

# It's summertime!

## SCIENCE PLAYGROUP

Friday mornings at 10:00 at the Pavilion at Robin Bledsoe Park (near Leander Library) you and your child can participate in exciting science experiments...for free! Research shows that children do not play outside or have exposure to science as often as they should. Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity for your child to learn with you and others. Check out this website and some of the great activities you can be a part of...

[www.remmler.org/science/playgroup.html](http://www.remmler.org/science/playgroup.html)



## Summer Nutrition Programs

Children under 18 years old eat breakfast and lunch for free! Monday-Friday, all summer long

[www.summerfood.org](http://www.summerfood.org)

## Brushy Creek Lake Park

3300 Brushy Creek Road  
Cedar Park, TX  
(512) 401-5500



Playground; hike and bike trail; nature trail; exercise station; pavilions; picnic tables and grills; volleyball court; canoe/kayak launch; fishing pier; wildlife observation; labyrinth; restrooms. Splash pad open 10AM-8PM.



Have a train at your event! For more information, call (512) 698-6798 or visit: [www.expresskidstrain.com](http://www.expresskidstrain.com)

## Cameron Park Zoo

[www.cameronparkzoo.com](http://www.cameronparkzoo.com)  
(254) 750-8400



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## Cameron Park

[www.waco-texas.com](http://www.waco-texas.com)

## Homestead Heritage Village

Admission is free  
(254) 754-5409  
[www.homesteadheritage.com](http://www.homesteadheritage.com)

## Texas Ranger Museum

(254) 750-8631  
[www.texasranger.org](http://www.texasranger.org)



## The Waco Mammoth Site

Tues-Friday 11-5, Sat 9-5  
6220 Steinbeck Bend Road  
(254) 750-7946  
[www.wacomammoth.com](http://www.wacomammoth.com)



Open 7 days a week! 1300 S. University Parks, Waco 76706  
(254) 710-1110

engage. explore. enjoy



## Milburn Park

1901 Sun Chase Blvd.  
4:00 pm to 10:30 pm  
Free to the public

Come celebrate with us and enjoy a dance with live music, bingo, a washer tournament, air castles, free watermelon and a fireworks display. Fees apply for concessions, face painting, games, hamster balls, laser tag, quad jump, Races2u, spinner ride and rock wall. Pool open from 1-8 pm (admission rates apply).

## CEDAR ROCK RAILROAD



Southwest Williamson County Regional Park  
Sat/Sun ONLY 10AM-6PM  
\$2.50/ticket  
(512) 413-1705 [www.cedarrockrailroad.com](http://www.cedarrockrailroad.com)

## Quarry Splash Pad

Williamson County Regional Park  
3005 CR 175, Leander, TX 78641  
Admission: \$1 per person  
[parks.wilco.org](http://parks.wilco.org)



Visit your local library website to find out about exciting events:  
Leander: [leander.librarycatalog.info/polaris/library/userdef/events.aspx](http://leander.librarycatalog.info/polaris/library/userdef/events.aspx)  
Cedar Park: [www.cedarparktexas.gov/index.aspx?page=225](http://www.cedarparktexas.gov/index.aspx?page=225)  
Austin: [library.austintexas.gov/events](http://library.austintexas.gov/events)



Check this website to learn about Sports & Academic Camps offered through the district for your school-aged children:  
[www.leanderisd.org/default.aspx?name=ps.summer.camps](http://www.leanderisd.org/default.aspx?name=ps.summer.camps)

## Cedar Park Farmer's Market

Lakeline Mall parking lot (behind Sears & Dillard's)  
Saturdays 9:00AM-1:00PM



For an awesome list of camps in Leander & Cedar Park: [www.archive.impactnews.com/pdfs/LCP/LCP201303-SummerCamp.pdf](http://www.archive.impactnews.com/pdfs/LCP/LCP201303-SummerCamp.pdf)



## AUSTIN STEAM TRAIN

Seats are reserved & pre-assigned. Call 512-477-8468 x2 or go to [www.austinsteamtrain.org](http://www.austinsteamtrain.org)

### Bertram Flyer

Stops at the historic 1912 train station in Bertram. Saturday Rides (June, July & August) 10AM & Sunday Rides 2PM.

### Princess Flyer

August 25, 2013

Train ride to Bertram, tea and biscuits, and photo opportunities with princesses. Bring your favorite doll or stuffed animal friend along for the ride! Brief layover in Bertram to tour our 1912 train depot then return to Cedar Park.

## Food Pantries



### Hill Country Nazarene Church

1750 Bagdad Road, Cedar Park  
512-259-0881  
Tuesdays from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
(Clothes Closet, too)

No ID or Qualifying required!

### Leander Church of Christ

300 Crystal Falls Parkway, Leander  
512-259-4673  
Wednesday evenings from 6:30 PM to 8 PM

No ID or Qualifying required!

# GEORGETOWN

**Camille's**  
HAND DIPPED  
ice cream bars  
1013 W University Ave.  
(512) 819-9095



Thursdays, 3:30-6:30pm  
1525 W. University Ave.

**Williamson Museum**  
Visit the 2nd Saturday of each month, from 10-2, for hands-on interactive history lessons & activities  
**716 S. Austin Ave., Georgetown**  
**(512) 943-1670**  
[www.williamsonmuseum.org](http://www.williamsonmuseum.org)



4200 S. IH-35  
GEORGETOWN 78626  
(512) 931-CAVE  
WEEKDAYS 9 AM - 4 PM  
SATURDAY 10 AM - 5 PM  
SUNDAY 10 AM - 5 PM

## Second Saturday Market Days

Historic Downtown Square  
(512) 868-8675  
[www.TheGeorgetownSquare.com](http://www.TheGeorgetownSquare.com)



The downtown Square comes alive with booths featuring handmade arts & crafts, jewelry, unique clothing, wood-crafts, ironworks, festive foods, antiques & collectables, stained glass, along with live concerts and a kids' area.

**Second Saturday of each month 9 AM-4 PM**

## Georgetown Recreation Center



1003 N. Austin Ave.  
Georgetown, Texas 78626  
(512) 930-3596

-Playground, Splash Pad (\$2-3)-

## San Gabriel Park

1003 N. Austin Ave. 78626  
(512) 930-3595

-Hike and Bike Trail-



**Tejas Park**  
4400 CR 258  
Liberty Hill, TX 78642  
(512)930-5253

-Fishing, Campsites, Boating,  
Picnic Areas, Hunting-



"Becoming a Love and Logic Parent." Free.  
Four *required* sessions, **Tuesdays, August 13, 20, 27, & September 3.** For more information on class content, go to [www.loveandlogic.com](http://www.loveandlogic.com).

Call to register, (512) 864-3008 Love and Logic

Summer classes at **Georgetown Community Resource Center...**  
call (512) 864-3008 to register!

"Let's Write Chinese"—Wednesday, June 12, 1-3 PM (for 6-12 yr. olds). Free.  
"Let's Make Sushi"—Wednesday, June 26, 1-3 PM (for 6-12 yr. olds). Free.  
"Cake Decorating"—Saturday, June 29, 2-4 PM (for 6-12 yr. olds). Free.



Check daily for free fun activities!  
(you can also sign-up for a daily email)  
[www.freefuninaustin.com](http://www.freefuninaustin.com)

### See the Bats!

Congress Bridge  
100 Congress Avenue  
Austin, TX  
[www.batcon.org](http://www.batcon.org)



Observe bats and wow in the spectacle as they rise from under the bridge in a black cloud of screeching and flapping wings each night.

Mid-March to November  
For emergence times call: (512) 416-5700 x3636



*Dino Pit*  
Nature exhibits  
301 Nature Center Dr.  
Austin, TX 78746  
(512) 974-3888



### Giant Chess

Wooldridge Park, Austin  
Saturdays 12:30 - 3:30 PM

### Splash Party Movie Nights

Enjoy family movies and take a dip in the pool on a hot summer night.

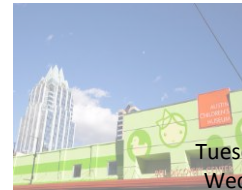
### Deep Eddy Pool

401 Deep Eddy Ave./Austin  
(512) 472-8546  
[www.deepeddy.org](http://www.deepeddy.org)



Rent kayaks/paddle boats on Lady Bird Lake  
Rowing Dock: (512) 459-0999  
Zilker Park Boat Rentals: (512) 478-3852

### Austin Children's Museum



201 Colorado Street  
(512) 472-2499  
[www.austinkids.org](http://www.austinkids.org)

### Hours

Tuesday- Saturday 10 am to 5 pm  
Wednesday Nights 5 pm to 8 pm  
Sunday Noon- 5 pm (4- 5 pm FREE)

### Home Depot "How-to Clinics"

For kids 5-12 yrs. old  
First Saturday of every month, 9-12



9828 Great Hills Trail  
Austin, TX  
(512) 241-2885

Saturdays 11AM-3PM

Craft activity for ages 3 and up,  
new craft each Saturday.



Zilker Park  
Barton Springs Rd

Enjoy a ride around Zilker Park on the miniature train, the Zephyr. Play on the playground. Feed ducks and turtles. Concessions are available during peak hours, or bring food for a picnic.



### TEXAS MILITARY FORCES MUSEUM

Camp Mabry, Austin, TX  
Free Admission

[www.texasmilitaryforcesmuseum.org](http://www.texasmilitaryforcesmuseum.org)



### Little Shop of Horrors

July-August



Thursdays-Sundays • approx. 8:30pm [at dusk]

**Beverly S. Sheffield Zilker Hillside Theatre**  
in Zilker Park across from Barton Springs Pool  
Admission: FREE! [parking: \$5/car]

[www.zilker.org/thehill.html](http://www.zilker.org/thehill.html)



### Austin Symphony Hartman Foundation "Concerts in the Park"

Free ensemble concerts take at Hartman Concert Park in front of the Long Center Terrace on Sunday evenings from June 2nd - August 25th at 7:30 p.m. Concertgoers are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner and blanket and make it a group outing.

Free Parking at One Texas Center @ S. 1st & Barton Springs.



Register child for free clinic, select Saturdays at 10am  
[lowesbuildandgrow.com/pages/default.aspx](http://lowesbuildandgrow.com/pages/default.aspx)



Reading Is Fundamental

Check this website to download RIF's monthly activity calendars, which provide engaging reading and writing activity suggestions to last a month!

[www.rif.org/us/literacy-resources/activities/monthly-activity-calendars.htm](http://www.rif.org/us/literacy-resources/activities/monthly-activity-calendars.htm)

### CHILDREN'S DAY ART PARK

- Wednesday Mornings, 9:30 - 11:30 am, June 12 - July 31 (except July 3)
- June 12-July 31, 2013 9:30 AM
- Symphony Square Amphitheatre: 1101 Red River St. Austin TX



For just **50¢ per child**, kids and adults can experience the magic of the arts at Children's Day Art Park. This exciting summer program features local musicians, dancers, storytellers, magicians, mimes and crafts people. Youngsters can visit the Instrument Petting Zoo (where they can see, touch and try to play the instruments), talk to symphony musicians and hear them play their instruments, see a Ballet Folklorico, hear a Latin jazz band, follow a real Pied Piper along the Lemonade Trail to the Magic Oak Tree and try their hands at different art projects under the Art Tent.

## Brenham, TX

**Blue Bell Creamery**  
1101 South Blue Bell Rd  
(800) 327-8135  
www.bluebell.com



Take a 45 minute tour. Every tour ends with a serving of ice cream. No weekend tours. Admission: adults \$6.00, children 6-14 \$4.00, under 3 free



**Blue Bell Aquatic Center**  
1800 Tom Green  
Call for summer hours!  
(979) 337-7250

Cool off with a dip in the Blue Bell Aquatic Center. Ice cream themed water park with sprinklers and slides. Admission: \$3-5 per person

# 101 Almost Free Things to do with Kids this Summer

1. Go for a Hike
2. Scrapbook
3. Catch Fireflies
4. Go to the Zoo
5. Tell Ghost Stories
6. Go to the Playground
7. Pick Flowers
8. Water Gun Fight
9. Take a Bike Ride
10. Make S'mores
11. Fly a Kite
12. Have a Slumber Party
13. Build a Blanket Fort
14. Make Cookies
15. Start a Lemonade Stand
16. Play in the Sprinkler
17. Make Paper Airplanes
18. Go on a Scavenger Hunt
19. Plant a Garden
20. Swim in a Lake
21. Tell Jokes
22. Watch a Movie
23. Go on a Picnic
24. Play Cards
25. Have a Pillow Fight
26. Make Ice Cream
27. Play in the Mud
28. Thumb Wrestle
29. Go to a Museum
30. Play Hide and Seek
31. Blow Bubbles
32. Visit the Library
33. Fold Origami
34. Build a Sand Castle
35. Take Pictures
36. Sing a Song
37. Make Shadow Puppets
38. Build a Campfire
39. Slip n Slide
40. Play "Simon Says"
41. Draw with Sidewalk Chalk
42. Mommy-Daughter Makeovers
43. Daddy-Daughter Makeovers
44. Start a Nature Journal
45. Play a Board Game
46. Speak Pig Latin
47. Make Homemade Popsicles
48. Play Charades
49. Write a Pen Pal
50. Michael's Kids Crafts
51. Play Rock Paper Scissors
52. Put on a Magic Show
53. Start a Garden
54. Water Balloon Fight
55. Grow a Frog
56. Tell Secrets
57. Magnify an Ant
58. Throw a Ball
59. Go Cloud Watching
60. Have a "No Talking" Contest
61. Storytime at a Book Store
62. Visit a Farm
63. Play Hopscotch
64. Go Fishing
65. Have a Staring Contest
66. Do a Puzzle
67. Play Dress Up
68. Get a Pet Rock
69. Tour a Fire Station
70. Play with a Cardboard Box
71. Climb a Tree
72. Throw a Frisbee
73. Wash the Car
74. Go Geocaching
75. Decorate Cupcakes
76. Volunteer at the SPCA
77. Have a Tea Party
78. Double Dutch Jump Rope
79. Go Birdwatching
80. Find a 4-Leaf Clover
81. Home Depot Kids Workshop
82. Visit a National Park
83. Feed the Ducks
84. Learn to Juggle
85. Teach Grandma to Text
86. Have a Yard Sale
87. Play "I Spy"
88. Camp in the Backyard
89. Write Poems
90. Go Stargazing
91. Walk a Dog
92. Tour a Factory
93. Play with Clay
94. Make Homemade Cards
95. Take a Bus Ride
96. Paint with Watercolors
97. Tie Dye
98. Learn the Macarena
99. Build with Legos
100. Play Tag
101. Go Berry Picking

More frugal family fun:

[stay-a-stay-at-home-mom.com](http://stay-a-stay-at-home-mom.com)