



Welcome to our summertime newsletter! With school out, it's essential for caregivers and families to find ways to keep entertained, engaged, safe, and learning. This edition is packed with activities, tips, and resources to help you make the most of the summer break. It's the perfect time to explore new activities and create lasting memories.

Keeping busy and active during the summer can be a fun challenge. Here are some strategies and activities that can help manage this time effectively:

1. Outdoor Adventures:

- **Nature Walks and Hikes:** Explore local trails and parks. Observe and learn about different plants and animals.
- **Water Play:** Visit local pools or set up a sprinkler in the yard for some water fun.
- **Backyard Camping:** Set up a tent in the backyard, have a bonfire, and enjoy stargazing.

2. Creative Projects:

- **Arts and Crafts:** Organize art projects like painting, making jewelry, or creating collages.
- **DIY Science Experiments:** Experiments like homemade volcanoes or slime can be both fun and educational.
- **Cooking Together:** Involve kids in preparing meals or baking treats. Teaching basic cooking skills.

3. Educational Activities:

- **Reading Challenges:** Set up a summer reading challenge with rewards for completing books.
- **Visit Museums and Zoos:** Many museums and zoos offer special summer programs and discounted admission.
- **Gardening:** Start a small garden together and learn about plant life cycles and responsibility.

Managing the summer break can be challenging for caregivers and families. Here are some tips to help you navigate:

1. Maintaining a Routine:

- **Consistency:** Try to keep a consistent daily schedule for meals, activities, and bedtime.
- **Flexibility:** While routines are important, also allow some flexibility for spontaneous fun.
- **Online Resources:** Utilize websites and online platforms that offer activity ideas, educational content, and caregiving tips.

2. Self-Care:

- **Take Breaks:** Schedule regular breaks for yourself to relax and recharge.
- **Mindfulness:** Practice mindfulness and stress-relief techniques like deep breathing or yoga.

We hope you have a joyful and relaxing summer. Thank you for being a valued member of our community!

Your PPRS Admin Staff

June

June Social Media Holidays 2024 | [Pride Month](#)

June 1st: Global Day of Parents 👨👩

June 3rd: World Bicycle Day 🚲

June 4th: National Cheese Day 🧀 #NationalCheeseDay

June 5th: World Environment Day 🌿 #GenerationRestoration

June 5th: Global Running Day 🏃

June 6th: Higher Education Day 🎓

June 7th: National Donut Day 🍩

June 8th: World Oceans Day 🌊 #WorldOceansDay

June 8th: National Best Friends Day #BestFriendsDay

June 8th: Global Wellness Day #MagentaNature

June 12th: Superman Day 🦹 #SupermanDay

June 14th: World Blood Donor Day 🩸

June 16th: [Father's Day](#) 👨 #FathersDay

June 17th: National Eat Your Vegetables Day 🥦

June 19th: [Juneteenth](#) 🗣️ #Juneteenth

June 20th: World Refugee Day

June 20th: Summer Solstice

June 21st: National Indigenous Peoples Day 🇨🇦

June 21st: World Music Day 🎵 #WorldMusicDay

June 21st: Selfie Day 📱

June 24th: Take Your Dog to Work Day 🐕 #TakeYourDogToWorkDay

June 26th: National Toothbrush Day

June 27th: Sunglasses Day 😎

June 30th: Social Media Day 💬 #SMDay

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."

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



Pikes Peak Pride Event

FREE ADMISSION TO THE FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 8, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Sunday, June 9, 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM at Alamo Square Park (Pioneer Museum).

Pikes Peak Pride Parade

Sunday, June 9, 11:00 AM

Acacia Park to Pioneer Museum via Tejon

About Pikes Peak Pride 2024

Pikes Peak Pride 2024 is a community event expected to gather thousands of visitors together from across the state and Pikes Peak Region into downtown Colorado Springs. There will be two full days of vendor booths, food trucks, beer garden and high energy entertainment to include a fabulous parade on Sunday.





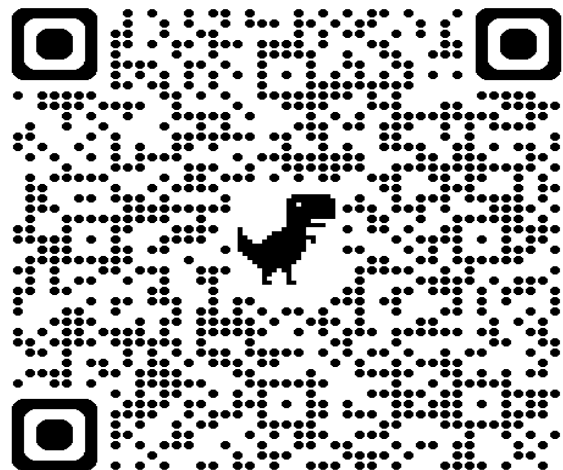
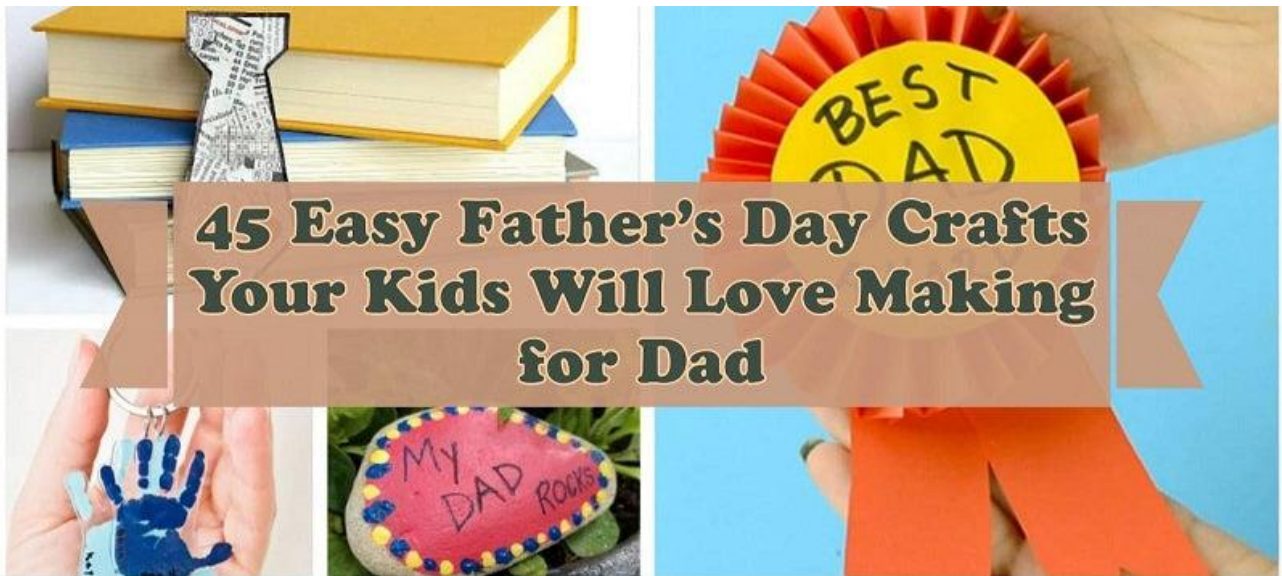
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Father's Day
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Hamilton Ohio Pride 2020 - Coloring Page by Taylor Stone-Welch



June Craft Ideas



People in Dubai don't like the Flintstones but people in Abu Dhabi do!

HOW DO YOU FIND WILL SMITH IN THE SNOW?
LOOK FOR THE FRESH PRINTS

Did you hear about the man addicted to brake fluid? Says he can stop any time



A DUCK GOES INTO A SHOP TO BUY A LIPSTICK. HE SAYS TO THE CASHIER "CAN YOU PUT IT ON MY BILL?"

I THINK I WANT A JOB CLEANING MIRRORS I COULD REALLY SEE MYSELF DOING IT

Emergency

What's red & bad for your teeth?
A brick

How do you count cows?
With a cowculator

DAD

WHY DID CINDERELLA GET KICKED OFF THE FOOTBALL TEAM?
BECAUSE SHE KEPT RUNNING AWAY FROM THE BALL

I BACKED A HORSE LAST WEEK AT 10 TO ONE IT CAME IN AT QUARTER PAST FOUR

I'm on a whiskey diet. I've lost three days already

jokes

What do you call a Frenchman who wears sandals?
Phillipe Phillope

How do astronomers organise a party?
They planet

WHAT DO YOU CALL A DOG THAT DOES MAGIC TRICKS?
A LABRACADABRADOR

Which computer has the best voice?
A Dell

WHAT DO YOU CALL CHEESE THAT ISN'T YOURS?
NACHO CHEESE!

TWO FISH IN A TANK ONE SAYS: "HOW DO YOU DRIVE THIS THING?"

I used to be addicted to soap, but now I'm clean

WHERE DO YOU LEARN TO MAKE ICE CREAM?
AT SUNDAE SCHOOL

How did the hipster burn his mouth? He ate dinner before it was cool



SUMMER BUCKET LIST

Go on a bike ride
 Make popsicles
 Build a fort
 Do a cartwheel
 Roll down a hill
 Bruise your toes in the sand
 Fly a kite
 Jump over the waves
 Build a sandcastle
 Go to a drive-in movie theater
 Eat a hot dog straight from the grill
 Go on a picnic
 Have a water fight
 Play outdoor water games
 Have a watermelon seed spitting contest
 Have a family board game tournament
 Go to a carnival
 Listen to an outdoor concert
 Go to a waterpark
 Do a cannonball
 Play in the sprinklers
 Watch fireworks
 Sit in a hammock
 Buy something at a garage sale
 Create your own lemonade stand
 Eat a snow cone
 Go to some sort of festival
 Bake cookies
 Make root beer floats
 Watch a movie on the big screen
 Go to a farmer's market
 Get a temporary tattoo
 Watch early morning cartoons

Go on a staycation
 Collect seashells
 Go ice blocking
 Stay up past midnight
 Pick berries
 Eat ice cream before it melts
 Make smores
 Have a water balloon fight
 Play beach ball volleyball
 Plant flowers
 Get a mosquito bite
 Eat corn on the cob
 Travel somewhere you've never been
 Go to a museum
 Find a dinosaur
 Spend a day barefoot
 Lay on grass and look at the stars
 Drink ice cold lemonade
 Have a family slumber party
 Swing on the swings
 Go to a baseball game
 Send a postcard
 Go to a fair
 Go to camp
 Hike a mountain
 Run a race
 Take a picture by a colored wall
 Make homemade ice cream
 Relax in a lazy river
 Ride a roller coaster
 Order pizza at the pool
 Buy a new pair of sandals
 Play frisbee

Go camping
 Get books to read at the library
 Play kickball
 Swim in a lake
 Make homemade pizza
 Catch fireflies
 Watch a sunset
 Go on a roadtrip
 Build a sand castle
 Learn something new
 Make something explode
 Go to an amusement park
 Dance it out
 Eat a funnel cake
 Volunteer somewhere
 Paint something
 Drink a tropical drink
 Go to a splash pad
 Sleep in
 Find a sunflower
 Float in a pool
 Wave a flag
 Try 12 flavors of ice cream
 Have a backyard BBQ
 Go see a show
 Find a double rainbow
 Play until the daylight is gone
 Eat breakfast for dinner
 Make & play a backyard game
 Jump in puddles
 Make an easy summer craft
 Go on an imaginary adventure
 Go fishing



**BACK
FOR
2024**



Throughout the six-week program, we'll emphasize teamwork, communication, work ethic, confidence, perseverance, and good judgment. These qualities, essential on the basketball court, also translate directly to valuable skills in the workplace. Our goal is to provide each participant with a comprehensive understanding of these transferable skills, showcasing their practical application on the court and highlighting their pivotal role in pursuing future employment opportunities. Join us as we not only play basketball but also prepare for success both on and off the court.



Schedule for 2024



- Dates:**
- Week 1: 6/2 | 6/5
 - Week 2: 6/9 | 6/12
 - Week 3: 6/16 | 6/19
 - Week 4: 6/23 | 6/26
 - Week 5: 6/30 | 7/10
 - Week 6: 7/14 | 7/17



Scan to Register



Middle School:
Sundays: 4 – 5 pm
Wednesday: 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

High School & Adults:
Sundays: 5 – 6 pm
Wednesdays: 7:30 – 8:30 pm





Autism

Vision of Colorado

Summer Fun with Autism Vision

For more information and to RSVP please contact srstarkey1@juno.com or 719-210-5895, or check out our Facebook page!

June 4: Palmer Park Play-ground, 10 am

June 15: Picnic at Nancy Lewis Park, 10 am - 1pm

June 19: Laser Tag at Main Event, 11 am

June 22: Mini Golf at Gold Mine Mini Golf, 10 am

June 27: Pizza Party at Slice 420, 1pm

July 2: Bear Creek Nature Center walk, 10am

July 10: Focus on the Family at 10am

July 17: Trampoline Park at Springs Adventure Park

July 22: Roller Skating at Skate City @ Academy, 6pm

July 26: Splash Pad/Play-ground at John Venezia, 10am



Rainbow Fruit Skewers

Looking for an easy, festive snack? These rainbow fruit skewers take mere minutes to make. Just thread the following fruit pieces (all washed) onto each of seven wooden skewers: 1 **raspberry**, 1 hulled **strawberry**, 1 **tangerine** segment, 1 cube of peeled **mango**, 1 chunk of peeled **pineapple**, 1 chunk of peeled **kiwi**, 1 **green grape**, 1 **red grape** and 2 **blueberries**. Arrange the finished skewers in a fan shape to give the appearance of a rainbow. *Recipe adapted from BBC Good Food.*





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.





Stacianne H.	1st	Cassidy P.	24th
Kendra W.	2nd	Fahra B.	25th
Nathaniel D.	4th	Ryan M.	25th
Sheena A.	10th	Jennifer P.	25th
Lorena W.	10th	Mariam S.	26th
Hallie K.	11th	Roberta S.	26th
Vanessa G.	12th	Jennifer A.	27th
Angelique R.	15th	Alycia J.	27th
Kelly H.	19th	Patience J.	27th
Maria C.	20th	Ty'Ana S.	27th
Donna M.	22nd	Deborah H.	28th
Claudia G.	23rd		
Tammy L.	24th		
Starla N.	24th		



1 Years

Claudia G.
Benjamin R.
Jessica S.
Madison W.

Sheree A.
Alexa C.
Hannah K.

2 Years

Nicholas F.
Jamie P.
Brady S.

Mijonne C.
Stephanie S.

3 Years

Elizabeth M.
Jennifer A.

Tammy L.
Cassidy P.

4 Years

Lisa H.
Lynette J.

5 Years

Barry A.
Fernando O.
Lynn P.
Jade M.

From The Admin Team

- Inside Out Youth Services - Colorado Springs
 - <https://insideoutys.org/>
 - Resources for LGBTQIA+ youth in COS ages 13-24
 - Center at Colfax/Rainbow Alley
 - <https://lgbtqcolorado.org/>
 - <https://lgbtqcolorado.org/programs/>
 - Resources for youth, young adults, older adults, and individuals with disabilities.
 - Southern Colorado Equity Alliance - Pueblo
 - <https://www.socoequality.org/>
 - Resources for LGBTQIA+ adults and youth
 - Northern Colorado Equity - Fort Collins
 - <https://www.nocoequality.org/>
 - Resources for LGBTQIA+ adults and youth
 - Out Boulder - Boulder
 - <https://www.outboulder.org/>
 - Resources for LGBTQIA+ adults and youth
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Many schools are offering free breakfast and/or lunch for 0-18 years old. Please look into the district in your community to see what may be offered. This is a great resource for families while summer is out.

PRESS RELEASE **May 29, 2024**

Just as learning does not end when school lets out, neither does the need for good nutrition. Children who aren't hungry learn better, act better, and feel better. During the school year, more than 18 million children receive free and reduced-price meals at school. During the summer, that number drops to about 3 million. Summer food programs provide nutritious meals to children.

School District 11 will again offer an open summer food service program for children 1-18 years of age. The program will provide free breakfast and lunch during the summer at the locations, dates, and times shown below.

Please note: All sites will be closed on Thursday, July 4th in observance of Federal holidays.

Colorado Springs School District 11 Summer Food Service Program

Meal Service Location	Address	Dates of Program	Breakfast service	Lunch service
A-1 Mobile Home Park	1025 Gamer St. Colorado Springs, CO 80905	May 29 - August 2	Not available	11:00 - 11:45
Bristol Elementary School	890 Walnut Colorado Springs, CO 80910	June 3 - June 28	7:45-8:00	11:50 - 12:30
Canterbury Mobile Home Park	3020 S. Powers Colorado Springs, CO 80916	May 29 - August 2	Not available	11:40 - 12:10
Carmel Community Center	1700 South Chelton Rd. Colorado Springs, CO 80910	June 3 - July 25 Monday-Thursday *Closed June 19 th	Not available	11:35 - 12:00
Carver Elementary School	4740 Artistic Circle Colorado Springs CO 80917	June 3 - June 28	7:50 - 8:00	11:00 - 11:30
Centennial Elementary School	1860 South Chelton Rd. Colorado Springs, CO 80910	June 3 - July 25 Monday-Thursday *Closed June 19 th	Not available	11:00 - 11:25
Coronado High School	1590 W. Filmore Colorado Springs, CO 80904	June 3 - June 28	7:15 - 7:45	1:00 - 1:30
Deerfield Hills Community Center	4290 Deerfield Hills Rd. Colorado Springs, CO 80916	June 3- August 2	Not available	12:15 - 12:45
Doherty High School	4515 Barnes Rd Colorado Springs, CO 80917	June 3 - June 28	8:05 - 8:25	11:40-12:10
East Branch Library (Outside)	5550 N. Union Colorado Springs, CO 80918	May 29 - August 2	Not available	11:00 - 12:00
Grant Elementary School	3215 Westwood Blvd Colorado Springs, CO 80918	June 3 - July 12	7:35 - 8:00	11:20 - 11:45
Henry Elementary School	1310 Lehmborg Dr. Colorado Springs, CO 80915	June 3 - June 28	7:50 - 8:10	12:00 - 12:45
Hillside Community Center	925 S. Institute. Colorado Springs, CO 80903	June 3 - July 25 Monday-Thursday	Not available	11:35 - 12:00

		*Closed June 19 th		
Holy Cross Lutheran Church	4125 Constitution Ave Colorado Springs, CO 80909	June 10- June 14	Not available	12:00 – 12:30
Jackson Elementary School	4340 Edwinstowe Ave. Colorado Springs CO, 80907	June 3- July 12	7:45 - 8:00	12:50 - 1:10
Jr. Academy	1311 N. Nevada Colorado Springs, CO 80903	May 29 - August 2	Not available	11:00 – 11:20
Keller Elementary School	3730 East Montebello	June 3 – July 12	7:35 – 7:55	12:20 – 1:00
McCoy Little John	6805 Bismark Rd, Colorado Springs, CO 80922	May 29 - August 2	Not available	10:30- 10:50
Meadows Mobile Home Park	4825 Astrozon Colorado Springs, CO 80916	May 29 - August 2	Not available	11:00 – 11:30
Memorial Park Beachside playground	1605 E. Pikes Peak Colorado Springs, CO 80909	May 29 - August 2	Not available	11:45 – 12:15
Memorial Park #2 Memorial side of Park	1605 E. Pikes Peak Colorado Springs, CO 80909	May 29 - August 2	Not available	11:00 – 11:30
Mitchell High School Outside on San Miguel	1205 Potter Dr. Colorado Springs, CO 80915	May 29 - August 2	Cafeteria 8:05 – 8:30 Ends June 28	Outside 11:00-11:30 Cafeteria 11:53 -12:23
Palmer High School	301 N. Nevada Colorado Springs, CO 80903	June 3 – June 28	8:05 – 8:15	11:45 – 12:15
Palmer Park	3650 Maizeland Rd Colorado Springs, CO 80909	May 29 - August 2	Not available	11:45 – 12:15
Panorama Splash Park	4550 Fenton Rd. Colorado Springs, CO 80916	May 29 - August 2	Not available	11:30-12:00
Rogers Elementary School	110 S. Circle Colorado Springs, CO 80910	June 3 – June 28	7:50 – 8:00	11:45 – 12:05
Roosevelt Charter School	205 S. Byron Dr. Colorado Springs, CO 80910	June 10 - 21 & July 10-21	7:25 – 7:40	11:45 – 12:30
Round Up	2121 E. La Salle Colorado Springs, CO 80909	June 3-July 18 Mon - Thursday	Not available	11:15 – 11:40
Small Wonders	4750 El Camino Dr. Colorado Springs, CO 80917	May 29 - August 2	Not available	10:30 – 11:00
Taylor Elementary School	900 E. Buena Ventura Colorado Springs, CO 80907	June 3 – July 12	7:35 – 7:55	12:00 – 12:35
Tesla EOS School	3302 Alpine Place Colorado Springs, CO 80909	June 3 – June 21	7:30 – 7:55	11:30-12:00

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>

**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>Paws to Read</p>	<p>Where: 832 Village Center Drive When: Every Wednesday 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM What: Children may practice reading skills by reading to a Canine Good Citizen dog. Cost: Free Admission</p>
<p>Fathers Day Market</p>	<p>Where: Soda Springs Park, Manitou Springs When: June 16th 10am – 3pm What: Manitou Maker's Market is teaming up with the Manitou Farmer's Market to bring you one big, beautiful summer event that is the perfect activity for Father's Day! Come and see all the beautiful arts and crafts by local makers! You can bring home a basket of fresh fruits and vegetables all grown locally, too! Featuring over 20 local artists, demonstrations from local artists, and live music! Cost: Free Admission</p>
<p>Pikes Peak Pride</p>	<p>Where: Alamo Square Park When: June 8th & 9th What: Pikes Peak Pride honors the active and diverse achievements of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities of Colorado. This is an opportunity for all LGBTQIA+ Coloradans to celebrate our achievements and remind the world that we exist while raising awareness within the communities. www.pikespeakpride.org Cost: Free Admission all ages</p>
<p>Teen Game Night</p>	<p>Where: 685 N Murray Boulevard, Colorado Springs 80915 – Ruth Holley Library When: Join us every 1st and 3rd Tuesday in the Ruth Holley Library Teen Space for Teen Game Night! What: 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. Cost: Free Admission</p>
<p>Home Depot Kids Workshop</p>	<p>Where: All Home Depot Locations – see local store for most accurate information When: 1st Saturday of every month 9am-12 noon What: Join us on the first Saturday of each month between 9 am – 12 pm for free in-person Kids Workshops. While supplies last. Cost: Free Admission</p>

Pueblo

<p>Balloons, Balloons, Balloons!</p>	<p>Where: Belmont Park When: June 4th 10am-11am What: Balloon magician and artist extraordinaire Dave Moncrieff will give a live demonstration instructing participants on creating their very own balloon creatures. Cost: Free Admission</p>
<p>Home Depot Kids Workshop</p>	<p>Where: All Home Depot Locations – see local store for most accurate information When: 1st Saturday of every month 9am-12 noon What: Join us the first Saturday of each month between 9 am – 12 pm for free in-person Kids Workshops. While supplies last. Cost: Free Admission</p>
<p>Scavenger Hunt</p>	<p>Where: Greenhorn Valley When: Mondays, Wednesday’s What: Find all the pictures and receive a prize Cost: Free Admission</p>

Denver Metro

<p>Botanic Gardens</p>	<p>Where: Botanic Gardens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>York Street</u> 1007 York Street Denver, CO 80206 720-865-3500 ○ <u>Chatfield Farms</u> 8500 West Deer Creek Canyon Road Littleton, CO 80128 720-865-3500 <p>When: 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>
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	<p>2024 Free Days at Plains Conservation Center 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. 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>What: Free Days occur throughout the year, thanks to funding from the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD). Cost: Free Days – Please visit website for details and free tickets. www.botanicgardens.org/events/free-days</p>
<p>Free Day at the Denver Art Museum</p>	<p>Where: Denver Art Museum: 100 W. 14th Ave. Pkwy. Denver, CO 80204</p> <p>When:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday, January 9 • Saturday, January 27 • Tuesday, February 13 • Tuesday, March 12 • Sunday, March 24 • Tuesday, April 9 • Sunday, April 28 • Tuesday, May 14 • Tuesday, June 11 • Tuesday, July 9 • Sunday, July 21 • Tuesday, August 13 • Saturday, September 7 • Tuesday, September 10 • Tuesday, October 8 • Saturday, November 2 • Tuesday, November 12 • Tuesday, December 10 <p>What: Engage with art, explore onsite activities, and experience exhibitions on view all while enjoying free admission! Advance ticket reservations are encouraged.</p>

	Cost: Free
Hammonds Factory Candy Tour	<p>Where: Hammond’s Candies 5735 Washington St, Denver CO 80216</p> <p>When: Recurring weekly on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday</p> <p>What: 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</p>
Mining Museum of Earth Science	<p>Where: Mines Museum of Earth Science 1310 Maple St., Golden, 303-273-3815</p> <p>When: Open Monday to Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.</p> <p>What: It has two floors displaying fossils, gemstones, meteorites, minerals and mining artifacts.</p> <p>Cost: Free Admission</p>
U.S. Mint of Denver	<p>Where: 320 W. Colfax Ave., Denver</p> <p>When: 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>What : FREE tours show every step in the process of turning dull, blank metal slugs into shiny pocket change.</p> <p>Cost: Free Admission</p>
Home Depot Kids Workshop	<p>Where: All Home Depot Locations – see local store for most accurate information</p> <p>When: 1st Saturday of every month 9am-12 noon</p> <p>What: Join us the first Saturday of each month between 9 am – 12 pm for free in-person Kids Workshops. While supplies last.</p> <p>Cost: Free Admission</p>

Larimer County

Fort Collins Farmers Market	<p>Where: 1001 E Harmony Rd.</p> <p>When: Sundays and Wednesdays, 10am – 2pm</p> <p>Saturday, Apr 6, 2024 from 10:00am to 2:00pm</p>
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	<p>What: Farmers Market</p> <p>Cost: Free Admission</p>
<p>Tiny Trekkers</p>	<p>Where: Lions Open Space 2425 N. Overland Trail Laporte, CO 80535</p> <p>When:</p> <p>What: 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</p>
	<p>day of program to cancel or inquire about availability.</p> <p>Cost: Free Admission</p>

