







SUMMER FUN IN MACOMB COUNTY 2023

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Bring on the Sunshine!

This is your official guide to summer activities in Macomb County. We hope that this guide will provide your family with lots of fun places to visit. Also, look for the star symbol next to the list of locations and things to do. These are places where special needs learners are welcomed!

Please join us at our early literacy summer events: Talking is Teaching in the Park at 6 park locations around Macomb County.

Stay cool and have fun!

Great Start Macomb Parent Coalition



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Macomb County Preschool

Head Start 586-469-5215

Federally funded program offering 2 options:

- Early Head Start (ages birth-3)
- Head Start Preschool (ages 3-5)

Support services for both programs that include disabilities, mental health, education, nutrition and family services.

Great start Readiness program

586-228-3468

State funded preschool program for 4 year olds.



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what will my child Learn?

These programs cover the key areas a child needs to be ready for kindergarten. Some of what your child will experience at these high quality preschools include:

- Listening and telling stories
- Recognizing and writing numbers
- Physical movement
- Singing songs and making music
- Cooperative play
- Sorting, counting and matching
- Learning letters and sounds
- Problem solving
- Personal care and healthy behaviors
- **Building relationships**
- Science
- Social studies



Head Start programs



great start Readiness programs

Half Day programs

- school day programs
- Before & After School care Available

ADMADA

Armada Area Schools (586) 784-2681 ☆ ■ ▲ ●

CENTER LINE

Center Line Public Schools (586) 510-2800 ☆ ■▲ Lil Brilliant Mindz (313) 924-8130 🏚 🗕 🗨

Little Prince & Princess's Childcare Center (586) 510-6344 ☆▲●

CHESTERFIELD

L'Anse Creuse Public Schools (586) 783-6323 ★☆ ▲● Childtime (586) 598-1700 ☆▲ ●

Li'l Graduates Child Development Center (586) 598-1255 ☆▲●

Academy 4 Early Achievers (586) 262-0399 🏠 🗖 Chippewa Valley Schools (586) 723-2275 🗘 Clintondale Community Schools (586) 791-6300 ★☆▲●

Eco Early Academy (586) 238-3808 🗘 🛦 📵 Jelly Moon Learning Center (586) 241-5691 ☆ ▲ ●

Macomb Intermediate School District (586) 469-5215 * Precious Angels Christian Academy (586) 649-7286 🛦 🛑

Spark's Little Learners Academy (586) 817-1946 🏠 🛦 🛑 Trinity Lutheran Early Childhood Center (586) 463-8803 ☆▲●

CLINTON TWP

EASTPOINTE

Eastpointe Community Schools (586) 533-3900 🛊 🗘 📤 🛡 Brilliant Mindz Early Learning Center (586) 218-8900 🏠 📤 🗨 Christ Liberty Ministry Early Learning Center (586) 777-7255 ☆▲● Tutor Time (586) 532-7314 ☆▲● CrossBridge Action Network (586) 260-6576 ☆▲ Eaton Academy (586) 777-1519 🗘 🛦 The Infinite Learning Center (586) 200-5264 🏠 📤 🗶 The Kid Cave (586) 350-0425 🔺 🗐

Kid Fit Childcare (313) 421-2623 🏠 🔷 🛑

St. Peter's Lutheran Early Childhood Center (586) 777-6300 🗘 📥

FRASER

Fraser Public Schools (586) 439-7600 ★ 🗘 🔳 🛦 🔴

MACOMB

Childtime (586) 677-9118 *

MOUNT CLEMENS

Macomb County Family Resource Center (586) 469-5215 ★ ■ Mount Clemens Community Schools (586) 461-3100 🗘 🛦 Kiddy Korner (586) 493-5988 🏠 📤 🛑 Morningstar (586) 469-5215 🛊 🛦

NEW BALTIMORE

Anchor Bay (586) 716-7862 ★☆ ▲●

NEW HAVEN

New Haven Community Schools (586) 749-8063 * 🗘 📤 🌑 Merritt Academy (586) 749-6000 ☆▲●

RICHMOND

Richmond Community Schools (586) 727-3565 ★☆ ▲● Seasons of Learning (586) 248-4949 ☆▲

POMFO

Romeo Community Schools (586) 752-0314 ★☆ ▲●

ROSEVILLE

Roseville Community Schools (586) 445-5780 ★☆ ▲ Kidz Kondo Learning Center (586) 871-2424 🏠 📤 🔵 Little Conquerors Educational Center (586) 298-2138 🗘 📤 🔍

ST CLAIR SHORES

Lake Shore Public Schools (586) 285-8570 🏠 📤 Lakeview Public Schools (586) 445-4159 🗘 📤 🔍 Everlasting Word (586) 443-5760 ☆▲ ● Joyful Jungle Christian Learning Center (248) 435-8445 ☆▲● Mini Kampus (586) 294-2497 ★☆ ▲ South Lake Schools (586) 435-1640 ★☆ ▲

SHELBY TWP

Childtime (586) 532-7529 ☆▲ ■ Shining Star Pre-school (586) 731-3344 ☆▲●

STERLING HEIGHTS

Noor International Academy (586) 365-5000 ☆▲ Tutor Time (586) 264-6554 🗘 🛦 🔵 Utica Community Schools (586) 797-6930 * 🖒 🛦

WARREN

Fitzgerald Public Schools (586) 757-5150 ☆ ■▲● Warren Consolidated Schools (586) 698-4046 ★☆ ■▲ Warren Woods Public Schools (586) 439-4885 ☆ ■▲ The Giving Tree (586) 850-3729 **★** 🏠 📤 🛡 Kids' Avenue Christian Learning Center #2 (586) 486-4630 Kids Will Be Kids (586) 393-1096 ☆▲ ■ Little Leaders (248) 807-7232 ★☆ ▲● Lovingkindness Learning Academy (586) 277-7211 🗘 🛦 🔵

Michigan Math and Science Academy (586) 920-2163 A Mt Calvary Church (586) 469-5215 * Second Home Child Development Center (586) 209-4267 🏠 🛦

Small Wonders (586) 558-7444 ☆▲

Van Dyke Public Schools (586) 759-9406 ★☆ 📤 🌑

What is *Early On*®?

Early On[®] is a Michigan program for infants and toddlers, ages birth to three, who need supports and services due to a "developmental delay". Having a developmental delay means it takes a child a little longer to learn basic skills.

A child may have a developmental delay in one of the following areas:

- Thinking
- Moving
- Talking
- Taking care of
 - basic needs (such as eating and/or dressing)
- Hearing
- Responding to others
- Seeing
- Interacting with others

Early On® Mission & Vision

Mission: Early On® builds upon and provides supports and resources to assist family members and caregivers to enhance eligible children's learning and development through everyday learning opportunities.

Vision: Infants and toddlers who are enrolled in **Early On**® reach their fullest potential, successfully transitioning to the next phase of life, with empowered and supportive families.

What Does Early On® Look Like?

We know it isn't easy to raise a child who needs help. Early On® is designed to build on a child's strengths. Early On® emphasizes early identification and early referral to enhance the development of eligible infants and toddlers to minimize their potential for delay, and to recognize the significant brain development that occurs during a child's first three years of life.

Children learn best from their parents and caregivers in everyday activities like diapering, bathing, eating meals, dressing, shopping and playing with siblings. Early On® providers work closely with parents and caregivers by providing guidance and support on these everyday learning opportunities found in daily routines and activities.

Intervention = comes from the child's natural caregivers, who are usually parents and other caregivers. Parents and caregivers provide the most effective practice, encouragement, and guidance for their children.

Service = professional activities (coaching) from Early On® providers to ensure parents have interventions they can use all the time between visits, when a child's learning really happens.

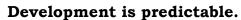
In order to accomplish the goal of empowering and supporting families, *Early On*® providers use a coaching approach with families. Parents and caregivers know their children best and know what works best for their families; therefore, parents' knowledge and expertise are extremely valuable and needed.

In this coaching relationship, the provider and parent work together to develop goals and practice techniques that will help children achieve common goals. Regular discussions guide the direction of services and allow providers to ensure they are meeting the diverse needs of all children.

If you are a Macomb County resident and you are interested in scheduling a free Early On® evaluation for your child, or if you would like more information, please call the Macomb Intermediate School District's Early On® Program at 586-228-3321.



EARLY ON ®





By 3 months of age, a child should: Lift head/chest Vigorously Recognize Coo and gurgle Improve head move body when lying on bottle or breast control stomach By 6 months of age, a child should: Transfer Babble more Roll from back objects from than two hand to hand sounds to stomach By 9 months of age, a child should: Creep or crawl Say "ma ma ma", "da da da" and "ba ba ba" By 12 months of age, a child should: Pick things up Drop toys into a Follow simple standing with thumb and directions position one finger By 18 months of age, a child should: Walk, maybe Climb up or Partially feed Like pull toys and being run a bit down stairs self with read to utensils By 24 months of age, a child should: Kick large ball Stack blocks 6 Imitate Ask for objects to 8 high housework by name By 3 years of age, a child should:



Walk up stairs

Stand briefly

alone on one

foot



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

Ride tricycle

Turn knob to

open door

Macomb County Residents call 586-228-3321





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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1-866-4MACOMB/1-866-462-2662



More about ASQ-3.

ASQ-3 is a set of simple questionnaires trusted for more than 20 years to check child development. There are 21 ASQ-3 questionnaires for use with children from 1 month to 5½ years old (one questionnaire for each age range). Here are the five important areas of development that each questionnaire looks at:

- 1. Communication: Your child's language skills, both what your child understands and what he or she can say.
- Gross Motor: How your child uses their arms and legs and other large muscles for sitting, crawling, walking, running, and other activities.
- 3. Fine Motor: Your child's hand and finger movement and coordination.
- 4. Problem Solving: How your child plays with toys and solves problems.
- 5. Personal-Social: Your child's self-help skills and interactions with others.

The "Overall" section asks you open-ended questions about your child's development and lets you weigh in with any concerns you may have.

More about ASQ:SE-2.

ASQ:SE-2 is a set of questionnaires with a deep, exclusive focus on social-emotional development. There are 9 ASQ:SE-2 questionnaires for use with children from 1 month to 6 years old. Here are the seven important areas of development that each questionnaire looks at:

- 1. Autonomy: Your child's ability or willingness to self-initiate or respond without guidance (moving to independence).
- 2. Compliance: Your child's ability or willingness to conform to the direction of others and follow rules.
- 3. Adaptive functioning: Your child's success or ability to cope with bodily needs (sleeping, eating, toileting, safety).
- 4. Self-regulation: Your child's ability or willingness to calm or settle down or adjust to physiological or environmental conditions or stimulation.
- 5. Affect: Your child's ability or willingness to demonstrate their own feelings and empathy for others.
- Interaction: Your child's ability or willingness to respond to or initiate social responses with parents, other adults, and peers.
- 7. Social-Communication: Your child's ability or willingness to interact with others by responding to or initiating verbal or nonverbal signals to indicate interests, needs, or feelings.

The "Overall" section asks open-ended questions about your child's social-emotional development and lets you weigh in with any concerns.

You'll only need 10-15 minutes to fill out an ASQ-3 or ASQ:SE-2 questionnaire. It's that quick and easy!

How does it work?

- You can contact Help Me Grow at 1-866-4-Macomb or complete an online screen at www.greatstartmacomb.org.
- Complete a developmental or social emotional screen and a care coordinator will respond with a custom summary report and a free book!



Great Start Parent Coalition

The Great Start Parent Coalition is an organization that represents the voice of the family, the child and their community. It's a group of parents, guardians, grandparents, and anyone else in a parenting role. We connect on a regular basis to plan and host meetings and fun events for families in Macomb County. It's our mission to assure a coordinated system of resources and support to help all Macomb County families provide a great start for their children from birth to age eight.

A GREAT START FOR EVERY CHILD IN MACOMB COUNTY

LEARN ABOUT RESOURCES + PROGRAMS TO HELP YOUR KIDS ENJOY

ADULT CONVERSATIONS WITH PARENTS JUST LIKE YOU

UP YOUR PARENTING + LEADERSHIP + ADVOCACY SKILLS

STRENGTHEN YOUR FAMILY BY BUILDING THE 5 PROTECTIVE FACTORS

HELP ALL KIDS IN MACOMB COUNTY GROW FROM BABY TO READER

Join Us!

We are always looking for friendly faces to help us support the families of Macomb County. Visit our website below to learn more.

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MACOMB COUNTY GREAT START PARENT COALITION





Early Learning Links

PBS KIDS

https://www.pbskids.org/

Go Noodle

https://family.gonoodle.com/

Story Time From Space

https://storytimefromspace.com/

Sesame Street

https://www.sesamestreet.org/



Storyline Online

www.Storylineonline.net

JumpStart Academy Preschool

https://www.jumpstart.com/academy/preschool

Disney Now

https://disneynow.com/all-games

Oxford Owl-Free Learning Activities

https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/



Links for parents to find educational activities to do at home:

Storyline Online

www.Storylineonline.net

Play Starters: Pre-K and Kindergarten - Simple ideas for play with a purpose

https://letsfindout.scholastic.com/pages/sandbox/learn-at-home-play-starters.html

Kitchen Science Experiments with Simple STEAM Projects

https://www.kiwico.com/blog/2020/04/10/kitchen-science-experiments-for-3-8-year-olds/







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.

OUTPOOR 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! 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!

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!

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 or 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 back side, 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.

Bubbles. Just about every kid enjoys bubbles! Create your own bubble solution (see Fun Art Recipes). Pour solution 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 to make some fun bubbles!



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.

Create a racecar. 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.

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 from 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.

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



INDOOR ACTIVITIES

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.

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.

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 their home for everyone's kids. It's a low cost way to keep the kids involved in various activities.



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 or 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.

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

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.

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.

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 the tune on your computer, voice recorder or favorite electronic device as a special keepsake.

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.

Collage Art. Have your child cut out pictures from magazines or weekly ads and glue them onto paper to create a collage.

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.

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.

Sink or Float. Add water to a large container and collect a variety of objects from around your house (e.g. crayon, pencil, small toy, cotton ball, toy car, paper clip, coin, key, etc.) Have your child predict which ones will sink or float when placed in the water. Place the items in the water and watch what happens!

Puppet Play. Using a paper lunch bag have your child create a puppet. Add features using markers or crayons. You can also use materials you may have around the house such as: yarn for the hair, sticks for the legs/arms, buttons and stickers, etc.

Cereal Necklace. Have your child make a necklace using rainbow colored circle shaped cereal. String the colored cereal onto yarn/string. Talk about the colors that your child is using.



Giant Bubbles

BUBBLES!

2 cups dish soap (grease cutters are best) 3 cups water

1/2 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

1/4 cup baby shampoo

3/4 cup water

3 Tbsp. light corn syrup

Gently mix together.

OOBLICK 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

Fun Dough

1 ½ cups flour

PLAYDOUGH

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.

Kool-Aid Play Dough

1 cup flour

½ cup salt

1 unsweetened Kool-Aid package

1 cup 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.

Kool-Aid packets

Water

Paint Brush

Paper Small Cups KOOL-AID

Steps:

1) Pour Kool-Aid packets into separate cups

2) Add a tablespoon of warm water into each cup and stir well until dissolved

3) Lay down a tablecloth or towel to catch any spills

4) Give your child a paintbrush, paper and the cups of Kool-Aid to start painting!



Fun & 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.

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 your hands.

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

This Little Piggy (can be done on fingers or toes)

This little piggy went to market. ~ touch and wiggle thumb
This little piggy stayed home. ~ touch and wiggle index finger
This little piggy had roast beef. ~ touch and wiggle middle finger
This little piggy had none. ~ touch and wiggle ring finger
And this little piggy cried,
"Wee, wee, wee!" ~ touch and wiggle pinky

All the way home.



The Itsy, Bitsy Spider

The itsy, bitsy spider

Went up the water spout. ~ put finger to opposite thumb, pretend to crawl up Down came the rain ~ wiggle fingers from the top of "spout" down to lap And washed the spider out ~ move hands/arms across lap

Out came the sun ~ hold hands interlocking making sun above your head And dried up all the rain,

And the itsy, bitsy spider ~ show spider again going up Went up the spout again.

Where is Thumbkin?

Where is Thumbkin? ~ Hands behind back

Where is Thumbkin?

Here I am. Here I am. ~ Bring right hand out from behind back with thumb pointed up

How are you today, sir? ~ Move right thumb as if it's talking

Very well, I thank you. ~ Move left thumb as if it's responding Run away, run away.

Where is pointer? ~ Motions are repeated for each of the five fingers



Fun & Games

Head and Shoulders

(touch body parts while 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.

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, ~ bend arms and make them go around like wheels 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 ~ *sit 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. ~ use your hands as wipers back and forth The horn on the bus goes beep, beep, beep. ~ pretend to beep a horn The money on the bus goes clink, clink, clink ~ pretend to put money in The driver on the bus says, "move on back." ~ motion thumb over shoulder



Choosing BOOKS

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

6-12 Months

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

12-24 Months

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



24-36 Months

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

3-5 Years

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







In Your Town Armada

For the most up-to-date information, visit the websites below.

2023 Summer Events

- Michigan Lavender Festival at Eastern Michigan Fairgrounds, June 23-25
- Armada Fair August 14–20

Library Events

Call for details and registration 586-784-5921 For events, go to www.armadalib.org

.Parks

April Milsap Memorial Garden off Fulton Street

Armada Township Park off of North Ave.

Armada Board and Bike Skate Park 23175 Armada Center Rd.

Armada Fairgrounds 74280 Fair St.

CPO Jason R. Friewald Memorial Park 75400 North Ave.

.Library

Armada Free Public Library 73930 Church St. 586-784-5921 armadalib.org

Blake's Big Apple

71485 North Ave. Armada
586-784-9710 • blakefarms.com
U-pick fruits (seasonal), animal farm, produce store, wagon and pony rides.

Blake's Orchard & Cider Mill

17985 Armada Center Rd. Armada 586-784-5343 • blakefarms.com "Pick your own" fruits and vegetables. Family entertainment farm featuring train rides, pony rides, hayrides, cornfield mazes, petting farm and several animated attractions.





IN Your Town For the most up-to-date information, visit the websites below.

Bruce Township

Library Events

- Bookflix and online tutoring for library card holders
- Curbside pickup and at home delivery available
- Summer Reading Program June–August

Kezar Branch

Call for details and registration 586-752-2583 For events, go to www.romeodistrictlibrary.org

Graubner Branch

Call for details and registration 586-752-0603 For events, go to www.romeodistrictlibrary.org

Parks

Bruce Township Park 223 East Gates

Orchard Hills Park 11400 33 Mile Rd.

Libraries

Romeo District Library Kezar Branch

107 Church St. Romeo 586-752-2583 romeodistrictlibrary.org

Romeo District Library Graubner Branch

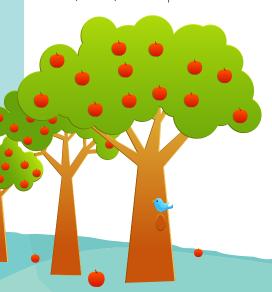
65821 Van Dyke Rd. Washington 586-752-0603 romeodistrictlibrary.org

Miller's Big Red Farms

4900 W. 32 Mile Rd. Romeo 586-752-7888 • millers-bigred.com U-pick apples, pumpkins, flowers, fresh produce, greenhouse and petting farm.

Verellen Orchards

63260 Van Dyke, Romeo 586-752-2989 • verellenorchards.com U-pick cherries and strawberries (seasonal), picnic area with old fashioned train, roadside market, donuts, cider and pies.



In Your Town For the most up-to-date information, visit the websites below

Center Line

2023 Summer Events

• Center Line Independence Fair - June 2-4 at Center Line Parks & Recreation

Library Events

Call for details and registration 586-758-8274

- eBooks for students K through 8
- www.globalroadwarrior.com for global knowledge on culture and history topics
- Summer Reading Progam reading challenges that will earn youth participants entries into a prize drawing!
- Every Wednesday storytime 11am and 4pm
- Second Saturday of every month storytime 11am

.Parks

Lions Park 8517 State Park

Memorial Park

25355 Lawrence Ave.

Rotary Park

23941 Lawrence Ave.

Library

Center Line Public Library

7345 Weingartz St. 586-758-8274 www.centerline.gov/library



In Your Town For the most up-to-date information, visit the websites below. Chesterfield Township

Library Events

Call for details and registration 586-598-4900

- Toddler time 10am May 1-August
- Movie Tuesday May 2, June 1, July 11, August 1
- Kids Board Games May 23
- Books & Babies May–July
- Pre-K/Kindergarten Drawing Class May–July
- Summer Reading Kickoff June 15
- Stories in the park June-July

.Parks

Brandenburg Park

50050 Jefferson Ave.

Connie M Bowles Memorial Park 30200 25 Mile Rd.

Pollard Park

55550 New Haven Rd.

..Library

Chesterfield Township Library

50560 Patricia St. 586-598-4900 www.chelibrary.org

Chesterfield Historical Society

47275 Sugarbrush Rd. Chesterfield 48051 586-949-0900 Ext. 6499

www.chesterfieldhistoricalsociety.org Preserves the history of Chesterfield. They are preserving the Weller School, a one-room schoolhouse, a log cabin, and the Kolping Chapel.

Stahls Automotive Foundation

56516 North Bay Dr. Chesterfield 48051 586-749-1078 • www.stahlsauto.com Created to build an appreciation for history. Their mission is to educate, motivate and inspire young people with an appreciation for vintage vehicles.

In Your Town

For the most up-to-date information, visit the websites below.

Clinton Township

.Parks

Budd Park

19000 Clinton River Dr.

Canal Park

20100 Clinton River Dr.

Civic Center Park

40700 Romeo Plank Rd.

George Memorial Park

40500 Moravian Dr.

Neil Reid Park

37705 Harper

Normandy Park

34300 Little Mack

Prince Drewry Park

21845 Quinn Rd.

Steiner Bld/Joy Park

24001 Joy Boulevard

Tomlinson Park

17900 Canal Rd.

Webster Park

19550 Webster

.Libraries

Clinton-Macomb Public Library Main Library

40900 Romeo Plank, Clinton Twp 586-226-5020 www.cmpl.org

Clinton-Macomb Public Library South Branch

35679 South Gratiot, Clinton Twp 586-226-5072 www.cmpl.org

Clinton-Macomb Public Library North Branch

16800 24 Mile Rd. Macomb Twp 586-226-5082 www.cmpl.org

Library Events

 Tumblebooks - children's eBook and math eBook databases for students K-6 https://tumblebooklibrary.com

Main Library

Call for details and registration 586-226-5020

 Visit https://cmpl.org/ for the most up to date information on events

South Branch

Call for details and registration 586-226-5072

 Visit https://cmpl.org/ for the most up to date information on events

North Branch

Call for details and registration 586-226-5082

 Visit https://cmpl.org/ for the most up to date information on events

Clinton Township Recreation and Enrichment

Register online: clintontownship.com/recreation

- Sporties for Shorties (ages 3-4)
- Easter Egg-citement April 9
- Festival of the Senses Art Fair -September 2023

*AMC Theaters

35705 S. Gratiot Ave. Clinton Twp 586-791-2095 44681 Mound Rd. Sterling Heights 586-254-1381 Sensory Friendly Movies

*CJ Barrymore's

21750 Hall Rd. Clinton Township 586-469-2800 • cjbarrymores.com Go Kart racing, miniature golf, video arcade, bumper boats, bowling, batting cages, rock climbing wall and more! Sunday and Friday evenings, special activities for children with special needs.

*Detroit Kid City

37051 Gratiot, Clinton Township
248-440-7458 • detroitkidcity.com
Mini Detroit play city, where the kids run the
show! Automotive factory, bank, barber shop,
post office, pizzeria, music studio, art center,
school house, and Up North Story Time
Center.

*Jungle Java

44595 Enterprise Dr. Clinton Township 586-203-0500 • junglejavaplay.com Indoor play center where kids can play and parents can relax!

Lorenzo Cultural Center -Building K

44575 Garfield Rd. Clinton Township 586-445-7348

lorenzoculturalcenter.com Explore the influences and experiences that shape our community's heritage through learning, celebration and entertainment. For more information, email culturalcenter@macomb.edu

Macomb Center for the Performing Arts

44575 Garfield Rd. Clinton Township 586-268-2222 • macombcenter.com The Macomb Center provides a diverse range of family-oriented cultural enrichment experiences by presenting high quality, professional performances.

Nicholson Nature Center

21417 Dunham Rd. Clinton Township A 33-acre preservation area with outdoor classrooms, walking/nature trails, observation platforms and comfort stations.

Revolution Laser Tag & Arcade

35335 Gratiot Ave. Clinton Township 586-791-5560 • revolutionlasertag.com Dual-level laser tag arena and full arcade.

Sanders-Morley Candy

22800 Hall Rd. Clinton Township
586-464-5700 • www.sanderscandy.com
See how chocolate is made! The Sanders
Chocolate Factory Tour is great for all ages.
Free tour and chocolate samples. Also stop
by the chocolate and ice cream shoppe for
yummy treats!

Windemere Equestrian Center

20615 Dunham Rd. Clinton Township 586-465-2170 windemereequestrian.com Shows, Pony Pals lessons and camps.

In Your Town For the most up-to-date information, visit the websites below. Eastpointe

Library Events

Call for details and registration 586-445-5096

- Outdoor programs Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm
- Storytimes for children Thursdays at 10:15am
- Craft programs June–August
- Book Clubs June–August

Parks

Fairlane Park

Toepfer (Beaconsfield Ave.)

Goetz Park

Beechwood and Lincoln Ave.

John F Kennedy Memorial Park 24501 Schroeder Ave.

Shamrock Park

23001 Lexington Ave.

Spindler Park 19400 Stephens

.Library

Eastpointe Memorial Library

15875 Oak Ave. 586-445-5096 cityofeastpointe.net

Michigan Military Technical Historical Society

1600 Stephens Rd. Eastpointe, 48021 586-872-2581 • www.mimths.org Dedicated to preserving the stories of Michigan citizens who served and sacrificed from WWI to present.

*Roseville-Eastpointe Recreation Authority Indoor Park

18185 Sycamore, Roseville
586-445-5480 • www.ci.roseville.mi.us
Children can play on a climber and slides, bikes,
wagons and with balls and playground equipment
in a safe, dry environment.

In Your Town Fraser

For the most up-to-date information, visit the websites below.

2023 Summer Events

 Fraser Fresh Farmers Market, 2nd Saturday of the Month -May-September, 9am-1pm, Steffens Park

Library Events

Call for details and registration 586-293-2055

- Bookflix for library card holders for students Pre-K through 8
- Library offers virtual events visit website for details
- Baby & Me Storytime Tuesdays 10:30 am

Parks

Boris Park

15794 E. 14 Mile Rd.

Fort Fraser

17071 Anita Ave.

Harrington Trails Park

15909 E. 14 Mile Rd.

Joe Blanke Park off of Garfield

McKinley Park 31500 Grove St.

Meadows Park off of Masonic

Pompo Park off of Klein Road

Reindel Park 31284 Groesbeck Hwy.

Somerset Park 18525 Masonic

Walter C Steffens Park 33000 Garfield Rd.

.Library

Fraser Public Library 16330 E 14 Mile Rd. 586-293-2055 www.micityoffraser.com



In Your Town For the most up-to-date information, visit the websites below. Harrison Township

Library Events

Call for details and registration 586-329-1261 or visit website for more information

- Book Break at the Beach 11:00am June 17-August 14
- Summer Reading Kickoff 12-2pm June 24
- Baby Playgroup 10am June 28, July 12, July 16, August 9
- Take and Make Crafts June 30, July 14, August
- Macomb County Sheriff K-9 Demonstration July 7
- Tie-Dye Party July 8
- Sloan Planetarium July 15
- Reptarium July 22
- Painting Party August 4

Parks

Aloysius Trombley Park 39728 Flmite St.

Harrison Township Waterfront Park

34890 Jefferson Ave.

Lake St Clair Metropark 31300 Metro Parkway

Morine Park 29420 Emerick St.

Tucker Park 27000 Ballard

Library

Harrison Township Public Library 38255 L'Anse Creuse St. 586-329-1261 htlibrary.org

Lake St. Clair Metropark Nature Center

31300 Metro Pkwy. Harrison Township 586-463-4332 • www.metroparks.com/lakest-clair-metropark/ The nature center provides a wide range of activities for families.

Selfridge Air Museum 27333 Cst. Harrison Township

Air National Guard Base 586-239-5035 selfridgeairmuseum.org Walk through military aircraft displays and see airplane maneuvers overhead.

In Your Town For the most up-to-date information, visit the websites below. Lenox Township

Library Events

Call for details and registration 586-749-3430

• Crafts for chilldren offered every month - sign up online and do at home

Visit www.lenoxlibrary.org for the most up to date information Visit Facebook page at www.facebook.com/LenoxTwpLibrary/

..Parks

Lenox Township Park 63975 Gratiot Ave.

Wetzel State Recreation Area 60619 Werderman Rd.

...Library

Lenox Township Library 58976 Main St. New Haven 586-749-3430 lenoxlibrary.org



In Your Town

For the most up-to-date information,

Macomb Township

.Parks

Budd Park

19000 Clinton River Dr.

Canal Park

20100 Clinton River Dr.

Civic Center Park

40700 Romeo Plank Rd.

George Memorial Park

40500 Moravian Dr.

Neil Reid Park

37705 Harper

Normandy Park

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Prince Drewry Park

21845 Ouinn Rd.

Steiner Bld/Joy Park

24001 Joy Boulevard

Tomlinson Park

17900 Canal Rd.

Webster Park

Webster St.

Libraries

Clinton-Macomb Public Library **Main Library**

40900 Romeo Plank, Clinton Twp 586-226-5020 www.cmpl.org

Clinton-Macomb Public Library South Branch

35679 South Gratiot, Clinton Twp 586-226-5072 www.cmpl.org

Clinton-Macomb Public Library North Branch

16800 24 Mile Rd. Macomb Twp 586-226-5082 www.cmpl.org

2023 Summer Events

 Follow on Facebook at facebook.com/ macomb-twpparksandrec and website at www.macomb-mi.gov/rec for free summer events for families

Library Events

Main Library

Call for details and registration 586-226-5020

· Visit https://cmpl.org/ for the most up to date information on events

South Branch

Call for details and registration 586-226-5072

 Visit https://cmpl.org/ for the most up to date information on events

North Branch

Call for details and registration 586-226-5082

• Visit https://cmpl.org/ for the most up to date information on events

*Goldfish Swim School

18377 Hall Rd. Macomb 248-243-4966

goldfishswimschool.com Swim lessons and family swim times.

Justamere Equestrian Centre

56295 Card Rd. Macomb Township 586-295-1313 • justamere.info Training, boarding, shows and camps.

Macomb Township Recreation Center

20699 Macomb St. Macomb Township 586-992-2900

macombrecreationcenter.com Gymnasiums, birthday party rooms, indoor playground, a feature pool, an activity pool, a lazy river, water slide and a hot tub.

26 Mile Road Nature Preserve

2225

IN Your Town For the most up-to-date information, visit the websites below.

Mount Clemens

.Parks

Cairs Field

58 Orchard St.

Clemens Park

North Gratiot and Park St.

Clinton River Park

26789 Ballard St.

Dorothea-Lenore Park

Dorothea and Lenore Sts.

Kenneth D Kirkum Memorial Park

58 South Wilson

Lawndale Park

251 Dickinson St.

MacArthur Park

96 North River Rd.

Memorial Park

300 Groesbeck

Olsen Park

850 Harrington

Rotary Park

47 North Main St.

Shadyside Park

155 Shadyside

Sleepy Hollow Riverside Dr.

Library

Mount Clemens Public Library

150 Cass Ave. 586-469-6200

www.mtclib.org

2023 Summer Events

- Mount Clemens Art Fair June 2023
- Holiday Market-Anton Art Center November-December 2023 - Online and in person - visit www.theartcenter.org/holiday-market for more details

Library Events

Call for details and registration 586-469-6200

- Bookflix, Storytime online, www.abcmouse.com www.readtogetherbetogether.com See website for more online resources for in home learning.
- Visit Library Facebook page for up-to-date events

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In Your Town For the most up-to-date information, visit the websites below. Mount Clemens (continued)

Anton Art Center

125 Macomb Pl. Mount Clemens 586-469-8666 • theartcenter.org The Art Center offers exhibits, educational programming and special events for all ages. For more information, email information@theatercenter.org

Crocker House Museum

15 Union St. Mount Clemens 586-465-2488

crockerhousemusuem.com
The museum offers a late Victorian home-life
experience. For more information, email
info@crockerhousemuseum.com

The Discovery Center

54 Cherry Street, Mount Clemens 586-615-7928

www.discoverymacomb.org
The Discovery Museum (formerly known as
the Macomb Hands-On Children's Museum)
has been a staple educational provider for
families in Macomb County and surrounding
areas. For more information, email
discoverymacomb@gmail.com.

*Macomb YMCA

10 North River Rd. Mount Clemens 586-468-1411 • ymcadetroit.org 23401 E Jefferson, St Clair Shores 586-778-5811 • ymcadetroit.org Recreation, gym and aquatic opportunities.

Michigan Transit Museum Depot

and tours.

200 Grand, Mount Clemens 586-463-1863 michigantransitmuseum.org Exhibits of rail and electric trolley history

*Mount Clemens Farmers Market

141 North River Rd. Mount Clemens 586-493-7600

mountclemensfarmersmarket.com Visit the website for more information.

*Mount Clemens Ice Arena

200 North Groesbeck Hwy. Mount Clemens 586-307-8202 mountclemensicearena.com Take classes, open skate, or sledding hills

*Train Ride at Joy Park

during winter season.

Joy Blvd. Mount Clemens 586-463-1863 michigantransitmuseum.org Enjoy a 30-40 minute train ride. Bring a picnic



In Your Town For the most up-to-date information, visit the websites below.

New Baltimore

2023 Summer Events

- · Art on the Bay Fine Art and Craft Show Labor Day Weekend
- Bay-Rama Fishfly Festival June 21–25

Library Events

Call for details and registration 586-725-0273

- Tumblebooks and Audio Cloud for eBooks for students
- Grab n' Go browsing and Curbside check out for library card holders
- Baby and Me storytime April 18
- Make it Mondays April-August
- Toddler and Preschool story time April–August

Visit www.macdonaldlibrary.org for the most up to date information on events

..Parks

Festival Park 35630 St Clair Dr.

Maynard "Red" Aurand Memorial Park 34900 Huntley Dr.

Ruedisale Point Park 50400 Ruedisale St.

Reginald Brady ParkBetween Reginald and Brady Sts.

Walter and Mary Burke Park 36300 Front St.

.Library

MacDonald Public Library 36480 Main St. 586-725-0273 macdonaldlibrary.org

Chesterfield Nature Preserve

46000 Sugarbush Rd. New Baltimore 734-484-6565 • http://smlcland.org

Farmers Market

50976 Washington New Baltimore May 1–October www.newbaltimorefarmersmarket.com

Frank C. Ruzzin Nature Center

32900 24 Mile Rd. New Baltimore

In Your Town New Haven

For the most up-to-date information, visit the websites below.

Library Events

Call for details and registration 586-749-3430

 Crafts for children offered every month - sign up online and do at home

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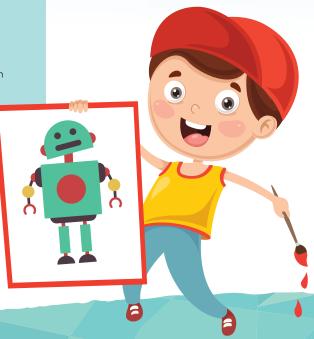
New Haven Village Park 59450 Haven Ridge Rd.

Wetzel State Recreation 27 Mile Rd.

Fountain Park 58420 Main

Library

Lenox Township Library 58976 Main St. New Haven 586-749-3430 lenoxlibrary.org



In Your Town For the most up-to-date information, visit the websites below. Ray Township

Call for details and registration 586-749-7130

Library Events

 Facebook Live Events - Crafts and story times
 Visit www.raylibrary.org/ for the most up to date information on events

.Parks

Ray Township Park 64255 Wolcott

Wolcott Mill Interpretive Learning Center 63841 Wolcott

Wolcott Mill Metropark 65775 Wolcott

.Library

Ray Township Public Library 64255 Wolcott Rd. 586-749-7130 raylibrary.org

Wolcott Mill Farm Center

65775 Wolcott Rd. Ray Township 586-752-5932 • www.metroparks.com/ Wolcott-Mill-Metropark-Farm-Center Meet the animals on the 250-acre working farm.

Wolcott Mill Metropark Historic Center

64162 Kunstman Rd. Ray Township 586-749-5997 • www.metroparks.com/ Wolcott-Mill-Metropark See a grist and feed mill, plus a barn museum with a restored Model T dump truck.

In Your Town Richmond

For the most up-to-date information, visit the websites below.

2023 Summer Events

• Good Old Days Festival - September 7-10

Library Events

Call for details and registration 586-727-2665

- · Lap Sit story time April-August
- · Preschool story time April-August
- Summer Reading Program June-August

Richmond Parks & Recreation - Memorial Day-Labor Day 586-727-3064

.Parks

Beebe Street Memorial Park

69310 Beebe St.

Bailey Park

69310 Beebe St.

Gierk Street Park

Gierk and George Sts.

..Library

Lois Wagner Memorial Library

35200 Division Rd. 586-727-2665

www.cityofrichmond.net/191/Lois-Wagner-Memorial-Library

Richmond Community Theater

69619 Parker St. Richmond 586-727-9518

richmondtheater.com

Richmond Community Schools Theater Group.



In Your Town Romeo

For the most up-to-date information, visit the websites below.

2023 Summer Events

 Michigan Peach Festival - Labor Day Weekend - visit www.romeopeachfestival.com for more details

Library Events

- Bookflix and online tutoring for library card holders.
- Summer Reading Program June-August

Kezar Branch

Call for details and registration 586-752-2583 For events, go to www.romeodistrictlibrary.org

Graubner Branch

Call for details and registration 586-752-0603 For events, go to www.romeodistrictlibrary.org

..Parks

Crystal Diamonds Fields 14713 33 Mile Rd.

Romeo Village Park 115 West Newberry

Romeo Lions Field 269 Washington St.

.Libraries

Romeo District Library Kezar Branch

107 Church St. Romeo 586-752-2583 romeodistrictlibrary.org

Romeo District Library Graubner Branch

65821 Van Dyke Rd. Washington 586-752-0603 romeodistrictlibrary.org

Hy's Cider Mill

6350 37 Mile Rd. Romeo 810-798-3611 • https://hyscidermill.com/

Miller's Big Red Orchard

4900 W. 32 Mile Rd. Romeo 586-752-7888 • www.facebook.com/ bigredorchard U-pick apples, pumpkins, flowers, fresh produce, greenhouse and petting farm.

The Romeo Historical Society

290 N. Main St. Romeo 586-752-4111

Facebook page-The Romeo Historical Museum Non-profit organization that operates two museums, and Art and Archives Centers. These museums display exhibits and artifacts that teach the history of Romeo.

Stony Creek Orchard and Cider Mill

2961 W. 32 Mile Rd. Romeo 586-752-2453 • stonycreekorchard.com U-pick apples, pumpkins and raspberries (seasonal). Fresh apple cider and hot donuts.

Verellen Orchards

63260 Van Dyke, Romeo 586-752-2989 • verellenorchards.com U-pick cherries and strawberries (seasonal), picnic area with old fashioned train, roadside market, donuts, cider and pies.

Westview Orchards and Winery

65075 Van Dyke, Romeo
586-752-3123 • westvieworchards.com
Petting barns, straw mountain, live family shows,
2-acre playground, tractor driven hayrides and bakery.

In Your Town Roseville

For the most up-to-date information, visit the websites below.

Library Events

Call for details and registration 586-445-5407

Summer Reading Program

Visit www.rosevillelibrary.org for complete schedule of library events

Parks

Dooley Park

30889 Edison Dr.

Huron Park

18605 Frazho Rd.

Kiwanas Park

19200 Martin Rd.

Lions Park

Wellington St. (across from Fountain Elementary)

Macomb Gardens Park

25271 Macomb St.

Packard Park

Curtis St. West

Recreation Center

18185 Sycamore St.

Rotary Park

29571 Utica Rd.

Veterans Memorial Park

16314 Chestnut

Library

Roseville Public Library

29777 Gratiot 586-445-5407

www.rosevillelibrary.org

*Great Skate

29100 Hayes, Roseville 586-777-4300 • greatskateonline.com Roller skating/blading for all ages.

*Roseville-Eastpointe Recreation Authority Indoor Park

18185 Sycamore, Roseville 586-445-5480 • www.ci.roseville.mi.us Children can play on a climber and slides, bikes, wagons and with balls and playground equipment in a safe, dry environment.

In Your Town For the most up-to-date information, visit the websites below. St. Clair Shores

Library Events

Call for details and registration 586-771-8935

- https://tutor.com online tutors for assist with homework help
- Summer Reading Club June-August

Visit www.scslibrary.org for the most up to date information on events

. Parks

Alexander Park

27260 Lane St.

Blossom Heath Park

24800 Jefferson

Frederick Park

Pallister

Fresard Park

Fresard St.

Gaffke Park

Gaffke St.

Herman Brys Park

20700 Brys

Kaufman Park

Grove and Elaine

Kyte Monroe Park

32701 Harper

Lac Sainte Blair Park

27600 Jefferson

Wahby Park

24800 Jefferson

Veterans Memorial Park

32400 Jefferson

Library

St Clair Shores Library

22500 11 Mile Rd. 586-771-9020

www.scslibrary.org

*Soulliere Garden Center

23919 Little Mack Ave. St Clair Shores 586-776-2811 • soulieregardens.com



In Your Town For the most up-to-date information, visit the websites below. Shelby Township

Library Events

Call for details and registration 586-739-7414

- Family Storytime June 13, 20 & 27, July 11, 18 & 25, August 1 & 8
- Children's Farm June 21
- Paws to Read June 24, July 8, August 5
- Melly Pop! Puppet Show June 28
- Choose Your Own Adventure Book Club June 29, July 13, August 10
- Baby Bears Storytime June 30, July 14 & 28, August 11
- Sounds Like Science July 5
- Caribbean Steel Drums July 12
- Pokemon Hangout July 15
- Dance for Kindness July 19
- Sheer Genius: The Laugh Factory July 26
- Drummunity August 2

.Parks

Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center 4101 River Bends Dr.

Chief Gene Shepherd Park 2452 23 Mile Rd.

Ford Field-Central Park 7460 23 Mile Rd.

Holland Ponds

50385 Ryan Rd.

Lombardo Park 11695 22 Mile Rd.

Mae Stecker Park

8600 24 Mile Rd.

River Bends Park 5700 22 Mile Rd.

Stony Creek Metropark 4600 Main Park Rd.

Whispering Woods Park 10000 21 Mile Rd.

Woodall Neighborhood Park & Skate Park

4550 River Bends Dr.

.Library

Shelby Township Library 51680 Van Dyke

586-739-7414 shelbytwplib.org

Utica Community Schools Camps and Classes:

 Visit http://ucscommunityeducation.org/ enrichment for the most up to date information on classes and camps

Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center

4101 River Bends Dr. Shelby Township 586-323-2478 • www.shelbytwp.org/burgess-shadbush_nature_center/index.html

Nature related experiences and activities to help visitors of all ages develop and rekindle an awareness and appreciation for the natural world around them.

*Joe Dumars Fieldhouse

45300 Mound Rd. Shelby Township 586-731-3080 • joedumarsfieldhouse.com Miniature golf, climbing wall, laser tag, arcade, high ropes, obstacle course, 33-foot Titanic slide and roller hockey arena.

*The New Rink

50625 Van Dyke Ave. Shelby Township 586-731-5006 • thenewrink.com Roller sports and bounce zone.

Painting Sensations

45653 Hayes Rd. Shelby Township 586-580-3968

Plaster Playhouse

50652 Sabrina Dr. Shelby Township 586-566-0666 • plasterplayhouse.biz Create art from pottery, plaster, mosaics and more.

*Pump It Up!

15117 Commercial Dr. Shelby Township 586-416-4386 • pumpitupparty.com "The Inflatable Party Zone"

*Sky Zone Trampoline Park

50810 Sabrina Dr. Shelby Township 586-930-0600 • skyzone.com Open jump, Foam Zone, SkyRobics, 3D Dodgeball



In Your Town

For the most up-to-date information, visit the websites below.

Sterling Heights

.Parks

Arlington Park 2300 Jonathon Dr.

Avis Park 2525 Avis

Baumgartner Park 1300 15 Mile Rd.

Beaver Creek Park 34100 King Richard

Carpathia Park 37550 Carol Dr.

Clinton River Park North 8600 Riverland Dr.

Chappelle Park 35748 Ensign

Clinton River Trail System 40555 Utica Rd.

College Park 14722 Rice

Delia Park 3001 18 Mile Rd.

Dodge Park 40620 Utica Rd.

Donovan Park 11566 Clinton River

Farmstead Park 12160 Clinton River Dr.

Franklin Park 2850 Franklin Park

Freedom Hill County Park 15000 Metro Parkway

Hadley Park 11000 Canal

Hampton Park 4600 Franklin Park

Imus Park 37651 Dodge Park Rd.

2023 Summer Events

 Sterling Fest - visit Facebook page for the most up to date information

Library Events

Call for details and registration 586-446-2665

Tumblebooks - https://tumblebooklibrary.com
 Visit https://www.sterling-heights.net/590/
 Library for the most up to date information on library events

*AirTime Trampoline & Game Park

44855 Hayes Rd. Sterling Heights 586-788-7800 • airtimetrampoline.com Features foam pits, dodgeball, basketball, Jam Sessions and open jump areas.

*AMC Theaters

35705 S. Gratiot Ave. Clinton Twp 586-791-2095 44681 Mound Rd. Sterling Heights 586-254-1381 Sensory Friendly Movies

*Aqua-Tots Swim School

4489 Hayes Rd. Sterling Heights 586-884-3633 • aqua-tots.com Swim lessons and pool parties.

*Chuck E. Cheese

13745 Lakeside Circle, Sterling Heights 586-532-8989 Sensory Sensitive Sundays – First Sunday of every month 31920 Gratiot Ave. Roseville 586-293-0808 • chuckecheese.com

Jo-Ann

www.joann.com/classes Be a maker at any age! Classes for kids, teens and adults.

.Parks (continued)

Kenneth Wolf Park 38405 Gladstone

Lakeside Island Park 14700 Lakeside Circle

Magnolia Park 4900 Metro Parkway

Moravian Park 14602 Brandywine

Nelson Park 2775 15 Mile Rd.

Rotary Park 37314 Utica at Hayes

Sawyers Family Park 14655 Carmel

Washington Square Park 14760 Potomac

.Library

Sterling Heights Public Library 40255 Dodge Park Rd. 586-446-2665 www.shpl.net

*Lakeshore Learning

12210 Hall Rd. Sterling Heights 586-803-1435 • lakeshorelearning.com Free craft Saturdays for kids ages 3 and up.

Macomb Civic Theater

33240 Chatsworth, Sterling Heights
586-491-3711 • macombcivic.org
Community based theater program and strategic
partner of Sterling Heights Parks and Rec, with
"open casting". Special needs inclusive.

*Michaels

www.michaels.com/kids-club/ca-kids-club.html Drop in and take home a completed project. Just \$2 per child for 30 minutes of creative craft fun (supplies included).

Michigan Lottery Amphitheater at Freedom Hill

14900 Metropolitan Pkwy. Sterling Heights 586-268-9700

The 7,200 seat Freedom Hill Amphitheater is home to a summer concert series and many cultural and community festivals.

*Play Place for Autistic Children

39337 Mound, Sterling Heights 586-254-6533 • autisticplayplace.org A play-powered common place focusing on inclusion, acceptance and support.

Sterling Heights Nature Center

42700 Utica, Sterling Heights 586-446-2710 • www.sterling-heights.net/302/ Nature-Center

Live animals, hands-on displays, movies, kids' classes and family programs, also includes atrium and aquarium.

*Zap Zone

43680 Van Dyke Ave, Sterling Heights 586-323-0030 • zap-zone.com Laser tag, bumper cars, arcades, jump zones

In Your Town Utica

For the most up-to-date information, visit the websites below.

Library Events

Call for details and registration 586-731-4141

- Monthly Take and Make Kits
- Library Challenges
- Summer Reading Program June-August

Visit https://www.uticalibrary.com/ for the most up to date information on events

.Parks

Grant Park 8201 Hahn St.

Heritage Park 44505 Van Dyke Ave.

...Library

Utica Public Library 7530 Auburn Rd. 586-731-4141 uticalibrary.com

Utica Community Schools Camps and Classes:

 Visit http://ucscommunityeducation.org/ enrichment for the most up to date information on classes and camps



In Your Town Warren

For the most up-to-date information, visit the websites below.

.Parks

Altermatt Park

4811 Toepfer

Austin-Dannis Park

5200 Stephens

Bates Park

32601 Warkop

Burdi Park

7000 12 Mile Rd.

Busse Park

5002 Frazho

Butcher Park

4700 Martin

Eckstein Park 31810 Davy

Groesbeck Park

22221 Memphis

Halmich Park

3001 13 Mile Rd.

Hartsig Park

2701 Martin

Jaycee Park

11371 Timken

Licht Park

30100 Campbell

McGrath Park

13300 Leisure

Miller Park

14500 Masonic

Rentz Park

12000 Herbert Ave.

Rinke Park

28500 Arsenal

Shaw Park

22001 Warner

Steinhauser Park

3101 Frazho

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Library Events

- Storytimes at the Park June–August Call 586-751-0770 for more information
- Summer Reading Club June-August
- Visit warrenlibrary.net and facebook.com/ warrenpubliclibrary for information about summer reading club, electronic resources, virtual programs, grab-and-go crafts, in person events and virtual library cards

Civic Center Library

Call for details and registration 586-751-0770

Burnette Branch Library

Call for details and registration 586-353-0579

Busch Branch Library

Call for details and registration 586-353-0580

Miller Branch Library

Call for details and registration 586-751-5377

Warren Public Library

Call for details and registration 586-264-4387

Offer free access for library cardholders to:

- Freegal, streaming and downloadable music
- Overdrive eBooks, eAudiobooks, digital music, streaming movies, and digital graphic novels
- Pronunciator a language-learning eResources for studying more than 80 languages and ESL for 50 languages
- Tutor.com, which provides on demand, real-time tutoring with tutors for students in grades K–12
- Electronic reference sources, such as encyclopedias and full text databases

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In Your Town For the most up-to-date information, visit the websites below. Warren (continued)

..Parks (continued)

Trombly Park 14775 Alvin

Underwood Park 13700 Sidonie

Veterans Park 27400 Campbell

Warren Community Park 5460 Arden

Weigand Park 8700 Toepfer

Winters Park 13000 St Andrews

.Libraries

warrenlibrary.net

Warren City Center LibraryOne City Square 586-751-0770

Maybelle Burnette Library 22005 Van Dyke 586-758-2115

Dorothy Busch Public Library 23333 Ryan 586-755-5750

Arthur J Miller Public Library 5460 Arden Ave. 586-751-5377

Friends of the Warren Public Library

5959 Beebe Ave. 586-264-3487

Warren City Square Park

1 City Sq. Warren • cityofwarren.org Outdoor fountains and splash area.

*Warren Civic Theatre

Warren Community Center 5460 Arden Ave. Warren 586-268-8400 • warrencivic.org The group strives to produce, promote and educate our community in all aspects of the theatre arts using professional and amateur, local and national talent. Many productions incorporate "open casting," where ANYONE who auditions for that show will be given a role.

Warren Community Center Indoor Water Park

5460 Arden, Warren 586-268-8400 • cityofwarren.org Swimming lessons, pool, lazy river, water slides, play structure, dump buckets and hot tub.

Warren Symphony Orchestra

4504 E. 9 Mile Rd. Warren
586-754-2950 • motorcitysymphony.com
Provides audiences of all ages and backgrounds
an opportunity to deepen and broaden their
classical musical interests.

In Your Town For the most up-to-date information, visit the websites below. Washington Township

Library Events

Bookflix and online tutoring for library card holders

Kezar Branch

Call for details and registration 586-752-2583 For events, go to www.romeodistrictlibrary.org

Graubner Branch

Call for details and registration 586-752-0603

For events, go to www.romeodistrictlibrary.org

.Parks

Gilcher-Crissman Park 6859 29 Mile Rd.

Washington Township Park & Fields

57900 Van Dyke Rd.

.Libraries

Romeo District Library Kezar Branch

107 Church St. Romeo 586-752-2583 romeodistrictlibrary.org

Romeo District Library Graubner Branch

65821 Van Dyke Rd. Washington 586-752-0603 romeodistrictlibrary.org

All the World's a Stage: A Chance for Kids to Grow!

66136 Van Dyke Ave. Washington Twp 586-243-2253 For more information, email loufazzini@mac.com
Offers a theater curriculum to provide a solid foundation of acting skills.

Loren Andrus Octagon House

57500 Van Dyke Ave. Washington www.octagonhouse.org
Learn about the historic Loren Andrus Octagon House. Many educational opportunities to discover and learn at this unique octagon house.

Washington Historic Museum and John Dyer-Hurdon Scout Museum

58230 Van Dyke Ave. Washington Twp. 586-786-5304 or 248-652-2458

www.washhistsoc.org

The Washington Historical Museum is in the old Washington High School. The museum features an extensive display on George Washington. Exhibits include a music room, a vintage sport display, and an early 1900's kitchen. The Scout museum contains the largest collection of Boy Scouts paraphernalia in the Southeastern Michigan area. For tours, call 586-850-3673

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TalkingisTeachingMacomb@gmail.com

Target Audience: Caregivers and children birth to 8 yrs. old



Talking is Teaching Reading in the Park

Saturday's / 11:00 a.m. to noon



Where/ When:

July 15, 2023 Grant Park

(45081 Grant Park St. Utica, MI 48317)

July 22, 2023 Halmich Park

(3001 E. Thirteen Mile Rd. Warren, MI 48092)

July 29, 2023 Fort Fraser

(17075 Anita Ave. Fraser, MI 48026)

August 5, 2023 Shaw Park

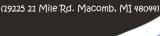
122001 Warner Ave. Warren, MI 48091)

August 12, 2023

Walter and Mary Burke Park

(36300 Front St. New Baltimore, MI 48047)

August 19, 2023 Waldenburg Park







Register with Kim Morales at talkingisteachingmacomb@gmail.com to reserve your spot!

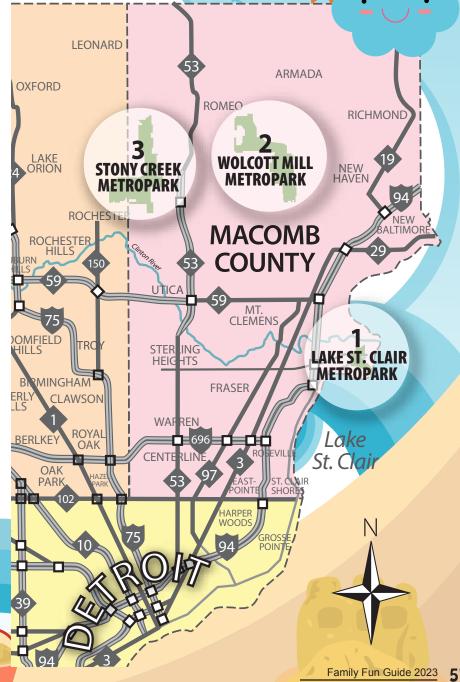






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Lake St. Clair Metropark

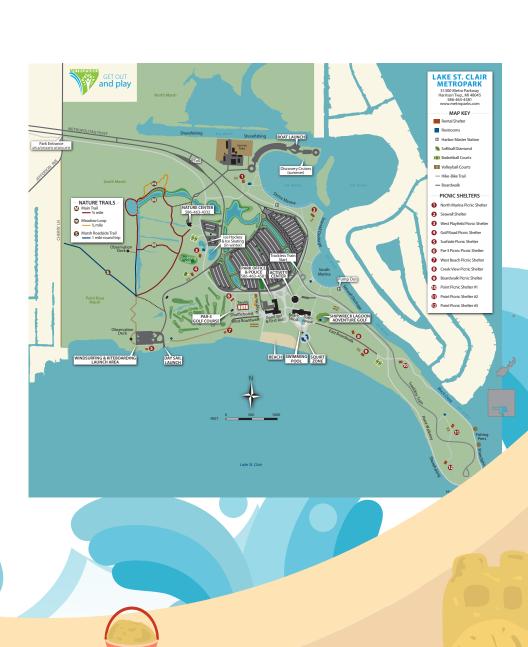
31300 Metro Parkway • Harrison Township MI 48045 (586) 463-4581 www.metroparks.com/Lake-St.-Clair-Metropark

Activities

Little Critters: Buzz on Bees - May 16
Little Critters: Fantastic Frogs - June 20

 For the most up to date activities and events, visit www.metroparks.com/events/Lake-St.-Clair-Metropark





Stony Creek Metropark

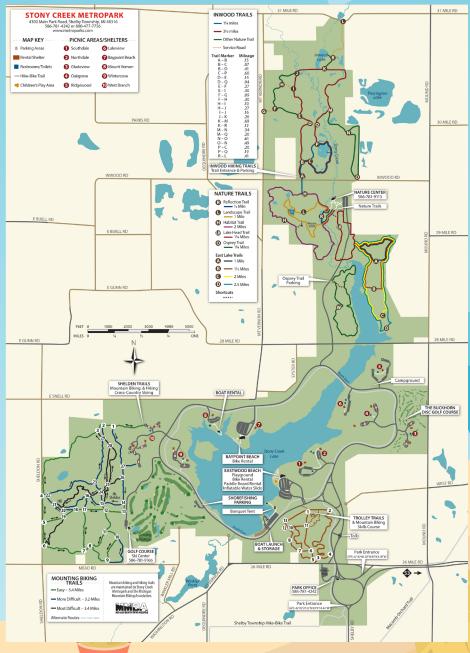
4300 Main Park Road • Shelby Township MI 48316 (586) 781-4242 www.metroparks.com/Stony-Creek-Metropark

Activities

- Biking Rental-Eastwood Beach Memorial Day to Labor Day
- Boat Rental Memorial Day to Labor Day
- Paddleboarding Through Labor Day
- Camping
- Playscape at Eastwood Beach
- Beaches at Baypoint Beach and Eastwood Beach Memorial Day to Labor Day
 Walk-A-Mom May 14
- Let's Go Outside (Preschool) 10:30–11:30am May 15, June 19
- Nature Arts & Crafts May 27, June 24

For the most up to date activities and events, visit www.metroparks.com/events/Stony-Creek-Metropark





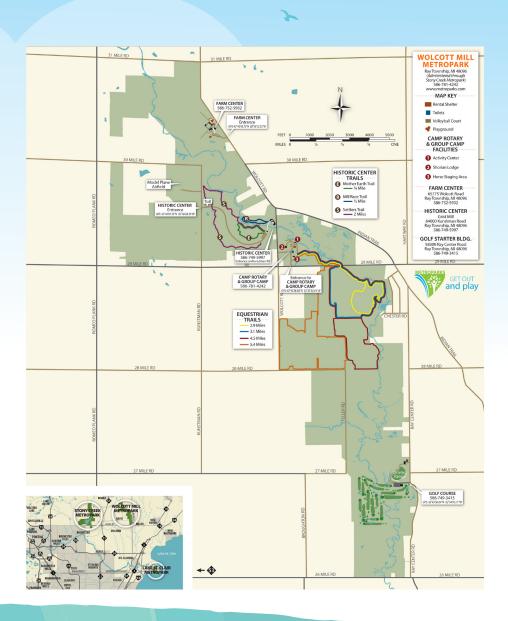
Wolcott Mill Metropark

65775 Wolcott Road • Ray MI 48096-1823 (586) 752-5932 www.metroparks.com/Wolcott-Mill-Metropark

Activities

- Preschool Nature Explorers: Indian Springs May 4
- Storytime on the Farm May 7
- Mother's Day Hike May 14
- Little Critters May 16, June 20
- Preschool Nature Explorers: Bubble Fun June 1
- For the most up to date activities and events, visit www.metroparks.com/events/Wolcott-Mill-Metropark





Discover More Family Fun



Great Start Macomb

greatstartmacomb.org

Online calendar packed with events for Macomb families. Parenting classes, play groups, story times, and more!



Make Macomb Your Home

makemacombyourhome.com

Everything you need to know about living, working and playing in Macomb County.



MetroParent

metroparent.com

An online parenting community offering expert advice, stories and ways for parents to enrich their experience raising the next generation.



Meet Up and Eat Up Summer Food Program

Meet Up and Eat Up provides breakfast and lunch for children 18 and younger Monday through Friday all summer long. Text Food to 877-877 to find a Meet Up and Eat Up summer site in your neighborhood.



Participating school districts: Center Line, Clintondale, Eastpointe, Fitzgerald, Fraser, Lake Shore, L'Anse Creuse, Mount Clemens, New Haven, Richmond, Roseville, South Lake, Utica, Van Dyke, Warren Consolidated, Warren Woods

Welcome all families and caregivers of children birth to age 12!



When: 6:00-8:00pm

September 8, 2023

December 15, 2023

March 22, 2024

November 17, 2023

January 19, 2024

May 10, 2024

Where: Macomb ISD (44001 Garfield Road, Clinton Township, MI 48038)

- ⇒ Learn about child development
 - ⇒ Make friends
- ⇒ Help shape early childhood in your community







Scan Me to reserve your spot!



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