pm (midnight), Saturday 10 am – 11 pm, Sunday 12 pm – 8 pm.
Skate rental $3, shoe check $2, if you have skates. Group discounts.
Adults $7, child (ages 1-12) $3.

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Fraser Hockeyland.................................................................http://fraserhl.com
(586) 294-2400
34400 Utica Rd., Fraser
Classes available fees vary. Open skate adult/child $5, skate rental $2.

Great Skate.................................................................www.greatskateonline.com
(586) 777-4300
29100 Hayes, Roseville
Exercise and family fun. roller skating/blading for all ages. Open skate,
birthday parties and classes. Times, days and prices vary.

Mt. Clemens Ice Arena and Fitness Center........www.mountclemensicearena.com
(586) 307-8202
200 N. Groesbeck, Mt. Clemens
Open year-round for skating enjoyment. Ice skating is offered to the community as
well as youth hockey through the Mt. Clemens Hockey Association. Figure skating
programs taught by professional coaching staff and members of the Mt. Clemens
Figure Skating Club. Birthday parties, various times and events.

St. Clair Shores Civic Arena..........................................www.scsparksrec.net
(586) 445-5350
2000 Stephens St., St. Clair Shores
Open Ice skating on Saturday and Sunday 3 pm – 5 pm, summer skating 2 pm – 4
pm. Parent-Tot skating, September – May, Thursdays 11 am – 12 pm (noon). Skate
rentals now available for $5. Adult/child $3, under age 6 FREE with paying adult.

Suburban Ice.................................................................www.suburbanice.com
(586) 992-8600
54755 Broughton Rd., Macomb
Suburban Ice Macomb offers a wide range of competitive and recreational
programming. Open skate, Birthday parties, lessons, community group functions for
scouts and schools.

ICE SKATING PONDS

City Square Ice Rink – Warren Civic Center (N. of 12 Mile, E. of Van Dyke)
Civic Center Park – Rome Plank Road
Dodge Park – 40620 Utica Road, Sterling Heights
Dorothea-Lenore Park – Dorthea and Lenore (W. of N. Ave) Mt. Clemens
Elmwood School – California and Alice, St. Clair Shores
Fairlane Park – Raven and Toepfer, Eastpointe
Frederick Playfield Nine Mile and Pallister, St.Clair Shores
Huron Park – Frazho, (E. of Gratiot) Roseville
Lawndale Park – Lawndale and Dickinson, Mt. Clemens
Lenox Twp Community Center Park – Gratiot, Lenox
Macomb Township Center Park – S. of 25 Mile Road, W. of Broughton, Macomb
Spindler Park – 19500 Stephens Road, Eastpointe
Steffens Park – 14 Mile Road and Garfield, Fraser
Wahby Park Jefferson, S. of Ten Mile Road, St. Clair Shores
Wilson Park – between Wilson and South Highland and Church Streets, Mt. Clemens

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Michigan Activity Pass (MAP)...............................http://michiganactivitypass.info/
The new MAP is an online program. This website enables patrons to access
information about the program, to ask questions, to print tickets for free or discount
admission to cultural attractions, and to get reading recommendations that relate to
venues’ exhibits.

Abrams Planetarium ........................................www.pa.msu.edu/abrams
(517) 355-4672
Michigan State University, East Lansing
Public planetarium shows are scheduled for Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 pm and
Sundays at 4:00 pm. There are also special shows designed for families on Sundays
at 2:30 pm. Adults $3, child (ages 12-17) $2.50, under age 12 $2.

Albert L. Lorenzo Cultural Center..........................www.lorenzoculturalcenter.com
(586) 445-7348
44575 Garfield at Hall Road (M-59)
Explore the influences and differences that shape our community’s heritage at the
Macomb Cultural Center, Macomb’s newest place for discovery. The award-winning
Center hosts two anchor events per year, featuring exhibits, speakers, performances
and videos. Admission and most events are FREE.

Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum........................................www.aahom.org
(734) 995-5439
220 E. Ann Street, Ann Arbor
An interactive science museum that is fun for all ages. Birthday clubs, scout
programs. Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10 am – 5 pm,
Sunday 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Adult/child $11, under age 2 FREE.

Arab American National Museum..............................www.arabamericanmuseum.org
(313) 582-2266
13624 Michigan, Dearborn
Patriots & Peacemakers: “Arab American in Service to Our Country” highlights Arab
Americans service in the U.S. Armed Forces, diplomatic service and the Peace
Corps. Wednesday – Saturday 10 am – 6 pm, Sunday 12 - 5 pm. Adults $8,
child (ages 6-12) $4, under age 5 FREE.

Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History......www.thewright.org
(313) 494-5800
315 E. Warren, Detroit
Founded in 1965 by Detroit Obstetrician Dr. Charles Wright, this 125,000 square foot
museum provides learning opportunities, exhibitions, programs and events based on
collections and research that explore the diverse history and culture of African
Americans and their African origins. Monday – Saturday 9 - 5 pm, Sunday 1 - 5 pm.
Adults $8, child (age (3-12) $5, under age 3 FREE.
MUSEUMS CONTINUED

Chelsea Milling

Chelsea Milling has been manufacturing their popular JIFFY® baking mixes since 1930. Visit this family-run company in Michigan and see their processing and packaging production. FREE 1 hour tour consists of slide presentation, refreshment period and a walk through the packaging plant. Reservations are required. Monday – Friday 9 am - 3 pm.

Cranbrook Institute of Science

Explore science, technology, and natural history. Fascinating exhibits, hands on activities, and planetarium shows. Tuesday – Thursday 10 am – 5 pm, Friday and Saturday 10 am–10 pm, Sunday 12 pm - 4 pm. Adults $13, child (ages 2-12) $9.50, under age 2 FREE. Friday/Saturday evening 5 pm –10 pm adults $6.50, child (ages 2-12) $5.50, under age 2 FREE.

Bat Zone
Live animals including fruit bats, vampire bats, owls, sloth and more. Includes a behind the scenes tour of approximately 45 minutes. Adult/child $5, under age 2 $1, plus museum admission.

Planetarium
An intimate theater that allows you to explore and experience the universe. The Planetarium programs run Saturday and Sunday with additional programs on Friday evenings. Adult/child $5, under age 2 $1, plus museum admission.

Detroit Historical Museum
The history of the city of Detroit. Hands-on train exhibits for kids. Child and family events held throughout the year. Closed on Mondays, Tuesday – Friday 9:30 am – 4 pm, Saturday and Sunday 10 am – 5 pm. Adult/child FREE, parking $5.

Dossin Great Lakes Museum on Belle Isle
Learn about shipping on the Great Lakes. Maritime Marvels, Pilot house, Edmond Fitzgerald anchor. Saturday and Sunday 1 am – 4 pm. Adult/child FREE.
MUSEUMS CONTINUED

Edsel & Eleanor Ford House ................................................. www.fordhouse.org
(313) 884-4222
1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores
Tour the 60 room English Cotswold home designed by architect Albert Kahn for the Ford family. Tuesday – Friday 12 pm – 1:30 pm, Saturday and Sunday every half hour 12 pm – 4 pm. Garden and Grounds tours are part of the house tour. Grounds only tickets are available. Adult $12 child (ages 6-12) $8, under age 5 FREE.

Flint Children’s Museum .................................................... www.flintchildrensmuseum.org
(810) 767-KIDS (5437)
1602 W. University Avenue, Flint
Hands-on museum with over 40 exhibits. Where playing is learning. Customized field trips, birthday parties. Closed Monday, Tuesday – Saturday 10 am – 5 pm, Sunday 12 pm – 4 pm. Adult/child $6, under age 1 FREE.

The Henry Ford ................................................................. www.thehenryford.org
(313) 982-6001 or (800) 835-5237
20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn
The museum showcases the American ideas and innovations that have fired our imaginations and changed our lives. Sit on the actual bus where Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat and sparked the civil rights movement; tour Buckminster Fuller’s futuristic 1943 Dymaxion House; and get hands-on with history in several interactive exhibits throughout the 12-acre museum. Open seven days a week, 9:30 am - 5 pm. Adult $17, child (ages 5-12) $12.50, under age 4 FREE.

Impression 5 Science Center ............................................... www.impression5.org
(517) 485-8116
200 Museum Dr., Lansing
Science comes alive at Impression 5! One of Michigan’s science and technology centers. An array of hands-on exhibits encourage visitors to “Explore, Discover and Experience,” the wonders of our physical and natural world. Science workshops offered. Closed Monday, Tuesday-Saturday 10 am - 5 pm, Sunday 12 pm - 5 pm. Adult/child $7, under age 1 FREE.

Kalamazoo Valley Museum .................................................. www.kalamazoomuseum.org
(800) 772-3370 or (269) 373-7990
230 North Rose Street, Kalamazoo
There’s always something happening for you at the museum, whether you’re a preschooler, a big kid, or grown up. Programs for kids and families are hands-on, sometimes featuring a special performer. Preschool circle time programs are offered Monday through Saturday in Children's Landscape. Adults will find lots to interest them in our Sunday Series lectures, Saturday night film series, concerts, and other discussions and lecture programs. Monday – Thursday 9 am – 5 pm, Friday 9 am – 9 pm, Saturday 9 am – 5 pm, Sunday 1 pm – 5 pm. Adult/child FREE.
MUSEUMS CONTINUED

Kingman Museum ........................................................................................................... www.kingmanmuseum.org
(616) 965-5117
175 Limit Street, Battle Creek
The mission of Kingman Museum is to provide lifelong learning opportunities in natural history, the universe, and world cultures for all ages for all time. Planetarium shows are included with admission. Open to the public Saturday 12 pm - 4 pm. Adult $7, child (ages 3-17) $5, under age 2 FREE.

Marvin’s Marvelous Mechanical Museum .............................................................. www.marvin3m.com
(248) 626-5020
31005 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills
New and vintage arcade machines, carousels, kiddie rides, robots, model airplanes and many coin-operated devices are among 5,500 square feet of space at this unusual museum in Michigan. Most of the attractions cost a quarter. Monday – Thursday 10 am – 9 pm, Friday and Saturday 10 am – 11 pm, Sunday 11 am – 9 pm. Adult/child FREE.

Michigan Science Center ................................................................................................. www.mi-sci.org
(313) 577-8400
5020 John R, Detroit
The Michigan Science Center is yours to discover with 5 theaters, to hands on exhibit galleries plus special exhibits in our traveling exhibits hall, kids town gallery, science demonstrations and programs...there’s more than you can possible see and do in one day. IMAX, Planetarium and Exhibitions have additional fee. Closed Monday and Tuesday, Wednesday – Friday 9 am – 3pm, Saturday 10 am – 6pm, Sunday 12pm - 6pm. Adult $13, child (ages 2-12) $10, under age 2 FREE.

Michigan Transit Museum Depot .................................................................................... www.michigantransitmuseum.org
(586) 463-1863
200 Grand, Mt. Clemens
Preserved 1859 Grand Trunk Railway Station where Thomas Edison learned telegraphy. Exhibits of rail and electric trolley history. Depot Museum open Saturday and Sunday 1 pm – 4 pm year-round. Train ride operates seasonally June-September. Adult/child FREE.

Fall color tours and Polar Express schedule and fees at www.clintontownship-mi.gov. Or (586) 286-8000.

Midland Center for the Arts
Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art ..................................................................... www.mctta.org
(989) 631-5930
1801 W. St. Andrews Road, Midland
Nationally-touring exhibits celebrate the beauty and science of the upper atmosphere, and the determination of those who explore it. Closed Monday and Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10 am – 4 pm, Thursday 10 am - 8 pm, Sunday 1 pm – 5 pm. Adults $9, child (ages 4-14) $6, under age 3 FREE. Hall of ideas only adult/child $5, under age 3 FREE.
Motown Historical Museum .................................................. www.motownmuseum.com
(313) 875-2264
2648 W. Grand Blvd, Detroit
See the studio where the hit records of the Supremes, Smokey Robinson & the Miracles, Marvin Gaye, the Temptations and other musical stars were produced and recorded. September – June, Tuesday – Saturday 10 am – 6 pm. July – August, Monday – Friday 10 am – 6 pm, Saturday 10 am – 8 pm. Adults $10, child (ages 1-12) $8.

Port Huron Museum .......................................................... www.phmuseum.org
(810) 982-0891

Carnegie Center
1115 Sixth Street, Port Huron
Archival items relating to the history and culture of the Blue Water Area. Tour Pilot House, visit a log home and Marine Gallery. Wednesday – Sunday 11 am – 4 pm.
Adult $7, child (ages 4-17) $5, under age 4 FREE. Family admission $20 (2 adults and up to 4 children).

Fort Gratiot Lighthouse
2802 Omar Street, Port Huron
Constructed in 1829, the oldest lighthouse in Michigan. It is located north of the fort. Friday – Monday 11 am – 5 pm. Closed shoes required to climb. Closed for the season December – May. Tour and tower climb adult/child $7. Family admission $30 (2 adults and up to 4 children).

Huron Lightship
(810) 984-9768
Pine Grove Park, Port Huron (Moored at the edge of the St. Clair River)
Friday – Monday 11 am – 5 pm. Closed for the season October – May. Adult $7, child (ages 4-17) $5, under age 4 FREE. Family admission $20 (2 adults and up to 4 children).

Thomas Edison Depot
(810) 455-0035
510 Edison Parkway, Port Huron (Under the Blue Water Bridge on Edison Parkway) Hands on displays and gift shop. Saturday and Sunday 10 am – 4 pm. Closed for the season September – May.
Adult $7, child (ages 4-17) $5, under age 4 FREE. Family admission $20 (2 adults and up to 4 children).

Selfridge Air Museum ......................................................... www.selfridgeairmuseum.org
(586) 239-5035 or (586) 293-6768
Air National Guard Base, Mt. Clemens
Families can walk between static displays of military aircraft and may see airplane maneuvers overhead. Open April – October, Saturday and Sunday 12 pm – 4:30 pm. Open Memorial Day and Independence Day. Adult $4, child (ages 4-12) $3, under age 3 is FREE.
MUSEUMS CONTINUED

Sloan Museum
(810) 237-3450
1221 E. Kearsley Street, Flint
Regional history, historic automobiles and hands-on science are major features of the Sloan Museum. Dramatic settings, video programs and hundreds of artifacts and photographs portray the area’s tumultuous 20th century history in the Flint and the American Dream exhibit. Traveling exhibits fill the temporary gallery with a variety of educational and entertaining displays year-round. The Buick Automotive Gallery presents major automotive exhibits featuring vehicles from the Sloan fleet of over 80 Flint-built automobiles. While on site visit Longway Planetarium for an additional fee. Admission to Sloan Museum also include admission to Buick Automotive Gallery.
Monday – Friday 10 am to 5 pm, Saturday and Sunday 12 pm to 5 pm. Adult $9, child (ages 3-11) $6, under age 2 FREE. Combo passes available.

Buick Automotive Gallery
Restore the Roar – opens May 23, 2014
Features the unique stories of some of the caterpillars we have turned into butterflies like our 1944 M-18 Hellcat Tank destroyer and our soon-to-be swanky 1953 Buick Skylark. Open Monday – Friday 10 am – 5 pm, Saturday 12 pm – 5 pm, closed Sunday. Admission FREE with Sloan Museum ticket.

Longway Planetarium
282 seats under a 60 foot dome. Michigan’s largest planetarium. Not recommended for children under 3. Dates and show times vary. Adult $5, child (ages 3-11) $4, under age 2 FREE.

University of Michigan
Museum of Natural History
(734) 764-0478
1109 Geddes Avenue, Ann Arbor
Ruthven Museum Building
The Hall of Evolution - Michigan's largest display of prehistoric life. Earth's history is traced through fossils, models, and dioramas. Here you can find dinosaurs, prehistoric whales, mastodons, and much more. The Michigan Wildlife Gallery a large collection of native Great Lakes birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, plants and fungi, with taxidermy mounts, habitat scenes, and the largest mastodon trackway on display in the world. The Anthropology Displays and The Geology Displays have a large selection of rocks and minerals. Monday – Saturday 9 am – 5 pm, Sunday 12 pm – 5 pm, adult/child FREE. Suggested donation $6 per person. Star talks and other planetarium shows, adult/child $5.

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NATURE CENTERS

Links to other Nature Centers in Michigan.................www.huronnaturecenter.org

Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center
(586) 323-2478
4101 River Bends Drive at Ryan Road, Shelby Township
Nature related experiences and activities to help visitors of all ages develop and rekindle an awareness and appreciation for the natural world around them. Closed Monday and Tuesday, Wednesday 10 am – 4 pm, Thursday and Friday 10 am – 8 pm, Saturday 10 am – 6 pm and Sunday 12 pm – 5 pm.

Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve .........................www.dinosaurhill.org
(248) 656-0999
333 N. Hill Circle, Rochester
Sixteen acres of woods, stream, & meadow! Year-round programming includes Four Feet Down the Trail for toddlers and preschoolers, Explorers Club for the after-school gang, Friday night family campfires, weekend family programming, summer and vacation camps, etc. Small groups taught by experienced naturalists emphasize imaginative, hands-on exploration of the natural world. Nature trail open during daylight hours 7 days a week. Indoor nature center Monday 9 am – 12pm, Tuesday – Friday 9 am – 5 pm and Saturday closed.

Kensington Metro Park Nature Center ..................www.metroparks.com
(810) 227-8917
2240 W. Buno Road, Milford
Exhibits of live animal displays and games to enhance your understanding of natural environment, year around birding and tot time for ages 3-5, registration required. Monday 1 pm - 5 pm, Tuesday - Sunday 10 am - 5 pm.

Lake St. Clair Nature Center ..............................www.metroparks.com
(586) 463-4581
Metro Parkway, Harrison Township
Considered one of the best bird watching areas in the state. The nature center provides a wide range of activities for families. Monday - Friday 1 pm – 5 pm, Saturday and Sunday 10 am -5 pm. Summer Hours 10 am – 5 pm daily.

Lloyd A. Stage Nature Center ............................www.troynaturesociety.org
(248) 688-9703
6685 Coolidge Hwy, Troy
A 100-acre nature sanctuary dedicated to educating about the natural world. Features Maple Syrup Event in May. Jr. Naturalist Club, Scout programs, birthday parties. No fee for nature trails, fees apply for programs. Register online. Tuesday – Friday 9 am – 3 pm, Saturday 10 am – 4 pm.

Sterling Heights Nature Center..........................www.sterling-heights.net
(586) 446-2710
42700 Utica, Sterling Heights
Live animals, hands-on displays, movies, kids’ classes and family programs, including an atrium and aquarium. Adult/child FREE.

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Stony Creek Nature Center........................................... www.metroparks.com
(586) 781-9113
4300 Main Park Road, Shelby Twp.
Children’s activities, guided nature walks and Michigan wildlife are a part of the nature center’s programming. Live turtles, snakes, frogs, fish & birds. Monday - Friday 1 pm – 5 pm, Saturday and Sunday 10 am – 5 pm. Metropark vehicle permit $5 daily.

Suarez Friendship Woods Nature Center....................... www.madison-heights.org
(248) 585-0100
30300 Hales, Madison Heights (S. Hales off 13 Mile Rd btw John R & Dequindre)
Jogging, walking, and cross-country skiing trails on over 37 wooded acres. One-1/3 mile paved trail available year-round. Hands-on interactive displays, movies, birthday parties. Closed Mondays. FREE.

West Bloomfield Woods Nature Preserve. ............... www.westbloomfieldparks.org
(248) 451-1900
4655 Arrowhead Rd., West Bloomfield
West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation
A 162-acre reserve hosting bird species. It’s also the home of a red fox, mink, weasel, white-tailed deer and blue-spotted salamander. Adult/child FREE. Fee for tot walks or group tours.

PARKS (ADA Parks for those with a physical impairment)

Boulin Park – Crooks between Wattles and Big Beaver, Troy
Brinston Park – John R. between Maple and Big Beaver, Troy
Chapel Park – Ensign Street, between Schoenherr and Dodge Park, Sterling Heights
Dodge Park – Dodge Park at Utica Road, Sterling Heights
Firefighter Park – Square Lake Road between Coolidge and Crooks, Troy
Raintree Park – John R. between Wattles and Big Beaver, Troy

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PARKS (Metro)

Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority ........................................www.metroparks.com
(810) 227-2757 or (800) 47-PARKS
Administrative Offices: 13000 High Ridge Drive, Brighton
• FREE Metroparks Guides are available at any of the following Metroparks.
• Every Metro Park offers a variety of events for children and families.
• Annual parking is $25 ($15 for Seniors), $5 daily.

Lake St. Clair Metropark
(586) 463-4581
31300 Metropolitan Parkway, Harrison Township
Metro Beach features a one-mile shoreline and a 1,600-foot boardwalk that offers a view of Lake St. Clair. Many areas for picnicking including tables, stoves, shelters, play equipment, drinking water and restrooms.
• Swimming is permitted throughout the summer. The bathhouse has dressing rooms, heated showers and coin lockers. The Olympic-size swimming pool has areas for general swimming and diving, as well as two water slides.
• The Squirt Zone is a water play area with ground sprays, water cannons, arches and other features.
• The Tot Lot and Play Lot for children (ages 2-10) with structures and apparatus of various sizes.
• Also, activity center, biking, birding, tennis and shuffleboard courts, boating and launching, cross-country skiing, fishing, golfing (par 3 and miniature), hiking, ice skating, ice hockey, ice fishing, nature center, picnicking, trackless train rides and sand volleyball.

Stony Creek Metropark
(586) 781-4242
4300 Main Park Road, Shelby Township
With 4,461 acres of prime recreational lands, this park’s hilly terrain surrounds 500-acre Stony Creek Lake. Biking and canoeing (rentals available), birding, boating and launching, cross-country skiing, disc golf, fishing, fitness trail, golfing, hiking, ice skating, ice fishing, nature center. Stoney Creek Metro Park picnicking, sledding, snowboarding, swimming and tobogganing.

PARKS (State) ........................................................................www.michigan.gov/dnr

For a complete listing of Michigan’s State Parks please visit their web-site.

Algonac State Park
(810) 765-5605
8732 River Road, Marine City
Shore fishing, passing freighters, trails, picnic area, playground, cross country skiing, trap shooting and archery range.

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Lakeport State Park
(810) 327-6224
7605 Lakeshore Road, Lakeport
Playground, picnic area, Lake Huron shoreline, hiking trails and camp store.

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area
(248) 666-1020
7800 Gale Road, Waterford
Playground, beach house, swimming, picnic area, bridle trails, fishing opportunities, hiking and biking trails, shooting skeet, trap, archery and campground.

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

College of Martial Arts
(586) 294-9181
32024 Utica Road, Fraser 48026
Fun, family friendly, martial arts for all ages and fitness levels. Karate, Little Dragons (ages 4-6), weaponry, ju-jitsu, mixed martial arts, aerobic kick boxing and yoga. Times and cost vary.

C.J. Barrymore’s..........................www.cjbarrymores.com
(586) 469-2800
21750 Hall Road, Clinton Twp.
Go Kart racing, miniature golf, video arcade, bumper boats, bowling, batting cages, rock climbing wall, birthday parties and more.

Cutting Edge Athletics..........................www.cuttingedgeusa.com
(586) 469-2582
44380 N. Groesbeck Hwy, Clinton Township
Gymnastics and dance classes.

First Impression Farm..........................www.firstimpressionfarm.com
(586) 727-6661
29434 32 Mile Road, Lenox
English and western horseback riding lessons-beginners through advanced. Group and private lessons. Summer day camps, lessons year round. Therapeutic riding for children and adults who are physically or health impaired.

Full Blast........................................www.fullblast.org
(269) 966-3667
35 Hamblin Avenue, Battle Creek
Full Blast, the internationally award winning family entertainment center has over 150,000 square feet of year-round fun for the entire family. Amenities include indoor and outdoor water parks, video arcade, imagination station, rock wall, inflatable obstacle course, glow-in-the-dark indoor mini golf, roller skating, NASCAR remote control racing, bouncy room, cyberspin, food court and more. Birthday parties. Annual or monthly membership fees.

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Gymboree.................................................................www.gymboreeclasses.com
(248) 289-6179
2220 Crooks Road, Rochester
Classes offered for newborns-age 5. Enjoy playing and interacting with other children and parents.

HQ Carousel at Lakeside Mall
Lakeside Circle, Sterling Heights
Located in the Food Court.
Monday – Friday 10am – 9pm, Saturday 10 am – 9 pm, Sunday 12pm – 6pm
Adult/child $2.

Joe Dumars Fieldhouse........................................www.joedumarsfieldhouse.com
(586) 731-3080
45300 Mound Road, Shelby Twp.
The giant Bayou Fun Center features a deluxe miniature golf course, climbing wall, laser tag, arcade games, high ropes obstacle course, a 33-foot Titanic slide and roller hockey arena. No admission fee, activities priced individually.

Jungle Java.............................................................www.junglejavaplay.com
(586) 203-0500
44595 Enterprise Drive, Clinton Township
Michigan’s preferred indoor play center where kids can play and parents can relax! Let the kids run wild while you enjoy some time with friends or play along with your kids in the Jungle themed indoor playground. Toddlers can enjoy a separate area designed just for them.
Monday-Thursday 9 am – 8 pm, Friday 9 am – 9 pm, Saturday 9 am – 9 pm, Sunday 10 am – 8 pm. Adult FREE, child (ages 2 and up) $7.50, child (ages 12-23 months) $3, under age 1 FREE. 3-month passes are available.

Macomb Family YMCA...............................................www.ymcadetroit.org
(586) 468-1411
10 North River Road, Mount Clemens
(586) 778-5811
23401 E. Jefferson, St. Clair Shores
Recreation, gym and aquatic opportunities for children 18 months – 5 years. Summer camp/programs for children 3-15 years.

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Mt. Clemens Train Ride .......................................................... www.michigantransitmuseum.org
(586) 463-1863
Joy Park, Joy Blvd. (E. of Gratiot)
Enjoy a 30-40 minute train ride. Bring a picnic and kids can play on the playscape and playground. Fall color tours available in October weekends only. Polar Express Tours register at www.clintontownship-mi.gov. Operates Sundays only June – September 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm and 4 pm, adults $7, child (ages 4-12) $4, under age 4 FREE.

Pump It UP! ........................................................................... www.pumpitupparty.com
(586) 416-4FUN (4386),
15117 Commercial Dr., Shelby Twp.
“The Inflatable Party Zone”. Moms or Dads need to stay and a reservation is recommended. Socks are required to play. Our massive inflatable’s spark their imaginations to run wild. It’s not only fun for the kids but provides a healthy workout for all ages. Birthday parties and special events. Open jump, Monday – Sunday, child $8. Glow Open Jump, Fridays 6 pm – 9 pm, child $10. Sensory Jump for children of special needs, last Monday of each month, child $8 and includes pizza and drink. Dates and times vary.

Roseville Indoor Park ............................................................. www.ci.roseville.mi.us
(586) 445-5480
18185 Sycamore (N. of 11 Mile E. of Gratiot)
Children can play on a climber and slides, bikes, wagons and with balls and playground equipment in a safe, dry environment. Parents are required to supervise their own children. No instructor for this drop-in program. No pre-registration required. Wide range of additional programs for children of all ages. Tuesday and Thursday from 10 am – 12 pm, child (ages 10 mos – 5) $2.

Spring Brook Stables Equestrian Center .............................. www.springbrookec.com
(586) 739-8622
42500 Ryan, Sterling Heights
Horseback riding and summer day camp. Lessons year round.

Total Soccer .......................................................................... wwwtotalsoccerinc.com
(586) 294-8848
34300 Utica Rd, Fraser
Soccer Tots at Total Soccer is a child development program for kids 2 - 6 years old. Using a variety of fun games to delight and engage kids in physical activity. Classes are designed to develop motor skills, promote physical fitness, and self-confidence.
RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES CONTINUED

Windermere Equestrian Center ........................................ www.windermereequestrian.com
(586) 465-2170
20615 Dunham, Clinton Twp.
Horseback riding lessons.

SLEDDING HILLS

Ambassador Park – S. side of 13 Mile (John R and Dequindre) Madison Heights
Beaver Creek Park – Bier Street (S. of 15 Mile and E. of Ryan)
Carpathia Park – Connie Drive (S. of Fox Hill Drive and E. of Ryan Road)
Civic Center Park – Romeo Plank (S. of the Civic Center), Clinton Township
Civic Center Park – 13 Mile Road (W. of John R), Madison Heights
Delia Park – 3001 18 Mile Road, Sterling Heights
Edison Park – S. Hampden off Gardenia, Madison Heights
Hampton Park – 4600 Franklin Road, Sterling Heights
Huron Park – Frazho and Kelly, Roseville
Magnolia Park – 4900 Metro Parkway, Sterling Heights
McKinley Park – 31470 Grove Street (between Masonic and 13 Mile), Fraser
Memorial Park – Little Engleman Rd. (W. of Lawrence Rd), Centerline
New Baltimore Parks and Recreation – 24 Mile at Baker Street
Romeo Community Center – Hill behind center on Morton Street
Stony Creek Metropark – 4300 Main Pk. Rd., Shelby Twp, $4 fee.

RECREATION FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

AYSO VIP Soccer .............................................................. www.ayso.org
A soccer league for boys and girls who have a current Individual Education Plan and would like to be a part of a soccer team.

CCPlus – Dance/Fun/Fitness .............................................. www.ccplusdance.com
(586) 463-3277
300 N. Groesbeck Hwy, Mt. Clemens
My Chance to Dance – dance/exercise classes for those with physical and/or developmental disabilities.

Clinton Valley Little League Challenger baseball
.............................................................................. www.eteamz.com/cvllchallenger
Norm Hott Field behind Neil Reid High School (N. 16 Mile and Harper)
Gives children with special needs the opportunity to play Little League Baseball in a safe and structured environment.

Genbu-Kai Karate ............................................................. www.thekarateway.com
(586) 899-6673
44103 N. Groesbeck, Clinton Township
Classes for children with special needs as well as other classes for children and families.

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The Miracle League of Michigan ................................................................. www.michiganmiracle.org
(248) 506-4604 or Steve@michiganmiracle.org
2387 E. Walton Blvd, Auburn Hills
Provides children with physical and/or mental challenges an opportunity to play baseball as a team member in an organized league.

Noah’s Ark/Sterling Civic Theater .......................................................... www.sterlingcivic.org
(586) 264-5571
33240 Chatsworth Dr., Sterling Heights
We are very proud to offer Noah’s Ark to our community. Noah’s Ark allows individuals with special needs, regardless of what those special needs are, to be in our casts and to be in our theater group. We work with the MISD and Sterling Heights Parks and Recreation to provide qualified staff to assist us in getting them started.

Sterling Heights Special Recreation ....................................................... www.sterling-heights.net
(586) 446-2708
40555 Utica Rd, Sterling Heights
Services children and adults who have physical and/or developmental disabilities. Residents and non residents are welcome to participate.

STORY TIMES

Many bookstores and libraries offer children’s story times. Contact those closest to you for available events, dates and times. www.libcoop.net

Barnes and Noble .................................................................................. www.barnesandnoble.com
(586) 247-7416
14165 Hall Rd. Shelby Twp.
(248) 853-9855
2800 S. Rochester Road, Rochester
(248) 336-9490
500 S. Main Street, Royal Oak

Storytime for Children with Special Needs
Warren Civic Center Library ..................................................................... www.warrenlibrary.net
(586) 751-0770
1 City Square Suite 100, Warren
Second Saturday of the month at 10 am. While children of all ages are welcome, the program is intended for developmental children ages 2-5. Children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Siblings are invited to join in the fun! Registration required and accepted until the Thursday before each session.

For current information, call or visit program websites before planning visits.
Please, call the Great Parents Great Start Desk with comments or corrections at 1-866-4MACOMB/1-866-462-2662.
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SUMMER DAY CAMPS

This type of camp offers daytime fun, but no overnight accommodations. Parents or caregivers will drop off and pick up children each day, although the daily schedules may be shorter than a typical workday. Often day camps are: less expensive than overnight camps full-day or part-day, theme-focused (for example, sports camps, theatre camps, art camp, nature camp, etc.). Guide to accredited day and resident camps in Michigan can be found at www.aca-michigan.org.

Many school districts and parks and recreation departments offer summer day camps. See “What’s Happening in My Neighborhood” section for contact information and http://www.misd.net/macombschools/ for Macomb School District websites

CARE of Southeastern Michigan……………………………………….www.careofsem.com
(586) 541-CARE (2273) 31900 Utica Road, Fraser
Family resources, workplace programs, family programs and student programs.

Cranbrook Institute of Science Summer Day Camps………………www.cranbrook.edu

SUMMER DAY CAMPS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Judson Center .................................................................www.judsoncenter.org
Judson Center’s Autism Connections program offers a wide range of educational, therapeutic and support services designed to assist individuals with autism, their families and their communities. Classes for children 3 years of age through the teen years. Parents classes are also available. Summer Fun Program classes, times and fees vary. Royal Oak (248) 837-2047 Ann Arbor (734) 528-2003 Grosse Pointe (313) 885-8660.

Kids on the Go ..........................................................www.kidsonthegocamp.com
(313) 332-1026 21229 River Road, Grosse Pointe Woods
Kids on the Go offers physical, occupational and speech therapies in fun “summer camp” setting. The mission of Kids on the Go is to address Individualized Education Plan goals that were established at the end of the school year and to maintain current skills during the summer. Kids on the Go services the Metro Detroit area. This summer camp is free to families up to two times a week.
**TOURS AND EXCURSIONS**

**Fire Department** – call your local fire department for a tour of the station and “Open House” dates. October is Fire Prevention week.

**Ford Rouge Plant Tour** ...........................................[www.thehenryford.org/rouge](http://www.thehenryford.org/rouge)  
(313) 982-6001  
20900 Oakwood Blvd. Dearborn  
Tours depart from the Henry Ford Museum. Witness the innovation of manufacturing in America. Go behind the scenes inside one of the world’s largest automotive complexes. Experience a virtual reality theater adventure. See the world’s largest living roof. Witness where the F-150 is made.  
Monday – Saturday 9:30 am – 5 pm, last tour leaves at 3 pm.  
Adult $15, child (ages 2-17) $11, under age 2 FREE.

**Morley Candy Makers and Sanders Candy** ..................[www.sanderscandy.com](http://www.sanderscandy.com)  
(586) 465-5800 or (800) 682-2760 x-2218  
23770 Hall Road, Clinton Township  
Self-guided walking tour down the 70-foot glass observation hallway. Tour times vary so advance reservations are required. Adults and children are FREE.

**WATER PARKS/POOLS**

**Castaway Café** ..................................................[www.castawayplay.com](http://www.castawayplay.com)  
(517) 545-7386  
1800 N. Burkhart Rd., Howell  
Michigan’s largest indoor play structure. Birthday parties.  
Monday – Thursday 10 am – 8 pm, adult FREE, child (ages 3 and up) $7.50, under age 2 $4. Friday 10 am – 9 pm, Saturday 9 am – 9 pm, Sunday 11 am – 6 pm and Holidays, adults FREE, child (ages 3 and up) $9, under age 3 $5.

**Lake St. Clair Metropark** ..........................................[www.metroparks.com](http://www.metroparks.com)  
(586) 463-4581  
31300 Metro Parkway, Harrison Township  
Park visitors can go for a swim in the pool with a waterslide. Admission $4.00 per person for pool or enjoy “Squirt Zone”, a ¼ acre of water fun with water jets (zero-depth). Adult and child are FREE.

**Macomb Township Recreation Center** ....................[www.macombrecreationcenter.com](http://www.macombrecreationcenter.com)  
(586) 992-2900  
20199 Macomb Street, Macomb  
WATER PARKS/POOLS CONTINUED

Red Oaks Waterpark..........................................................www.splashfun.com
(248) 585-6990
1455 E. 13 Mile Road, Madison Heights
Largest wave-action pool in Michigan plus a three-flume water slide and picnic area. The children’s water playground has interactive activities including waterslides, water jets, a tipping bucket and waterfalls. Various admission charges based on height and residency. Discount tickets available at many Parks and Recreation offices.

Richmond Community Pool..........................www.allaboutrichmond.com/parks.htm
(586) 727-8888
69310 Beebe St. Richmond
Outdoor pool open daily Memorial Day – Labor Day. Swim lessons, open swim and water aerobics. Daily $2.50 or seasonal passes can be purchased at City Hall.

Splash Universe RiverRun .........................www.splashuniverse.com
(877) 752-7482
100 Whitetail Drive, Dundee
Year-round adventure for the entire family! Splash Universe’s RiverRun gives families a chance to enjoy the great outdoors...indoors! The indoor water park resort is located adjacent to Cabela’s.

Splash Village.............................................................www.zehnders.com
(800) 863-7999
1365 S. Main, Frankenmuth
Over 30,000 sq. ft. of aquatic fun with splash landing play area, story tube, slides and more.

St. Clair Shores Veterans Memorial Park........www.stclairshores.net
(586) 445-5350
Masonic and Jefferson, St. Clair Shores
Open only to residents and their guests with a valid park pass. Picnic area, swings and other playground equipment, “Splash Zone” water play area, restrooms, beach, fishing area. “Concerts in the Park” at the band shell on Wednesdays 7:30 pm - 9 pm.

St. Clair Shores Municipal Pool and Waterslide
11 mile and Jefferson, St. Clair Shores
(located behind the Lac Saint Clair City Hall)
Open to residents and their guests only. Pool open from Memorial Day weekend until Labor Day weekend. Waterslides and twilight swim.

Warren Community Center Indoor Water Park..............www.cityofwarren.org
(586) 268-8400
5460 Arden (N. 13 Mile Road, W. Mound)
Swimming lessons, water aerobic classes, family-style locker rooms, pool, lazy river, water slides, lap lane, play structure, dump buckets, hot tub, concessions party room.
WATER PARKS/POOLS CONTINUED

Waterford Oaks Waterpark..................................................www.splashfun.com
(248) 858-0918
1702 Scott Lake Road, Waterford
Park features wave action pools, giant waterslides, the big bucket water playground, raging rapids, plenty of picnic space, lockers and food concessions.

Looking for more activities and resources in Macomb County?
Visit www.greatstartmacomb.org
(866) 4MACOMB
(866) 462-2662
“What’s Happening In My Neighborhood?”

ARMADA

Parks

Village Park (northeast corner of Fulton and Prospect)
Picnic tables and playground equipment available.

Armada Township Park (on North Avenue)
Picnic tables and playground equipment available.

Libraries

Armada Free Public Library
73930 Church, Armada
586-784-5921

www.armadalib.org
Various children’s activities available including story times, entertainment and contests.
Summer reading programs are available for elementary students and teens.
Contact Library for more details.

Places to Go/Things to Do

Armada Fair (fairgrounds on Ridge Road)
Exhibits, animals, carnival, food and entertainment.
(586) 784-5488

www.armadafair.org

Armada Flea Market – operates seasonally on Sundays and Tuesdays on Ridge Road.

BRUCE TOWNSHIP

www.brucetwp.org

Parks and Recreation

Romeo-Washington-Bruce Parks and Recreation
361 Morton Street, Romeo, MI 48065
(586) 752-6543

Parks

Orchard Hills Park (33 Mile Road west of Van Dyke)
Walking trail, playground, basketball court and pavilion.

Libraries

Romeo District Library-Graubner
65821 Van Dyke, Washington, MI 48095
(586) 752-0603

www.romeodistrictlibrary.org
Programming is year-round with story-times for children newborn-5, popular programs with an emphasis on science and the arts for all ages and a Summer Reading Club.

Romeo Kezar Branch Library
107 Church Street
Romeo, MI 48065
(586) 752-2583

www.libcoop.net/romeo
Drop in story time for all ages.

Places to Go/Things to Do

www.rwbparksrec.org

Perennial Exchange & Activities (586) 752-4436
Peach Festival – Carnival, parade, craft show, music, food, bike/trike/bigwheel decorating contest, arts and crafts, games, cookie station, farm animals, skate park demos and more.

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Community Wide Garage and Antique Sale encompassing Washington, Bruce and Romeo Townships, includes the Kid to Kid Yard Sale. Bring your own table and set up and sell some of your old favorites during Romeo’s Annual Sidewalk Sales. FREE moonwalk for kids! Call (586) 752-6543 to reserve your spot, reservations required. Set up time 9 am. Adult supervision required. Limited spaces.

Washington’s Art and Orchard Festival Includes Carnival
- Chicken BBQ and concert
- Fireman’s Pancake Breakfast

Family Outdoor Movie Nights or Concerts – Enjoy the wonderful summer evenings with fun for the whole family. Our outdoor movie on our giant movie screen brings back fun from the old Drive-In days. Kids enjoy our great playground, sidewalk chalk, basketball and moonwalk, all at no charge. Call (586) 752-6543 after 5 pm if weather is questionable. No registration required but appreciated. Movies start at dusk.

Halloween in the Village (586) 752-6543

Wolcott Mill Metropark Farm
65775 Wolcott Road, Ray MI 48096
(586) 752-5932
www.metroparks.com/Wolcott-Mill-Metropark

Candle dipping, pedal tractor pulls, pie eating contests, horse-drawn wagon rides and an antique tractor parade highlight this fair. Watch saw mill, corn grinding, draft horse and dog agility demonstrations. Many events throughout the year.

Spring Fiber Day – Sheep & Wool Festival – Christmastime at the Farm Wool Shop
(810) 798-2568
www.sheepstuff.com

Great Parents, Great Start – Romeo School District
(586) 281-1738 or 1-866-4MACOMB/1-866-462-2662

Free parenting information, parent meetings, playgroups, home visits, resources and connections for parents with children birth to five and residing in the Romeo Community School District.

Great Parents Family Resource Center – Romeo (must be a school district resident)
Croswell Elementary School, 175 Croswell, Romeo

CENTER LINE

Parks and Recreation
Center Line Parks and Recreation Department
25355 Lawrence, Center Line
(586) 757-1610

Parks
Memorial Park (Lawrence and Engelman)
Picnic tables, sand volleyball court, horseshoe courts, basketball and tennis courts, softball fields, park shelters, walk path, playground and restrooms.
Lions Park (State Park and MacArthur)
Playground and youth baseball field.
Rotary Park (Lawrence and Sterling)
Playground, basketball court and youth baseball field.

Adult Community Education
Van Dyke ACE
(586) 758-8363

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Libraries

Center Line Public Library
7345 Weingartz
(586) 758-8274
www.centerline.gov

Offers a variety of programs including family fun night, story hour, crafts and more.

Children’s program – Held once a month.

Places to Go/Things to Do

Center Line Parks and Recreation Game Room (Open year-round to city residents)
25355 Lawrence, Center Line

Family Fun Day to LEGO Kids Fest at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi
Summer Day Camp

City Centerline Celebration and fireworks

Center Line Parent/Child Resource Center (must be a school district resident)
Early Childhood Center
24580 Cunningham, Center Line, Room 105
(586) 759-6506

Play With Me Program – Care of Macomb County
24580 Cunningham, Warren
(586)541-0033
www.clps.org

This parent and child interactive program offers opportunities for the parent and child to learn and grow together through art, sensory-motor, music and movement, dramatic play, gross motor, stories and finger play activities. Participants do not need to be residents of Center Line Schools.

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP

Parks and Recreation

www.chesterfieldtwp.org

www.anchorbaychamber.com

Chesterfield Twp Parks and Recreation Department
47275 Sugarbush Road, Chesterfield
(586) 949-0400 Ext. 4

Parks

Brandenburg Park 50050 On Jefferson (south of 23 Mile Road)
(586) 949-0400 ext. 1155
Entry fees for cars and trailers. Amenities include volleyball and basketball courts, horseshoe pits, hike/bike trail, limited playground equipment, fishing pier and boat launches. No swimming. To rent pavilion or tents, call (586) 949-0400 ext.1155

Bertha Pollard Park 55550 New Haven Road (corner of I-94 and New Haven Road)
(586) 949-0400, ext. 1109.
Baseball diamonds, soccer fields, hike/bike trail, limited playground equipment, and playscape. Admission FREE

Veteran’s Memorial Park 46000 Community Center (21 Mile and Sugarbush area)
Playground equipment.

Chesterfield/Harrison DNR Access Site (Jefferson and Rosso Hwy.)
Boat launch
(586) 465-2160

Libraries

Chesterfield Library
50560 Patricia Avenue, Chesterfield
(586) 598-4900
www.chelibrary.org
Mother Goose on the Loose for babies - stories, songs, games and action rhymes for our youngest patrons, ages 6 – 24 months. Mother Goose on the Loose for toddlers – stories, songs and action rhymes for toddlers 2 – 3 ½ years. Preschool Parade – stories, songs, games and action rhymes for 3 1/2-5 years. (All with Caregiver) Registration required. “Fun Time Thursdays” - After school activities at 4:30 pm for children grades 1st – 5th Labor Day through Memorial Day. Registration required. Summer reading programs.

Adult Education
L’Anse Creuse ACE
(586) 783-6420 ext. 1211
Compass Pointe Anchor Bay Learning Center Alternative Education (16-20 years)
(586)725-2205

Places to Go/Things to Do
For a current list of activities and events
www.chesterfieldwp.org (click on News and Events)
Summer Salute at Brandenburg Park
Halloween Trick-N-Treats (586) 949-0400 ext. 4.
Mom and Son Event
Tree Lighting Ceremony at Township Offices

CLINTON TOWNSHIP
Parks and Recreation
Clinton Township Parks and Recreation Department
40700 Romeo Plank, Clinton Township
(586) 286-9336
www.clintontownship-mi.gov/recreation

Clinton Township also has an Adaptive Recreation Program

Parks
Budd Park (Clinton River Road at Romeo Plank)
Baseball diamonds, soccer fields, sand volleyball courts, playground equipment, three picnic pavilions with large grills (for rent from the Dept. of Public Services) and restrooms. No cost to enter.

Canal Park (Clinton River and Canal Road)
There are 16.14 acres in this park which is predominately wooded. The future development of this park will include a scenic hike/bike trail to Budd Park.

Civic Center Park (Romeo Plank, south of the Civic Center)
Baseball diamonds, soccer fields, flag football fields, a tennis court, shuffleboard courts, bocce ball and volleyball courts, horseshoe pits, basketball court, exercise/nature trail, playscape with a large grill, two picnic pavilions with large grills (for rent from the Dept. of Public Services) and restrooms. No cost to enter.

Clinton Township Dog Park (Romeo Plank Road, at the Civic Center)
Park contains bench seating for owners, pet waste bags, a human and pet fountain, litter containers and best of all – a secure place to let your four-legged friend roam off leash! Dogs must be over 4 months old; dogs in heat may not enter park. Children must be under the supervision of an adult at all times within the park borders. Park is open by key fob entry. To obtain a key fob you must show current vaccinations and obtain a dog license from Macomb County. Key Fob - $10 each. Resident fee $9 and a non-resident fee $18 (Fees subject to change).

George George Memorial Park (Moravian Drive south of Cass Avenue)
A fountain at the front gate welcomes visitors. Amenities include a large children’s area with playscape, additional play equipment, covered public pavilions for picnics, a fountain plaza area, 5,000 feet of walking and biking paths, a wedding garden and benches. Handicap accessible. No entry fee.

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Joy Boulevard Park/Steiner Building  (Joy Road, east of Gratiot Ave.)
Baseball diamonds, playground equipment, playscape, activity building, picnic pavilion with a large grill and restrooms. No cost to enter.

Neil Reid Park  (Harper Ave, just north of Metro Parkway at Wellington Crest)
Basketball courts, baseball diamond, tennis courts, shuffleboard courts, volleyball court, playground equipment, eight grills, two picnic pavilions with large grills (for rent from the Dept. of Public Services) and restrooms. No cost to enter.

Normandy Park  (Little Mack, just south of 15 Mile Road)
Basketball court, horseshoe pits, playground equipment, exercise track, nature study area, picnic pavilion (for rent from the Dept. of Public Services), and restrooms.

Prince Drewry Park  (Quinn Road, just east of Gratiot Ave.)
Basketball court, baseball diamonds, playground equipment, tot lot, two picnic pavilion with large grills (for rent from the Dept. of Public Services) and restrooms. No entry fee.

Tomlinson Arboretum Bike Path and Walking Trail  (connects trails stretching east from the Clinton Kalamazoo Park, at the intersection of Clinton River and Canal Roads, all the way to Hayes Road at 18 Mile Road on the west)

Webster Street Park  (Webster Street, just west of Beaconsfield)
Basketball court and playgroup equipment.

Libraries

Clinton-Macomb Public Library
40900 Romeo Plank Rd., Clinton Township
(586) 226-5000
www.cmpl.org
Variety of fun programs including lap sit and pre-school story times, summer reading programs, arts and crafts projects and contests.

Clinton-Macomb South Branch
35891 South Gratiot, Clinton Township
(586) 226-5070
www.cmpl.org
Preschool and family story times with crafts. Special theme based youth programs through out the year.

Clinton-Macomb North Branch
16800 24 Mile Road, Suite 2, Macomb
(586) 226-5080
www.cmpl.org
Variety of lap sit and preschool story times sessions. Craft and other special programs offered seasonally.

Adult Community Education

Clintondale ACE
(586) 791-4110

Chippewa Valley ACE
(586) 723-2050

L’Anse Creuse ACE
(586) 783-6420 ext. 1211

Things to Do/Places to Go

www.clintontownship-mi.gov/recreation

Fishing Derby

Great American Backyard Campout

Fireworks Concert with Japanese Festival

Clinton Township Gratiot Cruise with Kid Zone

Columbus Day Parade

Trick or Treat Trail

Holiday Express Train Rides (throughout December)
EASTPOINTE
Parks and Recreation
Eastpointe Parks and Recreation Department
16435 East Eight Mile Road
Eastpointe, MI 48021
(586) 445-5080

Parks
Kennedy Park 24681 Shroeder
(586) 445-5080 Horseshoe pits, baseball field, roller hockey facility, youth soccer field, sand volleyball, playground, and a picnic pavilion. Skate board park, pickle ball court and shelters.
Memorial Park (Flower St, just south of 10 Mile Road)
Baseball fields, a basketball court, sand volleyball, horseshoe pits and playground.
Spindler Park 19400 Stephens Road
Horseshoe pits, tennis courts, a playground and a picnic pavilion.

Libraries
Eastpointe Memorial Library
15875 Oak St
Eastpointe, MI 48021
(586) 445-5096
Story times, crafts and games. Book Clubs available thru summer for children 1st -9th grade. Adult programs available. Lego Club 1st Tuesday (ages 2 – 11)
Family movie nights once a month.

Adult Community Education
East Detroit Public Schools
Adult Education
(586)445-4545

FRASER
Parks and Recreation
Fraser Parks and Recreation Department
33000 Garfield
Fraser, MI 48026
(586) 296-8483

Parks
Blanke Park (Mulvey Road between Utica and Garfield Roads)
Playground equipment.
Boris Park (14 Mile Road between Utica Road and Hayes)
Playground equipment.
Harrington Trails Park (Mulvey Road)
Playground equipment.
Steffens Park (14 Mile and Garfield Roads)
Home of Fort Fraser, playscape, a baseball diamond, basketball courts, tennis courts, skate pond and picnic pavilion.
Pompo Park (Cambridge Drive and Kingston)
Tennis courts and playground equipment.
Somerset Park (Masonic and Kelly)
Sand volleyball, playground and a picnic pavilion.

McKinley Park (Grove between 13 Mile Road and Masonic)
Playground equipment.

Reindel Park (13 Mile Road and Fraser Woods Drive)
Playground equipment.

Meadows Park (in Fraser Meadows Subdivision)
Playground Equipment.

Libraries
E.C. Weber Fraser Public Library
16330 Fourteen Mile Road
Fraser, MI 48026
(586) 293-2055
www.ci.fraser.mi.us
Children’s room with colorful wall murals and soft, cuddly puppets available for checkout. Story-time, crafts, puppet and magic shows and nature programs.

Things to Do/Places to Go
www.ci.fraser.mi.us
Daddy Daughter Dance
Easter Egg Hunt
Mom & Son Bowling Party
Fraser City Picnic, Carnival, Parade and Fireworks at Steffens Park
Children’s Halloween Party
Christmas in Fraser

HARRISON TOWNSHIP
www.harrison-township.org

Parks and Recreation Committee
38151 L'Anse Creuse, Harrison Twp.
(586) 466-1440 – Treasurer’s Office

Parks
Waterfront Park (Jefferson south of Shook Road)
Playground equipment, restrooms, fishing, picnic area and waterfront pavilion for event rental.
Metro Beach (Metropolitan Parkway and Jefferson)
William Tucker County Park 27100 Ballard Street (off of Jefferson)
Playground, fishing, baseball diamond, bike path and free pavilion.

Libraries
Harrison Township Public Library
38151 L'Anse Creuse
Harrison Township
(In the Beaufait Addition, next to Town Hall)
(586) 329-1261

Adult Community Education
L’Anse Creuse ACE
(586) 783-6420 ext. 1211; (586) 783-6330

Things to Do/Places to Go
Celebrate the Lake Weekend at MacRay Harbor
This event has something for the whole family which is open to the public. Boating education, Nautical Yard Sale & Kids’ activities. Concert Under the Stars at 7 pm.
Aquapalooza
Harrison Township Freedom Trail – Walk/bike/roller blade trail that runs parallel to Metropolitan Parkway/16 Mile Road.

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IRA TOWNSHIP
Community Hall
586-725-0263

Parks
Ira Municipal Park (Shortcut Road at Meldrum Road)
Pavilion, picnic tables and grills, playscapes, nature trail. Handicap accessible.
Ira Water Works Neighborhood Park (Waterworks Drive, Fair Haven)
Fishing pier, paved walkway. Handicap accessible.

Adult Community Education
Compass Pointe Anchor Bay ACE
(586)725-2205

LENOX TOWNSHIP
Township Hall
63975 Gratiot
Lenox, MI 48050
(586) 727-2085

Parks
Lenox Township Community Center and Park (on Gratiot behind the Township Hall)
Basketball court, tennis court, roller hockey court, soccer field, hike/bike/rollerblade path, skating pond, two playscapes, and three picnic pavilions.

Libraries
Lenox Township Library
58976 Main Street
New Haven, MI 48048
(586) 749-3430
www.lenoxlibrary.org
Programming includes lap-sits, story times, and crafts.

Adult Community Education
Riverside North Alternative Education
586- 723-3822
Richmond ACE
(586) 727-3565

Places to Go/Things to Do
Heritage Days (at Huron Pointe Sportsmen’s Association)
(586) 749-5420
www.huronpointe.org
It is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy various outdoor activities in an educational setting. Fishing, fly tying, create a fish lure, T-shirt painting, tree stand safety demonstration, cresting arrows, shooting sports, 3-D archery course, children and adult novelty shoot and much more. Check the website for up-to-date information.

MACOMB TOWNSHIP
Parks and Recreation
20699 Macomb Street
Macomb Twp, MI 48042
(586) 992-2900

Parks
Macomb Corners Park (north side of 25 Mile at Luchtman)
Soccer fields, football fields, baseball diamonds, inline skate rink, playscape, picnic pavilion.
Macomb Town Center Park (south of 25 Mile, west of Broughton)

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Waldenburg Park (21 Mile Road, east of Romeo Plank)
Basketball court, sand volleyball courts, walking trail, play area, picnic pavilion and restroom.

Libraries
Clinton-Macomb North Branch
16800 24 Mile Road, Suite 2, Macomb
(586) 226-5080
www.cmpl.org
Variety of lap sit and preschool story times year round. Craft and other special programs are offered seasonally.

Adult Community Education
Chippewa Valley ACE
(586) 723-2050
Utica Public Schools ACE
(586) 797-6906
Utica Evening Learning Academy for Ages 16-19 years
(586) 797-6970

Places to Go/Things to Do
Macomb Township Recreation Center
(586) 992-2900 www.macombrecreationcenter.com
20699 Macomb Street (south of 25 Mile, 2 miles east of Romeo Plank)
Indoor water park including water slides, lazy river, zero depth entry play pool, water walk, water aerobic classes, gymnasium, aerobics, workout area, running track, fitness center, soft-play indoor playground, child watch room, teen room, swimming lessons, family style locker rooms, birthday parties and more.
Open to public with discounts for residents.
Rosco Picnic Paloozas Macomb Township Recreation Center 11:30 am- 1 pm.
Tons-o-Trucks at St. John Parking lot off of 23 Mile Road, east of Romeo Plank from 10 am – 1 pm Fire trucks, police vehicles, semi-trucks, and more!
Concerts in the Park from 7 pm – 8:30 pm at the Macomb Corners Bring picnic and blanket. There will be inflatables and games for children.
Kid’s Concert & Movie Under The Stars at Macomb Corners Park.
10 Year Anniversary Celebration at Macomb Twp Recreation Center Classic K-9 Dog Show / frisbee – high jumping, ETC!
Halloween Hoopla at Macomb Twp Recreation Center
Holiday Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Recreation Center
Santa’s Jingle Jam at Marvin Blank Senior Center (Ticket/Fee)
(586) 992-2900 ext. 2908 Parks and Recreation Reach Catalog at www.macomb-mi.gov

MOUNT CLEMENS
www.cityofmountclemens.com
Parks and Recreation
www.downtownmountclemens.com
YMCA
10 North River Road, Mt. Clemens ymcadetroit.org/macomb
(586) 468-1411 call for program information.
Parks
Behnke Memorial Dog Park (within Memorial Park)
Designed for dog owners to let their pets have some off-leash time. Features include people/pet drinking fountain, mutt mitt clean up stations, faux fire hydrants, trees, benches and a tire obstacle course.
Cairns Field (between Orchard, Clemens and Jones Streets, east of Gratiot)
Football and softball fields, a Tot Lot, picnic area and two lighted basketball courts.
Clemens Park (Northbound Gratiot at Park Street)
Dorothea-Lenore Park (between Dorothea and Lenore, west of North Avenue)
Tot Lot, picnic area and outdoor ice rink.

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MacArthur Park (North River Road, adjacent to the YMCA)
Serves as an arboretum and outdoor classroom for children studying plants. Also includes a jogging path and picnic area.
Memorial Park (North Groesbeck by the Community Center)
Eight ball diamonds, picnic pavilion, in-line skating court, playground equipment.
Lawndale Park (on Lawndale and Dickinson)
Park includes playground equipment, picnic tables and outdoor ice skating rink.
Rotary Park (west of the County Courthouse in Downtown Mt. Clemens)
Fountain, benches, picnic area, restrooms, boat wells and a colonial bathhouse.
Shadyside Park (Clinton River Drive, east of Northbound Gratiot)
Picnic pavilion, magic square for skateboarding, double basketball court, playground equipment, horseshoe pits, ball field, fishing facilities, handicapped accessible pier, walking path and boat/canoe launch.
Sleepy-Hollow (Clinton River, off of Riverside Drive)
With a walking path is a sanctuary used by students as an outdoor education classroom to study nature.
Walter Olsen Park (Harrington, east of Groesbeck)
Tricycle trail, Tot Lot, junior softball diamond, picnic tables and grills.
Wilson Park (between Wilson and South Highland at Church Street)
Playground, picnic area, small softball field, multi-purpose gym for volleyball and basketball, outdoor ice rink and community playscape.

Libraries
Mount Clemens Public Library
150 Cass Ave., Mt. Clemens
(586) 469-6200
www.libcoop.net/mountclemens
Story hours held at various times during the week year-round.
Nationally known storytellers and puppeteers perform for children.

Adult Community Education
Chippewa Valley ACE
(586) 723-2050
L’Anse Creuse ACE
(586) 783-6420 ext. 1211

Places to Go/Things to Do
www.downtownmountclemens.com
Mt. Clemens Concert Series – River Sights and Sounds concert series on the downtown riverbank.
4th of July Celebration Fireworks
Halloween Spooktacular
Downtown Christmas Open House 586-469-4168
Santa Claus Parade – on Main Street in downtown at 10am.
Downtown New Years Eve Gala
Macomb YMCA Summer Day Camp
(586) 468-1411
ymcadetroit.org/macomb
Summer Fun Saturdays (586) 469-4168
Farmers Market Events downtownmountclemens.com/farmers-market
Family Day
Corn/Pig Roast & Customer Appreciation Day
Garden Walk
Apple Fest

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Train Rides – Sundays Only
(586) 463-1863
www.michigantransitmuseum.org
Bring a picnic and let the kids play on the playscape at Joy Park before taking a 40-50 minute train ride. Tickets for the train rides are available at the caboose ticket office at Joy Park located on the north side of Joy Blvd. and 3 blocks east of Gratiot. Depot Museum is open year-round on Saturday and Sunday 1 pm – 4 pm.

Fall Color Tour Train Rides
(586) 463-1863
www.michigantransitmuseum.org
Tickets for the train rides are available at the Caboose Ticket Office at Joy Park located on the north side of Joy Blvd. and 3 blocks east of Gratiot.

Crocker House Museum
15 Union St., Mount Clemens
(586)465-2488
www.crockerhousemuseum.com
A late Victorian home – Experience life reminiscent of the world renowned Mineral Bath Era of Mount Clemens. Public tours: Tuesday – Thursdays 10 am – 4 pm and the 1st Sunday of each month 1 pm – 4 pm, except for holiday weekends. No tours in January or February. Admission by donation.

Children's Etiquette Tea
Farm Life - City Life Afternoon Tea
Garden Walk & "Old Secrets of Wildflowers and Plants" Breakfast
Mount Clemens Heritage Holiday
Simply Dickens Christmas Tea

NEW BALTIMORE

Parks

Walter & Mary Burke Park (at the end of Washington on the Bay)
Swimming beach, fishing, picnic area, grills, outdoor/indoor pavilion, playscape.
Maynard “Red” Aurand Memorial Park Covington and 24 Mile Road
Baseball diamonds.

Libraries

MacDonald Public Library-New Baltimore
36480 Main Street, New Baltimore
(586) 725-0273
www.libcoop.net/newbaltimore
During school year, Toddler Time and Preschool Story Time, Wonderful Wednesdays and Teen Time. Special programs including summer reading programs and movie days.

Adult Community Education

Compass Pointe Alternative Education
(586) 725-2205

Places to Go/Things to Do

Bay-Rama Fish Fly Festival
(586) 725-5148
www.bay-rama.com

NEW HAVEN

Parks and Recreation

Parks and Recreation Committee
(586) 749-5301 ext.212

www.cityofnewbaltimore.org
www.anchorbaychamber.com
www.macdonaldlibrary.org
www.libcoop.net/newbaltimore
www.bay-rama.com
www.anchorbaychamber.com

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Park

New Haven Park on Havenridge Road
Tennis court, playground, picnic areas, grills, shelter

Adult Community Education

Riverside North Alternative Education
(586) 723-3822

RAY TOWNSHIP

www.raytownship.org

Parks and Recreation

Ray Township Parks and Recreation Department
64255 Wolcott, Ray Township, MI 48096
(586) 749-5171

Parks

Ray Township Community Park
64255 Wolcott
Picnic pavilion, softball fields, tennis courts and playground.

Libraries

Ray Township Library
64255 Wolcott, Ray Township
(586) 749-7130
Various programs throughout the year for children.

Place to Go/Things to

(586) 749-5171
Ray Township Community Picnic
Trunk or Treat Event at Ray Township Park
Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony
Wolcott Mill Metropark Farm
65775 Wolcott Road, Ray MI 48096
(586) 752-5932
www.metroparks.com/Wolcott-Mill-Metropark
Candle dipping, pedal tractor pulls, pie eating contests, horse-drawn wagon rides and an antique tractor parade highlight this fair. Watch saw mill, corn grinding, draft horse and dog agility demonstrations. Many events throughout the year.

RICHMOND

www.cityofrichmond.net

Parks and Recreation

Richmond Parks and Recreation Department
Richmond Community Center
36164 Festival Drive, Richmond 48062
(586) 727-3064

Parks

Beebe Street Memorial Park (69310 Beebe Street, Just off 32 Mile Road)
Outdoor community pool, little league baseball diamonds, enclosed roller hockey courts, basketball courts, playground, sand volleyball courts and picnic facilities. The parks also host a Hike/Bike Trail which extends 8/10ths of a mile around the perimeter of the park. Winter time facilities include 2 lighted natural outdoor ice rinks.

Bailey Park (across the street from Beebe Street Park)
Baseball diamond, soccer area, tennis courts and Richmond Historical Society.

Gierk Street Park (the south central area of the City)
Fenced in facility which includes a community built playground, picnic tables and bird sanctuary.

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Libraries

Lois Wagner Memorial Library
35200 Division Road, Richmond
(586) 727-2665
www.cityofrichmond.net/library

Story times are available during most of the year. Stories, finger plays and songs are emphasized along with social interaction through play. Performers and special events throughout the year.

Places to Go/Things to Do

Richmond Community Swimming Pool – Beebe Street Memorial Park – a minimal admission fee, seasonal passes available. Open Memorial Day – Labor Day.

Easter Egg Scramble
Kids Only Garage Sale

Richmond Good Old Days Festival
www.richmondgoodolddaysfestival.org

Richmond Good Old Days Fireworks

ROMEO

Parks and Recreation

Romeo/Washington/Bruce Parks and Recreation Department
361 Morton Street, Romeo
(586) 752-6543

Various programs offered throughout the year for families and young children.

Parks

Romeo Village Park 115 W. Newberry
Community Center Park 361 Morton

Libraries

Romeo District Library-Graubner
65821 Van Dyke, Washington, MI 48095
(586) 752-0603

Programming is year-round with story-times for children newborn-5, popular programs with an emphasis on science and the arts for all ages. Summer Reading Club

www.libcoop.net/romeo

Romeo Kezar Branch Library
107 Church Street
Romeo, MI 48065
(586) 752-2583

www.libcoop.net/romeo

This library’s mission is to be a Reading Center.

Places to Go/Things to Do

www.rwparksrec.org

Romeo Little Miss Peach Blossom and Mr. Peachy King Contest

Peach Festival – Carnival, parade, craft show, music, food, bike/trike/bigwheel decorating contest, crafts, games, cookie station, animals, skate park demos and more.

Halloween in the Village (586) 752-6543

Perennial Exchange & Activities. (586) 752-4436

Community Wide Garage and Antique Sale encompassing Washington, Bruce and Romeo Townships, includes the Kid to Kid Yard Sale. Bring your own table and set up and sell some of your old favorites during Romeo’s Annual Sidewalk Sales. FREE moonwalk for kids! Call (586) 752-6543 to reserve your spot, reservations required. Set up time 9am. Adult supervision required. Limited spaces.

For current information, call or visit program websites before planning visits.
Please, call the Great Parents Great Start Desk with comments or corrections at 1-866-4MACOMB/1-866-462-2662.
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**Washington's Art and Orchard Festival Includes Carnival**

- **Chicken BBQ and concert**
- **Fireman's Pancake Breakfast**

**Family Outdoor Movie Nights or Concerts** – Enjoy the wonderful summer evenings with fun for the whole family. Our outdoor movie on our giant movie screen brings back fun from the old Drive-In days. Kids enjoy our great playground, sidewalk chalk, basketball and moonwalk, all at no charge. Call 752-6543 after 5 pm if weather is questionable. No registration required but appreciated. Movies start at dusk.

**Wolcott Mill Metropark Farm**
65775 Wolcott Road, Ray MI 48096
(586) 752-5932

Candle dipping, pedal tractor pulls, pie eating contests, horse-drawn wagon rides and an antique tractor parade highlight this fair. Watch saw mill, corn grinding, draft horse and dog agility demonstrations.

**Mt. Bruce Station Sheep & Wool Festival**
6440 Bordman Rd., Romeo, MI 48065
(810) 798-2568
[www.sheepstuff.com](http://www.sheepstuff.com)

**Halloween in the Village** (586) 752-6543

**CAPS** – Free parenting information, resources and connections for parents with children birth to five, residing in the Romeo Community School District. (586) 281-1738 or 1-866-4MACOMB/1-866-462-2662.

**Great Parents Family Resource Center** – Romeo (must be a school district resident)
Croswell Elementary School, 175 Croswell, Romeo (586) 281-1738.

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**ROSEVILLE**

**Parks and Recreation**

**Roseville Parks and Recreation Department**
18185 Sycamore, Roseville 48066
(586) 445-5480

**Parks**

- **Dooley Park** (off of 13 Mile Rd. and Edison Drive)
  Grills, picnic area, playground equipment, restrooms, pavilion, sports field, walking trail.

- **Huron Park** (Frazho, east of Gratiot)
  Grills, picnic area, playground equipment, restrooms, pavilion, sports field area, tennis and volleyball courts.

- **Kiwanis Park** (Martin between Von Howe and Lasslett streets)
  Play equipment and open area.

- **Lions Park** (Wellington and Fountain streets)
  Open area with sports and soccer field.

- **Macomb Gardens** (Macomb between 10 Mile and Frazho)
  Grills, picnic area, playground equipment, restrooms, pavilion, sports field area, walking trail, open area and basketball courts.

- **Packard Park** (Curtis, between Packard and Ford Roads)
  Basketball courts, grills, picnic area and play equipment.

- **Rotary Park** (Martin and Eastland Roads)
  Grills, picnic area, play equipment, pavilion, sports field area and volleyball courts.

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Veteran’s Memorial Park (Chestnut, between Academy and Barkman Streets)
Grills, picnic area, playground equipment, restrooms, pavilion, sports field area, walking trail, open area, basketball court, in-line skating area, soccer field and horseshoe pits.

Libraries
Roseville Public Library
29777 Gratiot Ave., Roseville
(586) 445-5407
www.libcoop.net/roseville
Story time, class visits, crafts. Educational and recreational programs are offered.

Places to Go/Things to Do
Roseville Indoor Park
Indoor climbers and slides, bikes and wagons, balls and playground equipment of all kinds available to children 10 months to 5 years old. Open Early October – End of March on Tuesday and Thursdays from 10 am – noon Admission: $2 per child. Parents must stay and supervise children at all times.

Preschool Programs- Many preschool programs available call Parks and Recreation at (586) 445-5480 for more information.

Easter Egg Hunt – Huron Park
Mom to Mom Resale in the spring and the fall.

Start Smart Soccer and Start Smart Sports Development offered in Spring
(Parent /Child participation 6 week sessions held on Saturdays for an hour)

Walk Michigan – on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 pm – 7 pm

Start Smart Soccer and Start Basketball offered in Fall – (Parent /Child participation 6 week sessions held on Saturdays for an hour)

Tricker Treat Trail – Veterans Memorial
Rumble, Tumble Pumpkin Roll Down – Huron Park– discard your Halloween pumpkin by rolling it down the hill! Cider and donuts.

Big Bird Run
Christmas Tree Lighting

ST. CLAIR SHORES

Parks and Recreation
St. Clair Shores Parks and Recreation Department
20000 Stephens, St. Clair Shores 48080
(586) 445-5350

Blossom Heath (Jefferson at 9 ½ Mile Road)
Picnic area, swings and other playground equipment, beach

Lac Sainte Clair (Jefferson at 11 Mile Road)
Olympic sized pool, kiddie wade pool and water slide.

Veterans Memorial Park (Jefferson at Masonic)
Grills, picnic area, playground equipment, splash pad, volleyball, beach, fishing.

Brys Park (Harper and 8 Mile Road area)
Two baseball diamonds, picnic area, running track and dog park

Statler- Maloof Dog Park (located inside Brys Park) Pass required for dog area.

Champine Park (Jefferson and 12 Mile Road)

Gaffke Park (Corner of Gaffke and Grant)
Baseball diamond, soccer field, swings and playground equipment

Frederick Park (Pallister, just south of 9 Mile Road)
Picnic area, swings and other playground equipment

Kaufman Park (Grove and Elaine)
Baseball diamond, swings and playground equipment

Kyte Monroe (Harper north of Masonic)
Baseball diamonds, tennis courts, basketball courts, horseshoe courts, picnic area

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Wahby Park (Jefferson Ave, south of 10 Mile Road)
Welsh Park (Chapoton and Englehard)
Picnic area, playground equipment

Libraries
St. Clair Shores Public Library
22500 Eleven Mile Road, St. Clair Shores
(586) 771-9020
www.scslibrary.org
Variety of programs for preschoolers, juveniles and teens.

Adult Community Education
Lake Shore Public Schools – ACE
(586) 285-8880
Lakeview ACE
(586) 285-8880
South Lake ACE
(586) 285-8880

Places to Go/Things to Do
Stay and Play (St. Paul’s Lutheran Church)
22915 Greater Mack Avenue
(586) 777-0215
Ages 2-6 with an adult. Every Thursday 9:30 am.
Memorial Day Parade
Halloween in the Park (586) 445-5350
Civic Area Carnival
Country Hoe Down at Memorial Park
Fireworks
Art Fair at Memorial Park
(586) 777-8300
www.nauticalmile.org
AQUA Freeze Festival • Blossom Heath
Venetian Festival
Nautical Mile Yacht Club Open House • Harbor 9 Band, Food, Vendors
Nautical Coast Cleanup
Kid’s Fishing Derby • St Clair Shores Fishing Pier
Fishing Derby for Kids with Special Needs • Island Harbor Marina
Nautical Mile Yacht Club Saturday Live Concert Series

Lac St Clair Art Festival
(586) 298-2788
www.lscartfair.com

SHELBY TOWNSHIP
www.shelbytwp.org

Parks and Recreation
Shelby Township Parks and Recreation Department
http://shelbyparksandrecreation.org
52602 Van Dyke, Shelby Township, 48316
(586) 731-0300

Parks
Ford Field Central Park (south side of 23 Mile Road, west of Van Dyke)
Primarily developed with baseball diamonds. Includes concession building & restrooms.
Heritage Gardens (located on the municipal campus)
Holland Ponds Park (Ryan north of 22 Mile Road)
Unpaved trail, birding, no playground equipment
Lombardo Park (22 Mile Road west of M-59)
Nature trails, playscape, 4 baseball diamonds, pavilion with restrooms.

Mae Stecker Park (24 Mile Rd., east of Van Dyke)
Playground, picnic areas, pavilion, baseball diamonds, tennis and volleyball courts.

River Bends Park (south of 22 Mile Road, west of Shelby Rd.)
Playground equipment and picnic areas.

Whispering Woods Kiwanis Park (south of 21 Mile Road, east of Van Dyke)
Playground equipment, baseball diamond, soccer fields, basketball court, volleyball court, restrooms, picnic area.

Woodall Community Park (Ryan Road and River Bends Drive)
Playground equipment, picnic areas, pavilion, baseball diamonds, sports fields, archery-trap range, basketball court, skateboard/inline/BMX rink, ice skating/roller hockey rink.

Shadbush Nature Center at River Bends Park (River Bends drive at Ryan Road)
Nature Center with a butterfly garden, trails, trap and archery range on property which was previously used as an Underground Railroad station and a training site for boxing legend Joe Louis.

Libraries

Shelby Township Library
51680 Van Dyke, Shelby Township
(586) 739-7414
www.shelbytwplib.org

Story time sessions and special children’s programs for preschoolers and toddlers are available during the school year.

Adult Community Education

Utica ACE
(586) 797-6906

Utica Evening Learning Academy (Ages 16-19 years)
(586) 797-6970

Place to Go/Things to Do

www.shelbytwplib.org/departments/prm/calendar_of_events.jsp

Daddy and Daughter Dance at Cherry Creek Banquet Center
Mother and Son Dance at Cherry Creek Banquet Center
Easter Bunny Lunch at Shelby Community Center
Easter Egg Scramble at River Bends Park
28th Annual Kids Fishing Derby at Heritage Garden Lake
19th annual Kid’s Olympics at Whispering Woods Kiwanis Park

Summer Concerts Series
7th Annual Flea Market at River Bends Park
9th Annual Kid to Kid Sale at the Shelby Community Center
15th Annual Kids Day at River Bends Park
30th annual Shelby Township Art Fair

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting
Breakfast with Santa – at the Shelby Community Center
Dinner with Santa at Cherry Creek Golf and Banquet Center

Shadbush Nature Center (586) 323-2478

Exotic Animal Day
Hanging with the Herons & Festival at Holland Ponds
Fall Festival
The Night The Animals Talked
Santa at the Shadbush Nature Center
River Day
Butterfly & Moth Day
Spidermania

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STERLING HEIGHTS
Parks and Recreation
Sterling Heights Parks and Recreation Department
40620 Utica Road, Sterling Heights
(586) 446-2700
Sterling Heights Special Parks and Recreation Department
40620 Utica Road, Sterling Heights
(586) 446-2704

Parks
Baumgartner Park 13000 15 Mile Road
Baseball/softball diamonds, play structure, picnic area and restrooms.

delia Park 3001 18 Mile Road
Baseball/softball diamonds, soccer fields, football field, tennis courts, play structure, picnic areas, pavilion, restrooms and sledding hills.

dodge Park 40620 Utica Road
Volleyball courts, play structures, swing sets, picnic area, pavilion, restrooms, outdoor concerts stage, outdoor ice/in-line skating and bike/walking trails.

Farmstead Park 12112 Clinton River Road (Connects to Dodge Park)
Pavilion, soccer fields, volleyball and basketball courts, play structure, swing sets, picnic area and restrooms.

Nelson Park 2775 15 Mile Road
Baseball/softball diamonds, volleyball courts, play structure, picnic area, nature/hiking trail, pavilion and restrooms.

North Clinton River Park (located on Riverland)
Play equipment, picnic areas and a bridge that leads to the Nature Center.

Sterling Heights Nature Center
42700 Utica Road
(586) 446-2710

Libraries
Sterling Heights Public Library
40255 Dodge Park, Sterling Heights
586-446-BOOK (2665)
www.shpl.net

Adult Community Education
Utica ACE
(586) 797-6906
Utica Evening Learning Academy for Ages 16-19 years
(586) 797-6970

Warren Consolidated ACE
(586) 574-3219

Places to Go/Things to Do
Memorial Day Parade (Along Dodge Park from City Center South to Heritage Jr. High)
Music in the Park Concert Series (Dodge Park), 7 pm – 9 pm.
Teen Fest (13-15 years old)
Sterling Fest Art and Jazz Festival (City Center) musical entertainment, food and art show.
Children’s Halloween Party
Sterling Christmas

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**UTICA**

7550 Auburn Road. Utica, MI  48317  
(586) 739-1600

**Parks**
- **Heritage Park** (S of Hall Road on Van Dyke)  
  Picnic tables.
- **Grant Park** (Hahn Road east of Van Dyke)  
  2 playscapes, 2 pavilions, horseshoe pit, walking trail, tennis courts, volleyball court.

**Libraries**
- **Utica Public Library**  
  (586) 731-4141  
  www.libcoop.net/utica  
  Story hours, craft activities, special programs, American Girl programs and summer reading program.

**Adult Community Education**
- **Utica Public Schools ACE**  
  (586) 797-6906  
  **Utica Evening Learning Academy** (Ages 16-19 years)  
  (586) 797-6970

**Places to Go/Things to Do**  
(586) 739-1600
- **May of Michigan Week**
- **Riverwalk Festival**
- **Cruisin with the Oldies Car Show**
- **Old Mill Arts & Crafts Festival** (Grant Park)
- **“Park It” Movie in the park** (Grant Park) 6 pm Music, face painter, bounce house, etc.
- **Christmas Tree Lighting**

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**WARREN**

www.cityofwarren.org

**Parks and Recreation**
- **Warren Parks and Recreation Department**  
  5460 Arden, Warren 48092  
  (586) 268-8400

**Parks**

You can reserve a pavilion through the Parks and Recreation office at (586) 757-7480. The parks are open after Memorial Day from 10 a.m. to dusk. No cost to enter.

**Libraries**
- **Warren Public Library – Maybelle Burnette Branch**  
  22005 Van Dyke Ave., Warren  
  (586)758-2115  
  http://www.warrenlibrary.net  
  During the school year, offers story hour and special programs for children of all ages.
- **Warren Public Library – Dorothy M. Busch Branch**  
  23333 Ryan Road, Warren  
  (586)755-5750  
  http://www.warrenlibrary.net  
  During the school year, offers specialty programs for children of all ages.
- **Warren Public Library – Arthur J. Miller Branch**  
  5460 Arden, Suite 303, Warren  
  (586)751-5377  
  http://www.warrenlibrary.net

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Warren Public Library – Civic Center Library
1 City Square, Suite 100  (inside Warren City Hall)
(586) 751-0770
http://www.warrenlibrary.net
During the school year, offers specialty programs for children of all ages.

**Adult Community Education**
- East Detroit Public Schools
  - Adult Education
    - 586-445-4545
- Van Dyke ACE
  - (586) 758-8363
- Warren Consolidated School District ACE
  - (586) 574-3291
- Warren Woods School District ACE
  - (586) 439-4408

**Places to Go/Things to Do**
- Warren Rotary Club Spring Carnival (City Square)
- 8th Annual Greatest Garage Sale (City Square) (586) 268-8400
- Movie (City Square)
- Art in the Park
- Warren City Birthday Bash – Carnival, live music, lots of family fun activities.
- Holiday Tree Lighting Sale (City Square)
- Pancakes with Santa (Warren Civic Theatre)
- Wacky Wednesdays (Fitzgerald Recreation Center)
  - 4355 E 9 Mile Road
  - (586)759-0920
  - Activities for children ages 2 – 5 with adult. No registration. Drop in $1 per child.

**Community Center**
- 5460 Arden Ave, Warren
  - (586) 268-8400
  - Fitness center, gymnasium, pool, waterslide, lazy river. Open to residents and non-residents. Different fees.

**Parent as Teachers (P.A.T.)**
- (586) 759-6506
  - 23500 MacArthur, Warren
  - www.vdps.net
  - FREE parenting information, resources and connections for parents with children birth to four years of age. Parent and child interactive play group.

**Great Parents– Van Dyke Public Schools**
- Van Dyke Parent Resource Center (must be a school district resident)
  - Van Dyke Administration Building (586) 759-6506

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**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP**

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Libraries
Romeo District Library-Graubner
65821 Van Dyke, Washington, MI  48095
(586) 752-0603
www.libcoop.net/romeo
Year-round programming includes story-times for children birth-5, programs with an emphasis on science and the arts for all ages and a Summer Reading Club.

Places to Go/Things to Do
www.rwbparksrec.org
Perennial Exchange & Activities (586) 752-4436
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Washington’s Art and Orchard Festival Includes Carnival
- Chicken BBQ and concert
- Fireman’s Pancake Breakfast
Family Outdoor Movie Nights or Concerts – Enjoy the wonderful summer evenings with fun for the whole family. Our outdoor movie on our giant movie screen brings back fun from the old Drive-In days. Kids enjoy our great playground, sidewalk chalk, basketball and moonwalk, all at no charge. Call (586) 752-6543 after 5 pm if weather is questionable. No registration required but appreciated. Movies start at dusk.
Romeo Little Miss Peach Blossom and Mr. Peachy King Contest
Peach Festival – Carnival, parade, craft show, music, food, bike/trike/bigwheel decorating contest, arts and crafts, games, cookie station, farm animals, skate park demos and more.
Halloween in the Village (586) 752-6543
Wolcott Mill Metropark Farm
65775 Wolcott Road, Ray MI 48096
(586) 752-5932
Candle dipping, pedal tractor pulls, pie eating contests, horse-drawn wagon rides and an antique tractor parade highlight this fair. Watch saw mill, corn grinding, draft horse and dog agility demonstrations. www.metroparks.com/Wolcott-Mill-Metropark
Spring Fiber Day – Sheep & Wool Festival – Christmastime at the Farm Wool Shop (810) 798-2568
www.sheepstuff.com
CAPS – Free parenting information, resources and connections for parents with children birth to five, residing in the Romeo Community School District. (586) 281-1738 or 1-866-4MACOMB/1-866-462-2662.
Great Parents Family Resource Center – Romeo (must be a school district resident) (586) 281-1738
Crosowell Elementary School, 175 Crosowell, Romeo

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By 3 months of age, a child should:
- Lift head/chest when lying on stomach
- Vigorously move body
- Recognize bottle or breast
- Coo and gurgle
- Improve head control

By 6 months of age, a child should:
- Sit with little help
- Roll from back to stomach
- Transfer objects from hand to hand
- Babble more than two sounds

By 9 months of age, a child should:
- Sit alone
- Play with 2 objects at the same time
- Creep or crawl
- Say “ma ma ma”, “da da da” and “ba ba ba”

By 12 months of age, a child should:
- Pull self to standing position
- Pick things up with thumb and one finger
- Drop toys into a container
- Follow simple directions
- Use 2 or 3 words

By 18 months of age, a child should:
- Walk, maybe run a bit
- Climb up or down stairs
- Like pull toys and being read to
- Partially feed self with utensils
- Use 5 to 10 words

By 24 months of age, a child should:
- Kick large ball
- Stack blocks 6 to 8 high
- Imitate housework
- Ask for objects by name
- Use 2 words together such as “more juice”

By 3 years of age, a child should:
- Walk up stairs
- Stand briefly alone on one foot
- Ride tricycle
- Turn knob to open door
- Verbalize toilet needs

If you know a child whose development is delayed – call 1-800-EARLY ON or your local intermediate school district.

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