

Welcome to our August 2023 newsletter!

Let's start out by expressing our gratitude for your exceptional caregiving efforts. Your dedication and commitment make a significant difference in the lives of those you care for.

Please make sure to take advantage of the list of events and resources to support you further in your caregiving journey. We hope that these events and resources will be valuable to you as you continue to provide exceptional care.

As summer vacation comes to an end, it's time to prepare for the transition back to school for many. Remember transitioning from summer vacation to back to school can be an adjustment for children, parents, and caregivers so don't forget to take care of yourself, as your well-being is crucial in your caregiving journey.

Thank you for your dedication to caregiving!

PPRS

# August 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1. World Wide Web 🌐		3. National Watermelon Day 🍉	4. International Beer Day 🍺	
		8. International Cat Day 🐱	9. National Book Lovers Day 📖	10. World Lion Day 🦁	11. National Son & Daughter Day 👨👧	12. International Youth Day
13. International Lefthanders Day	14. National Financial Awareness Day 📊	15. Relaxation Day 😊		17. National Nonprofit Day	18. National Fajita Day 🌮	19. World Photography Day 📷
20. Lemonade Day 🍋	21. World Senior Citizens Day 👴	22. World Plant Milk Day 🥛		24. National Waffle Day 🍷		26. International Dog Day 🐕
	28. US Open 🎾 (28 Aug - 10 Sept)		30. National Beach Day 🏖️	31. Eat Outside Day 🍷		



Celebrate Colorado's  
147th Birthday!



Tuesday, August 1st, 2023

All museums statewide

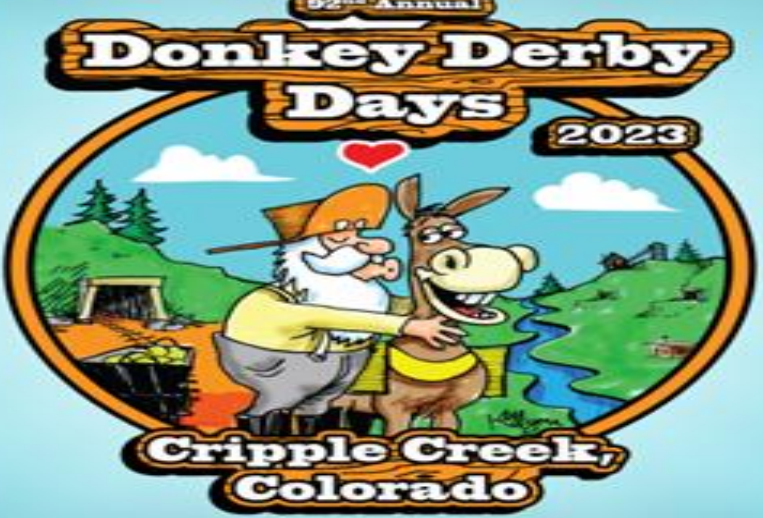
History Colorado

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*Vendors • Attractions • Kid's Zone • Parade  
• Donkey Derby • Friday Night Street Dance  
& Concerts All Weekend!*

92<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
**Donkey Derby  
Days** 2023



**Cripple Creek,  
Colorado**

**AUG. 11, 12, 13  
2023**

*see you soon!*

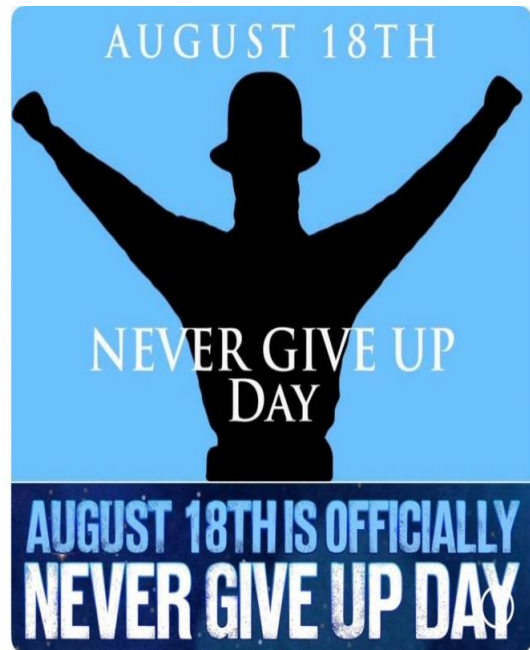


**Autism**  
*Vision of Colorado*

## SUMMER 2023 EVENTS

(RSVPs for all events are required to [srstarkey1@juno.com](mailto:srstarkey1@juno.com))

<b>June 6: Bear Creek Nature Center hike, 10:00-11:00</b>	<b>July 8: Mini-golf, 10:00</b>
<b>June 10: Annual Picnic at Nancy Lewis Park, 10:00-2:00</b>	<b>July 13: Pizza Party at Slice 420, 12:00</b>
<b>June 14: Splash and Play at John Venezia Park, 10:00-12:00</b>	<b>July 15: Summer Concert and Family Fun Day, 10:00-2:00</b>
<b>June 17: Paper Airplane Contest &amp; Fundraiser Cottonwood Creek Park, 10:00</b>	<b>July 18: Playdate at Focus on the Family, 10:00</b>
<b>June 27: Playdate at Palmer Park, 9:00-11:00</b>	<b>July 26: Laser Tag, 11:00</b>
	<b>Aug 2: Learning at the Fire Museum, 10:00</b>
	<b>Aug 11: Starsmore Discovery Center hike, 10:00</b>



# 2023 COLORADO FREE DAYS

**Denver Zoo**  
2300 Steele St., Denver  
720.337.1400  
denverzoo.org

Jan. 6	Oct. 7
Jan. 22	Nov. 7
Feb. 5	Nov. 12
Apr. 9	

**Denver Botanic Gardens at York St.**  
1007 York St., Denver  
720.865.3500  
botanicgardens.org

Jan. 16	Apr. 22	Aug. 15
Feb. 16	Jun. 6	Nov. 24
Mar. 15	Jul. 5	

**Children's Museum**  
2121 Children's Museum Dr.,  
Denver  
303.433.7444  
mychildsmuseum.org

May 19	Jul. 21	Sep. 15
Jun. 16	Aug. 18	

*Joy Park free 4pm -8pm*

**Denver Art Museum**  
100 W. 14th Avenue Pkwy.,  
Denver  
720.865.5000  
denverartmuseum.org

Jan. 10	Apr. 11	Sep.
Jan. 28	May 9	12
Feb. 14	Jun. 13	Oct. 1
Mar. 14	Jul. 11	Nov. 4
	Aug. 8	Dec.

**Denver Museum of Nature and Science**  
2001 Colorado Blvd., Denver  
303.370.6000  
dmns.org

Jan. 9	Apr. 30	Sep. 6*
Jan. 29	Jun.	Sep. 18
Feb. 6	28*	Oct. 15
Feb. 26	Aug. 16*	Dec. 4

*\*free 5pm - 10pm*

**Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield Farms**  
8500 W. Deer Creek Canyon Rd.,  
Littleton  
720.865.3500  
botanicgardens.org

Jan. 16	Apr. 22	Aug. 15
Feb. 16	Jun. 6	Nov. 24
Mar. 15	Jul. 5	

**Plains Conservation Center**  
21901 E. Hampden Ave.,  
Aurora  
303.326.8380  
botanicgardens.org

Jan. 19	Jun. 15	Nov. 18
Feb. 23	Jul. 15	Dec. 7
Mar. 11	Aug. 17	

**Broomfield Veterans Memorial Museum**  
12 Garden Center, Broomfield  
303.460.6801  
broomfieldveterans.org  
*free Thursdays & Saturdays*

**Longmont Museum and Cultural Center**  
400 Quail Rd, Longmont  
303.651.8374 longmontcolorado.  
*free second Saturdays*

**ALWAYS FREE!**

**Arvada Center Galleries**  
arvadacenter.org

**Garden of the Gods Visitor Center**  
gardenofgods.com

**Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum**  
cspm.org

**US Air Force Academy Visitor Center**  
usafa.af.mil

**United States Mint**  
usmint.gov

**Hudson Gardens - Garden Area**  
hudsongardens.org

**Colorado Sports Hall of Fame**  
coloradosports.org

**Peterson Air & Space Museum**  
petemuseum.org

**CU Art Museum**  
colorado.edu

**Lookout Mountain**  
jeffco.us

**CU Museum of Natural History**  
cumuseum.colorado.edu

**Aurora History Museum**  
auroragov.org

**Golden History Museum**  
goldenhistory.org

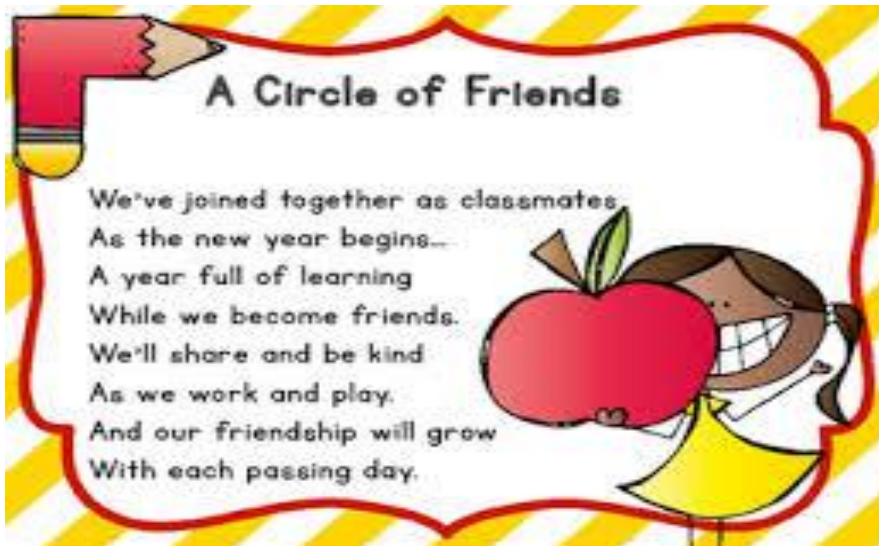
**Mines Museum of Earth Sciences**  
mines.edu

**Museum of Contemporary Art**  
1485 Delgany St, Denver  
303.298.7554  
mcadenver.org

Jan. 7	May 6	Sep. 2
Feb. 4	Jun. 3	Oct. 7
Mar. 4	Jul. 1	Nov. 7
Apr. 1	Aug. 5	Dec. 2

visit [WESTandMAINHOMES.COM](http://WESTandMAINHOMES.COM)

*\*dates subject to change, verify with organization before visiting*





# BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Faith F.	1st	Marcel Z.	17th
Shane B.	3rd	Jamie P.	18th
Irene D.	4th	Adela T.	22nd
Jaime C.	7th	Joan E.	24th
Jordyn A.	8th	Brent L.	24th
Ryan T.	8th	David S.	24th
Benjamin P.	10th	Phillip P.	26th
Leland K.	11th	Elena Z.	27th
Abigail S.	11th	Ben H.	27th
Robert G.	12th	Berry A.	30th
Ian H.	13th	Julia H.	31st
Karen T.	13th	Tasha M.	31st



## 1 YEAR

Keilynn E.  
Leah F.  
Deborah H.  
Carrie H.  
Davery J.  
Sage M.

Ryant P.  
Brittany P.  
Jordyn P.  
Tina W.  
Frank W.  
Natalie W.

## 2 Years

Rebekah J.  
Tamara M.  
Valeri S.

## 4 Years

Lei-Lani B.  
Krista B.  
Kristian C.  
Newlene L.  
Jaime M.  
Jeffrey P

Phillip P.  
Adela T.  
Alica W.  
Kylee W.  
Kendra W.



## Jessica's Corgi Corner

Danny is OK he went to the groomers and got all pretty he needed a good de-shedding bath and brushing in this heat. Park time is limited since it's been very hot here, he's not very happy about it.

Providers coming on board, make sure you read emails we send you carefully. I know the process can be overwhelming but very worthwhile in the end!!

Everyone keep up the great work!!

~Jessica



## Notes From the Admin Team

- Make sure you are acknowledging correspondence from an administrator, so we know that you received it, or if we have to try another way to contact.
- Do not say that you are going to reach out to a family if you are not intending on doing so/ let us know if something comes up and your availability changes or whatever else.
- You should be engaged with kiddos/doing something for the kiddo through your WHOLE SHIFT unless the client is doing something (e.g., potty, shower, changing, etc.) that requires privacy. There are always goals to work on, and if you are on a break from goals, there are a lot of other non-goal-based fun activities that you can participate in in between working on goals.
- The only reason that you should be on your phone during a shift is if there is an emergency or if you are logging a shift.
- If you are ever not sure about something, ask, do not assume.
- It is expected that you attend Wraparound Meetings if the child that you are working with has a Wraparound Facilitator – if you cannot attend, please let the facilitator who sent the invite know. Do not just ignore the invite.
- Being tardy to a high number of shifts or consistently calling out of shifts may result in a write-up.

**PPRS Facebook Page**

For the most up to date news and Events  
like our Facebook Page

**<https://www.facebook.com/PikesPeakRespiteServices>**

**PPRS NEWSFLASH GROUP**

Join our Facebook News flash Group to fill  
your schedule!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/156823936506856>

We love to see you!  
Stop by our office and say hi!

Dear Team,

It's Tiffany here and I'm excited to let you all know that we're on the cusp of several significant changes in our operations this August. We've been diligently working behind the scenes and are now ready to move forward.

Our first big change is the transition from our current HR system, Prism, to a new system called Isolve. Look out for an email from Vida HR with details on this upcoming switch. The objective is to streamline our HR processes, and we're confident that this change will make a substantial improvement in our daily operations.

Next on the agenda, **a special note to our Child and Youth Mentors (CYMs)**. Annetta, the PPRS Data Administrator, will be reaching out to request your updated resumes. Please keep an eye on your inboxes and respond as soon as you can. If you need any assistance in writing your resume, Annetta is more than willing to lend a hand. Please be reminded that the Pikes Peak Respite Services requires us to keep up-to-date resumes on file for compliance purposes.

Many Child Youth Mentors will be contacted soon to have a recording video person specific training for the individuals you are serving. This training will give us the opportunity to ensure you are up to speed on the ISSP and it will also give you a chance to ask any questions you may have.

We're also staying ahead of the curve with the state of Colorado compliance updates. We understand that these transitions can sometimes be overwhelming, but we assure you that we're doing everything we can to make them as smooth as possible.

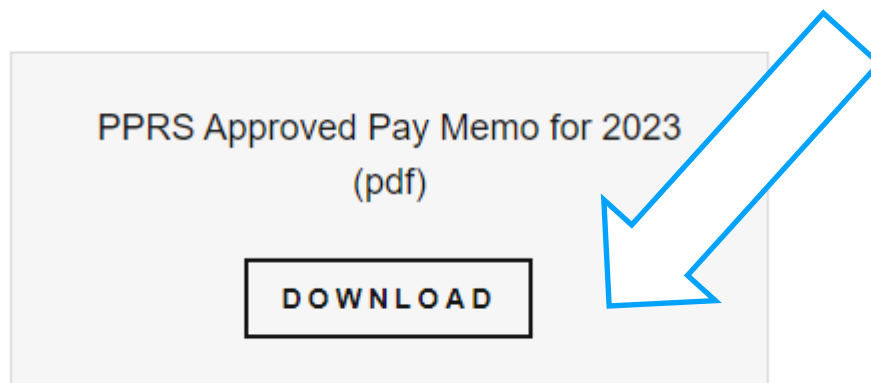
During this period of change, your understanding, flexibility, and patience are greatly appreciated. And remember, I'm always here for you. If you have any questions, concerns, or need assistance with anything, don't hesitate to reach out.

Remember, we have fantastic Training Videos to help you learn how to submit shifts and where everything is you will need to understand to submit a shift. Please view them here:

<https://pikespeakrespiteservices.com/pprs-training-videos>

Please make sure you have the Pay Memo downloaded and are aware of the pay period as well as payday dates:

<https://pikespeakrespiteservices.com/staff-opportunities>



Thank you for being a part of our vibrant and hardworking team. Here's to August!

*Tiffany*

**If you know of any events that would be of interest to our Providers and Families  
Let us know!!!**

PPRS is always on the lookout for things for our Providers and Families to do.

We keep a close eye on upcoming events in the areas we serve.

Many times we find out about events a few days or a week before they happen, and always post them to our Facebook Page!

Please like and share our Facebook Page to receive up to the minute news!

Here is a list of a few great places to look for events!

- <https://www.coloradosprings.com/events/#/>
- <https://www.pueblo.us/2801/Events>
- <https://www.denver.org/events/>
- <https://www.fcgov.com/events/>
- <https://www.peakradar.com/categories/free-events/>
- <https://www.visitcos.com/events/>
- <https://ppld.librarymarket.com/>
- <http://pueblolibrary.libnet.info/events?et=Kits2Go>
- <https://www.denver.org/events/free-events/>
- <https://www.larimer.gov/events>
- <https://poudrelibraries.evanced.info/signup/>

El Paso

<p><b>Paws to Read</b></p>	<p><b>Where:</b> 832 Village Center Drive  <b>When:</b> Every Wednesday 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM  <b>What:</b> Children may practice reading skills by reading to a Canine Good Citizen dog.  <b>Cost:</b> Free Admission</p>
<p><b>Fox Run Concerts in the Park</b></p>	<p><b>Where:</b> Fox Run Regional Park, Colorado Springs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>When:</b> Aug 3, 2023 at 06:00 pm - 08:00 pm (Thu)</li> <li>• Aug 10, 2023 at 06:00 pm - 08:00 pm (Thu)</li> <li>• Aug 17, 2023 at 06:00 pm - 08:00 pm (Thu)</li> <li>• Aug 24, 2023 at 06:00 pm - 08:00 pm (Thu)</li> <li>• Aug 31, 2023 at 06:00 pm - 08:00 pm (Thu)</li> <li>• Sep 7, 2023 at 06:00 pm - 08:00 pm (Thu)</li> </ul> <p><b>What:</b> Concerts in the Park is returning for another exciting series of live music in one of your favorite regional parks. Rock, country, bluegrass, jazz and more – we have it all this summer. Come enjoy</p>

	<p>food trucks, bring your lawn chairs or blanket, and bring the family out to enjoy the summer nights with some great outdoor entertainment.  <b>Cost:</b> Free Admission</p>
<p><b>Cars Under the Stars Movie Night</b></p>	<p><b>Where:</b> Phil Log Ford at Chapel Hills, Colorado Springs  <b>When:</b> Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> 6pm-10pm</p> <p><b>What:</b> Cars Under the Stars Free Movie Night and Community Event! <a href="https://www.peakradar.com/event/cars-under-the-stars-movie-night-2/">https://www.peakradar.com/event/cars-under-the-stars-movie-night-2/</a></p> <p><b>7 PM</b>  Vest Presentation by Shield616</p> <p><b>8 PM</b>  Go-Kart Raffle Prize Giveaways</p> <p><b>Movie begins at Sundown.</b>  Watch Disney Pixar's "<i>The Incredibles</i>" on a 48-ft Drive-In screen!  Don't forget to bring your favorite blankets and lawn chairs!</p> <p><b>Enjoy a family-friendly carnival including:</b>  Nerf Battle with the SWAT Team  Dunk Booth  Cornhole</p> <p><b>Cost:</b> Free Admission</p>
<p><b>Music in the Park</b></p>	<p><b>Where:</b> 2408 West Colorado Avenue  <b>When:</b> Every Tuesday June – October. 6pm – 8pm.  <b>What:</b> Music in the Park  <b>Cost:</b> Free Admission</p>
<p><b>Monument Library</b></p>	<p><b>Where:</b> Meeting room  <b>When:</b> Aug 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, &amp; 30th 10:30am – 11:00am  <b>What:</b> Stay and Play  Join us for an open-ended play! We'll have fun toys to enhance your child's early literacy learning. Meet new friends and have fun playing together. For ages 0-5 years old. No registration required.  <b>Cost:</b> Free Admission</p>

**Pueblo**

<p><b>Better Together MAKES-End of year slushies</b></p>	<p><b>Where:</b> Main Branch Library - Rawlings  <b>When:</b> August 5<sup>th</sup> 1pm-2:30 pm  <b>What:</b> Teens and Tweens- make slushies with a parent, caregiver, or friends! Spend quality time together on a Saturday and register to reserve your treat. While supplies last!  <b>Cost:</b> Free Admission</p>
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<p><b>Lucero Library Kits2Go</b></p>	<p><b>Where:</b> Patrick A. Lucero Library and Giodone  <b>When:</b> August 12th  <b>What:</b> Kits2Go available while supplies last.  <b>Cost:</b> Free</p>
<p><b>D60 Lunch Program</b></p>	<p><b>Where:</b> Bradford Park  <b>When:</b> Summer 2023  <b>What:</b> The Summer Food Service Program will be providing free, nutritious meals to children 18 years of age and under. While supplies last. Stay after on Monday, Tuesday &amp; Wednesday for Books in the Park!  Bradford Park is located at 1400 E. 2nd St. Pueblo, CO 81001. Meals are served as parts of the Books in the Park program on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. No meals served June 19th or July 4th. Adult meals can be purchased for \$5 each.  <b>Cost:</b> Free Admission</p>
<p>Family Friday: Crafts and Activities</p>	<p><b>Where:</b> <b>Greenhorn Valley</b>  <b>When:</b> August 4th, 11th, 18<sup>th</sup>, &amp; 25<sup>th</sup> 10am-11am  <b>What:</b> Every Friday morning, families are invited to the library for crafts, games, or another activity. All ages welcome, guardian participation is recommended. Supplies are provided but are limited.  <b>Free Admission</b></p>

Denver Metro

<p><b>Denver Zoo Free Day</b></p>	<p><b>Where:</b> Denver Zoo: 2300 Steele St, Denver, Co 80205  <b>When:</b> 4/9/2023, 10/7/2023, 11/7/2023, 11/12/2023  <b>What:</b> limited number of tickets for each Free Day, using an online lottery system. Follow steps at the website to enter the lottery for 5 free tickets.  <a href="#">Denver Zoo Free Days</a>  <b>Cost:</b> Free Admission</p>
<p><b>Free Day at the Denver Art Museum</b></p>	<p><b>Where:</b> Denver Art Museum: 100 W. 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. Pkwy. Denver, CO 80204  <b>When:</b> 4/11/2023, 4/30/2023, 5/9/2023, 5/14/2023, 6/13/2023, 7/11/2023, 7/30/2023, 8/8/2023, 9/9/2023, 9/12/2023, 10/10/2023, 11/4/2023, 11/14/2023, 12/12/2023  <b>What:</b> Engage with art, explore onsite activities, and experience exhibitions on view all while enjoying free admission! Advance ticket reservations are encouraged.  <b>Cost:</b> Free</p>
<p><b>Hammonds Factory</b></p>	<p><b>Where:</b> Hammond’s Candies  5735 Washington St, Denver CO 80216  <b>When:</b> Recurring weekly on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday</p>

<p><b>Candy Tour</b></p>	<p><b>What:</b> Bring your curiosity and your sweet tooth for a complimentary tour of our factory. Thousands of kids and kids at heart visit us every year to watch as their favorite treats are pulled, twisted, shaped and packaged by hand—just like they have been since 1920. Hammond's Factory Tours (denver.org) <b>Cost:</b> Free Admission</p>
<p><b>Mining Museum of Earth Science</b></p>	<p><b>Where:</b> Mines Museum of Earth Science 1310 Maple St., Golden, 303-273-3815 <b>When:</b> Open Monday to Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. <b>What:</b> It has two floors displaying fossils, gemstones, meteorites, minerals and mining artifacts. <b>Cost:</b> Free Admission</p>
<p><b>Denver Botanic Gardens</b></p>	<p><b>Where:</b> 1007 York St. Denver, Colorado 80206 <b>When:</b> 4/22/2023, 6/6/2023, 7/5/2023, 8/15/2023, 11/24/2023 <b>What:</b> Free Days occur throughout the year, thanks to funding from the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD). Advanced online registration is required to ensure that we can accommodate people safely given ongoing COVID-19 concerns. Free Days are for regular Gardens hours only and do not include ticketed events <b>Cost:</b> Free Admission</p>

Larimer County

<p><b>Larimer County Farmers Market</b></p>	<p><b>Where:</b> Fort Collins 200 W. Oak Street <b>When:</b> Every Saturday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM until October 28th <b>What:</b> Farmers market <b>Cost:</b> Free Admission</p>
<p><b>Back to School: Upcycle Edition</b></p>	<p><b>Where:</b> Garbage Garage <b>When:</b> August 8<sup>th</sup> -11th: 10:30am -1:30pm <b>What:</b> It's that time of year again- back to school! Join us at the Garbage Garage August 8-11 for some back to school inspired upcycled crafts (made from items you may have right in your own home!). All items will be make &amp; take.  Recommended for ages 6+. For groups larger than 5, please email solidwasteeducation@larimer.org  <b>Free Admission</b></p>
<p><b>Tiny Trekkers</b></p>	<p><b>Where:</b> Lions Open Space 2425 N. Overland Trail Laporte, CO 80535 <b>When:</b> <b>What:</b> Bring your 2–5-year-old for a morning filled with nature exploration, stories, and connection with our amazing natural world. A parent or guardian must accompany the child for this program.</p>

	<p>Registration is required but the program is free. Please call Natural Resources main desk at (970) 619-4564 or 4570 the night before or day of program to cancel or inquire about availability.</p> <p><b>Cost:</b> Free Admission</p>
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<p><b>92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Donkey Derby Days</b></p>	<p><b>Where:</b> Cripple Creek on Bennett Ave  <b>When:</b> August 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>  <b>What:</b> <a href="https://www.peakradar.com/event/90th-anniversary-of-donkey-derby-days-2/">https://www.peakradar.com/event/90th-anniversary-of-donkey-derby-days-2/</a>                  Enjoy beer gardens, food vendors, retail vendors, kids activities, donkeys, and live music!</p> <p>Friday, August 11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Live music (Wild Blue Country) and Street Dance 7-9 p.m. at the District Museum.</li> </ul> <p>Saturday, August 12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pancake Breakfast at the Fire Station 7-10 a.m.</li> <li>• Vendors and Kids Zone open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.</li> <li>• Parade at 11 a.m.</li> <li>• Beer Gardens open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.</li> <li>• Donkey races at 12:30, 1:15, 2:00, 2:45, &amp; 3:45 p.m. (final heat and awards)</li> <li>• History Comes Alive in Pocket Park at 1 &amp; 3 p.m.</li> <li>• Live music all day!</li> </ul> <p>Sunday, August 13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pancake Breakfast at the Fire Station 7-10 a.m.</li> <li>• Vendors and Kids Zone open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.</li> <li>• Beer Gardens open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.</li> <li>• Live music beginning at 11:30 a.m. &amp; 2 p.m.</li> </ul> <p><b>Cost:</b> Free Admission</p>
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<b>Music at the Depot: Wirewood Station</b>	<b>Where:</b> Cripple Creek District Museum <b>When:</b> August 5 <sup>th</sup> 2pm-6pm <b>What:</b> Music at the Depot is the second in a series of free music concerts held at the Cripple Creek District Museum. Wirewood Station, the best country band in southern Colorado, will be playing from 2-6 p.m.  There will be food, beer, and vendors in the parking lot.  <b>Cost:</b> Free Admission <b>Cost:</b> Free Admission
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