



As we welcome the arrival of April and the refreshing spirit of spring, we want to express our gratitude for your unwavering dedication, compassion, and care. Thank you for all you do. Your commitment makes a difference every day.

Here are some quick tips and reminders to support your well-being:

- Embrace spring's renewal: Encourage outdoor activities for fresh air and sunshine. Take advantage of the beautiful weather by spending time outdoors with your loved ones. Plan outings such as picnics in the park, nature walks, or gardening activities to enjoy the season together.
- Prioritize self-care: Practice mindfulness, relaxation, and healthy eating habits. Engage in light exercises or yoga sessions that promote physical and mental well-being.
- Incorporate fresh, seasonal ingredients into your meals for a nutritious and flavorful experience.

Remember, taking care of yourself is essential to being a great caregiver. We appreciate all that you do and are here to support you every step of the way.

Wishing you a joyful and rejuvenating April!

Your PPRS Admin Staff

# April

## Stress Awareness Month & Earth Month

**April 1st:** April Fools' Day 🤪 #AprilFools

**April 2nd:** World Autism Awareness Day

**April 5th:** International Day of Conscience

**April 6th:** National Carbonara Day

**April 7th:** World Health Day 🏥 #WorldHealthDay

**April 10th:** National Siblings' Day 👨👩

**April 11th:** National Pet Day 🐶 🐱 🐰 🐹 #NationalPetDay

**April 12th:** International Day of Human Space Flight 🚀

**April 12th:** Day of Silence 🚫 #DayOfSilence

**April 15th:** World Art Day 🎨

**April 15th:** Children's Day

**April 15th:** Patriots' Day (USA) us

**April 17th:** National Banana Day 🍌

**April 20th:** Chinese Language Day cn

**April 21st:** World Creativity and Innovation Day

💡 #CreativityAndInnovationDay

**April 22nd:** Earth Day 🌍 #EarthDay #InvestInOurPlanet

**April 23rd:** World Book and Copyright Day 📖

**April 24th:** Stop Food Waste Day #StopFoodWaste

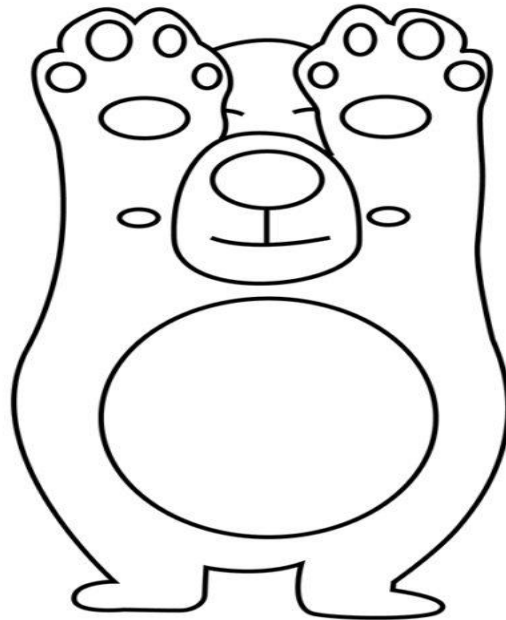
**April 27th:** World Design Day 📐

**April 28th:** National Superhero Day

**April 29th:** International Dance Day 🕺 #DanceDay

**April 30th:** International Jazz Day 🎷 #JazzDay

AUTISM Awareness

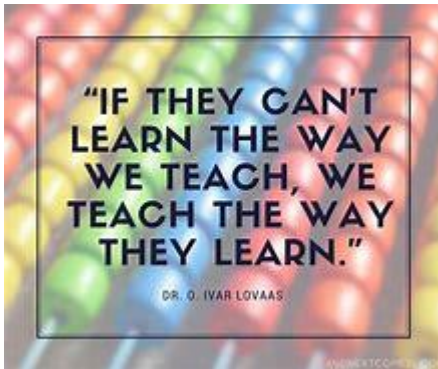


  
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# April Craft Ideas





**A**lways  
**U**nique  
**T**otally  
**I**nteresting  
**S**ometimes  
**M**ysterious



HEE HEE      LOL      HA HA

WOW

20 FUN

# APRIL FOOLS

JOKES FOR KIDS

WHICH DAY OF THE YEAR  
DO MONKEYS LIKE BEST?  
**THE FIRST OF APE-RIL!**

WHY IS EVERYONE EXHAUSTED  
ON APRIL 1ST?  
**BECAUSE THEY'VE JUST FINISHED  
A 31-DAY MARCH!**

HOW ARE THANKSGIVING AND  
APRIL FOOL'S DAY DIFFERENT?  
**ON ONE, YOU'RE THANKFUL  
AND ONE, YOU'RE PRANKFUL!**

KNOCK, KNOCK!  
WHO'S THERE?  
NOAH.  
NOAH WHO?  
**NOAH BODY — APRIL FOOL'S!**

WHICH MONSTER LOVES  
APRIL FOOL'S JOKES?  
**FRANKEN-STEIN!**

CAN FEBRUARY MARCH?  
**NO, BUT APRIL MAY!**

WHAT DO YOU CALL A BEAR  
CAUGHT IN APRIL SHOWERS?  
**A DRIZZLY BEAR!**

WHAT DID SUMMER SAY TO SPRING?  
**I'M GOING TO FALL!**

WHAT KIND OF GARDENS DO BAKERS  
GROW?  
**FLOUR GARDENS!**

HOW DOES A FLOWER MAKE A BIKE GO?  
**WITH ITS PETALS!**



HOW DOES A RAINSTORM  
TIE ITS SHOES?  
**WITH A RAINBOW!**

WHY CAN APRIL JUMP SO HIGH?  
**IT'S SPRING!**

HOW DO APRIL FLOWERS KISS?  
**WITH THEIR TU-LIPS!**

WHAT GOES UP WHEN  
APRIL RAINS COME DOWN?  
**AN UMBRELLA!**

WHAT'S A GAS PUMP'S  
FAVORITE HOLIDAY?  
**APRIL FUEL'S DAY!**

WHAT'S A STEPLADDER'S  
FAVORITE HOLIDAY?  
**APRIL STOOL'S DAY!**

WHAT'S AN ACORN'S FAVORITE  
MATH SUBJECT?  
**GE-OM-A-TREE!**

KNOCK, KNOCK!  
WHO'S THERE?  
APRIL.  
APRIL WHO?  
**APRIL FOOL'S!**

HOW DO TREES GO ONLINE?  
**THEY LOG IN!**

WHAT DID APRIL FOOL'S DAY  
SAY AFTER IT WON AN AWARD?  
**PRANK YOU!**



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# SENSORY INCLUSION NIGHT

APRIL 25

5-6:30 PM

**FREE**

**WIDEFIELD PARKS  
AND RECREATION**

755 Aspen Drive. Colorado Springs. CO. 80911

**MOVEMENT**

Pound, Zumba, Ribbons, Glowga

**ALL  
WELCOME**

**APRIL  
25**

**SENSORY EXPLORATION**

Messy Play, Manipulatives,  
Obstacle course

Come and explore a variety of  
ways to play and engage at Parks  
and Rec

**FREE**

**ALL AGES AND ABILITIES WELCOME**

# UPCOMING PPRS SPONSORED EVENTS



Challenger Baseball: "To provide an opportunity for individuals with intellectual and physical challenges to enjoy the benefits of Little League participation in an environment structured to their abilities."



Alpine Autism Center 17th Annual "Run for the One" 5k

Walk/Run

Saturday April 27th, 2024

Colorado Springs, CO

[Official Website](#)

**SUPPORTING LGBTQ+ IN THE PIKES PEAK REGION!**



**PIKES PEAK PRIDE FESTIVAL & PARADE**

**JUNE 8TH & 9TH, 2024**

**ALAMO SQUARE PARK**

**FESTIVAL: 10AM-7PM - SAT & SUN**

**PARADE: 11AM ON SUNDAY**





# 2024 COLORADO FREE DAYS

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

**1/5 & 1/21**  
**2/11**  
**4/7**  
**11/1, 11/9, 11/17**

Must reserve free tickets 7 days prior to free day. First come, first serve lottery system.

**Clyfford Still Museum**  
1250 Bannock St. Denver  
clyffordstillmuseum.org

**2/29**  
**4/28**  
**7/28**  
**11/2 (10am-10pm)**

Must reserve free tickets 7 days prior to free day. There are also pay as you wish days offered.

**Denver Botanic Gardens**  
1007 York St. Denver  
8500 W Deer Creek Canyon Rd. Littleton  
denverbotanicgardens.org

**1/15**      **6/5**  
**2/15**      **7/3**  
**3/9**        **8/28**  
**4/22**      **11/29**

Must reserve free tickets the 1st of the month. No onsite tickets available.

**Plains Conservation Center**  
21901 E Hampden Ave. Aurora  
303-693-3621

**1/18 10am-3pm**      **7/13 9am-2pm**  
**2/22 10am-3pm**      **8/15 9am-2pm**  
**3/16 10am-3pm**      **11/16 10am-3pm**  
**6/13 9am-2pm**        **12/12 10am-3pm**

**Denver Museum of Nature & Science**  
2001 Colorado Blvd. Denver  
dmns.org

**1/8 & 1/28**      **9/10 (5pm-9pm)**  
**2/25**            **9/30**  
**4/28**            **10/20**  
**6/4 (5pm-9pm)**      **11/2 (5pm-9pm)**  
**6/19**            **11/18**  
**8/21 (5pm-9pm)**      **12/8**

Onsite free tickets available. A separate ticket is required for the planetarium or infinity theatre.

**Four Mile Historic Park**  
715 S Forest St. Denver  
fourmilepark.org

**1/26**      **5/24**      **9/27**  
**2/23**      **6/28**      **10/25**  
**2/22**      **7/26**      **11/22**  
**4/26**      **8/23**      **DEC TBD**

Only free 10am-4pm and does not include admission to signature events or programs

**Museum of Contemporary Art**  
1485 Delgany St. Denver  
mcadenvr.org

**1/6**      **5/4**      **9/7**  
**2/3**      **6/1**      **10/5**  
**3/2**      **7/6**      **11/2**  
**4/6**      **8/3**      **12/7**

Admission is \$0.01 for Colorado residents on the first Saturday of each month. Under 18 is always free.

**Children's Museum**  
2121 Children's Museum Dr. Denver  
mychildrensmuseum.org

**5/17**      **8/16**  
**6/21**      **9/20**  
**7/19**

Joy Park Free Nights 4:30pm-8pm Outdoors Only.

**National Parks**  
nps.gov

**1/15**      **8/4**  
**4/20**      **9/28**  
**6/19**      **11/11**

Free admission for everyone to all national parks.



Anita O.	1st	Linda D.	16th
Emily B.	2nd	Carissa M.	16th
Avery B.	3rd	Elizabeth M.	17th
Jazzamine J.	3rd	Taylor N.	17th
Logan C.	4th	Jo C.	20th
Rene C.	6th	Robyn S.	20th
Jadecinie H.	7th	Janell L.	21st
Shaan J.	7th	Elizabeth R.	21st
Alexa C.	9th	Paige T.	21st
Jay Q.	10th	Myla J.	22nd
Victoria S.	10th	Carrie O.	24th
Aaron M.	14th	Qiana B.	27th
Loree M.	15th	Laura F.	29th
Starr S.	15th	Lindsay M.	29th



**1 Year**

Shane B.  
Cassandra H.  
Tricia J.  
Gabrial P.  
Mackenzie Y.  
Cynthia C.  
Rebecca C.

Skylar D.  
Dolores D.  
Jacob H.  
Sarah N.  
Jennifer P.  
Victoria S.

**2 Years**

Amber A.  
Kristina B.  
Christine V.

**3 Years**

Shaan J.  
Cleide B.  
Aaron M.

**4 Years**

Stacianne H.

**6 Years**

Amari M.

## From The Admin Team

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PROVIDERS

Most of you know our Billing/E.V.V. Specialist, Calista Hamilton. She has helped many of you with your questions and concerns regarding shift submissions in the D.O.R.Y. and Sandata systems, as well as other PPRS procedures.

Beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, Calista will be working on a new project and will no longer have the availability to continue as a point of contact. Instead, you will be asked to contact:



Jessica Gervasi: 719-800-3190	Ciara Malave: 719-407-2151
Available M – F, 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Available M – F, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
helpdesk@pikespeakrespiteservices.com	

### REMINDERS

Please remember that if you are providing Respite, Homemaker or Personal Care services that you must submit shifts in both the D.O.R.Y. and Sandata systems. (Sandata does not require visit notes or signatures.) When submitting these shifts in D.O.R.Y., choose NO for the EVV exempt box. All other services, choose YES.

**\*\*Parents and other live-in providers who have been approved as exempt do not have to use Sandata. For the D.O.R.Y. EVV exempt box, always choose YES.\*\***

Submitting shifts to Sandata requires use of an App. Sandata released a new version of the App back in September. If you missed the letters or just watched the training video in The Staff Portal, you are probably still using the old App. You must switch over to the new App prior to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, as Sandata will no longer support it's use. As of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, the old App will no longer be available for download.

OLD VERSION		NEW VERSION	
	Sandata Mobile		Sandata Mobile Connect

Current users of the old version, before switching, you will need your log in credentials. If you can't remember your password, please contact Jessica or Ciara to reset. Complete your new password set up and log out from within the App (swiping up or letting it time out is not a complete log out.) Restart your device.

To switch:

1. Log in to old App. Complete any open shifts. Log off from within the App itself.
2. Download the new Sandata Mobile Connect. Log in to new App using the same credentials from the old App. It may ask for the Company ID. If it does, it's 2-68239. No other set up is required. Log out of App.
3. Now delete the old App and then restart your device.
4. The appearance is slightly different, and some things may be in a different place, but logging shifts is the same process.

**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!

**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>Old Colorado City Art Walk</b></p>	<p><b>Where:</b> Colorado Ave and 25<sup>th</sup> Street  <b>When:</b> April 5<sup>th</sup> 5pm-8pm  <b>What:</b> Visit dozen of shops and galleries representing hundreds of works of art by local artists  <b>Cost:</b> Free Admission</p>
<p><b>Teen/Tween Superhero Trivia</b></p>	<p><b>Where:</b> Sand Creek Library  <b>When:</b> April 11<sup>th</sup> 4pm-5pm  <b>What:</b> Are you a superhero fan? Come prove your knowledge in the trivia competition. Ages 9-18  <b>Cost:</b> Free Admission</p>
<p><b>Teen Game Night</b></p>	<p><b>Where:</b> 685 N Murray Boulevard, Colorado Springs 80915 – Ruth Holley Library  <b>When:</b> Join us every 1st and 3rd Tuesday in the Ruth Holley Library Teen Space for Teen Game Night!  <b>What:</b> Hang out with your friends for an evening of Nintendo Switch and Xbox games! Teens are welcome to bring their own games from home as well. Come ready to have some fun! Snacks will be provided.  <b>Cost:</b> Free Admission</p>
<p><b>Home Depot Kids Workshop</b></p>	<p><b>Where:</b> All Home Depot Locations – see local store for most accurate information  <b>When:</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month 9am-12 noon  <b>What:</b> Join us on the first Saturday of each month between 9 am – 12 pm for free in-person Kids Workshops. While supplies last.  <b>Cost:</b> Free Admission</p>

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<p><b>Scavenger Hunt</b></p>	<p><b>Where:</b> Greenhorn Valley</p> <p><b>When:</b> Wednesday’s</p> <p><b>What:</b> Find all the pictures and receive a prize</p> <p><b>Cost:</b> Free Admission</p>

Denver Metro

<p><b>Botanic Gardens</b></p>	<p><b>Where:</b> Botanic Gardens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b><u>York Street</u></b> 1007 York Street Denver, CO 80206 720-865-3500</li> <li>○ <b><u>Chatfield Farms</u></b> 8500 West Deer Creek Canyon Road Littleton, CO 80128 720-865-3500</li> </ul> <p><b>When:</b> 2024 Free Days for York Street and Chatfield Farms</p> <p>Monday, Jan. 15 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day) Thursday, Feb. 15 Saturday, March 9 Monday, April 22 (Earth Day) Wednesday, June 5 Wednesday, July 3 Wednesday, Aug. 28 Friday, Nov. 29 (Thanksgiving Friday)</p> <p>2024 Free Days at <a href="#">Plains Conservation Center</a> Thursday, Jan. 18, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Saturday, March 16, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.</p>
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	<p>Thursday, June 13, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.                  Saturday, July 13, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.                  Thursday, Aug. 15, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.                  Saturday, Nov. 16, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.                  Thursday, Dec. 12, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.</p> <p><b>What:</b> Free Days occur throughout the year, thanks to funding from the <a href="#">Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD)</a>.  <b>Cost:</b> Free Days – Please visit website for details and free tickets.  <a href="http://www.botanicgardens.org/events/free-days">www.botanicgardens.org/events/free-days</a></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</p> <p><b>When:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuesday, January 9</li> <li>• Saturday, January 27</li> <li>• Tuesday, February 13</li> <li>• Tuesday, March 12</li> <li>• Sunday, March 24</li> <li>• Tuesday, April 9</li> <li>• Sunday, April 28</li> <li>• Tuesday, May 14</li> <li>• Tuesday, June 11</li> <li>• Tuesday, July 9</li> <li>• Sunday, July 21</li> <li>• Tuesday, August 13</li> <li>• Saturday, September 7</li> <li>• Tuesday, September 10</li> <li>• Tuesday, October 8</li> <li>• Saturday, November 2</li> <li>• Tuesday, November 12</li> <li>• Tuesday, December 10</li> </ul> <p><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 Candy Tour</b></p>	<p><b>Where:</b> Hammond’s Candies                  5735 Washington St, Denver CO 80216</p> <p><b>When:</b> Recurring weekly on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday</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</p>



	year to watch as their favorite treats are pulled, twisted, shaped and packaged by hand
<b>Mining Museum of Earth Science</b>	<p><b>Where:</b> Mines Museum of Earth Science 1310 Maple St., Golden, 303-273-3815</p> <p><b>When:</b> Open Monday to Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.</p> <p><b>What:</b> It has two floors displaying fossils, gemstones, meteorites, minerals and mining artifacts.</p> <p><b>Cost:</b> Free Admission</p>
<b>U.S. Mint of Denver</b>	<p><b>Where:</b> 320 W. Colfax Ave., Denver</p> <p><b>When:</b> Guided tours are offered at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday</p> <p><b>What :</b> FREE tours show every step in the process of turning dull, blank metal slugs into shiny pocket change.</p> <p><b>Cost:</b> Free Admission</p>
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Larimer County

<b>Fort Collins Winter Farmers Market</b>	<p><b>Where:</b> 215 East Foothills Parkway</p> <p><b>When:</b> <a href="#">Saturday, Apr 6, 2024 from 10:00am to 2:00pm</a></p> <p><b>What:</b> Farmers Market</p> <p><b>Cost:</b> Free Admission</p>
<b>Tiny Trekkers</b>	<p><b>Where:</b> Lions Open Space 2425 N. Overland Trail Laporte, CO 80535</p> <p><b>When:</b></p> <p><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. 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>