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THE KENTUCKY DERBY

The first Saturday in May is an exciting day in Kentucky! All eyes turn to our neighbors in Louisville, where the world-famous Kentucky Derby is held at Churchill Downs. The main race, when 3-year-old Thoroughbred horses race 1.25 miles, is often called the "Run for the Roses," because the winning horse is draped with a blanket of beautiful red roses. It is also called the "Fastest Two Minutes in Sports" because the race itself is that short!

The Kentucky Derby is not just a race—it is a celebration of Kentucky's long history of horse culture. Horse breeding, training, and racing are a major part of life and the economy here.

People celebrate with Derby Day parties, dressing up in spring dresses and nice suits, and wearing fancy hats. Hats are an important tradition, going back to the very beginning,, and became even more popular when the race started being shown on TV in the 1950s. It turned the event into a kind of national fashion show!

Today, wearing a Derby hat is a beloved Southern tradition. Derby hats for women range from small and elegant to big and extravagant, often decorated with feathers, flowers, and ribbons.

The 152nd Kentucky Derby will be held on Saturday, May 2nd, airing live on NBC and streaming on Peacock.

Here in Lexington, you can also experience horse racing at Keeneland in April and October (the April racing season is finishing this weekend).

Did you know that the Keeneland grounds are open to the public every day of the year? [Click here for more info.](#)



UPCOMING DATES

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| April 24 | Choir Class Performance |
| May 1 | Classes Show & Tell (Last Day for Classes) |
| May 8 | End of Year Potluck (no classes or childcare - kids welcome) |
| May 10 | Mother's Day in the U.S. |

Summer Break! Registration for the Fall will open in August and we will begin meeting again in September.

Kite Fest at Masterson Station Park

Enjoy the fun of kite-flying with many others at this free community event! Bring your own kite or purchase one there. Or just come watch everyone else's kites! Activities will include kite flying, children's games, face painting and more. Free to attend. Food will be available for purchase.

Parking is across from the fairgrounds. Kite Fest is held on the hill next to the Masterson Station playground.

Saturday, April 25, Noon to 4PM

Masterson Station Park

3051 Leestown Road, Lexington

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Free Friday Movies in June

Friday Flicks at Jacobson Park is a fun summer tradition! Bring your lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Food vendors will be on-site for purchase, or you can bring your own food. Come at 7PM for free family activities before the movie begins at sundown. Bring a flashlight for after dark.

Jacobson Park

Fridays on June 5, 12 and 26

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