

2011 Summer Activities

Summer Camps - The list of camps is too great to include them all, so we are only including the two that our children's preschools put on.

- **Parkway Baptist Church Summer Camp:** 5975 State Bridge Road, Duluth, Georgia 30097; Water Week Every Week! Camp will be held during the weeks of June 20, June 27, July 18, and July 25. Camp is open 5 days each week and you choose which days you want to attend for \$25/day. Pay in full by June 1 for a discount. There is a one-time \$10 registration fee per camper. Drop-off is at 9:30 and Pick-up is at 1:30. For children who will be 2 by September 1, 2011 up to and including children who will be entering 3rd grade in Fall 2011. www.parkwaybaptistpreschool.org, Call Sue Moser at Cell #404-786-7072, WPM@parkway-baptist.org
- **Prince of Peace Lutheran Church summer VBS:** Program is open to 2 - 9 year olds, and 10 - 18 year olds can be counselors! The church is located on Haynes Bridge Road in Alpharetta, 770-475-4591 for more information.
 - Session 1 6/20 - 23 Around the World Culture Week
 - Session 2 6/27 -30 Dr. Seuss Week
 - Session 3 7/18 - 21 OOpY GOOpY Week
 - Session 4 7/25 - 28 Sports Week

Plays and Puppet Shows –

- **Roswell Cultural Arts Center Summer Puppet Series:** www.roswellgov.com; 950 Forrest Street, Roswell, GA, 770-594-6411; Monday through Saturdays at 10:00am and additional shows Wednesday and Friday at 1 pm; Showtime is approximately 30 minutes in length with an opportunity to meet the puppeteers and the puppets immediately following the show. Children 2-12 are \$4 per person, lap babies free, adults are \$5. Tickets can now be purchase online. You can buy the puppet kits to take home for \$4 each. It's a great craft activity. My kids love these shows!
 - 6/6 – 6/11 – Fairy Circus, Tanglewood Marionettes
 - 6/13 – 6/18 – The Dragon King, Tanglewood Marionettes
 - 6/20 – 6/25 – The Big Bad Little Red Pig Show, That Puppet Guy
 - 6/27 – 7/2 – Peter and the Wolf and The Frog Prince, Frisch Marionettes
 - 7/4 – 7/9 – The Magic Fish, The Roz Puppets
 - 7/11 – 7/16 – The Headless Horseman of Sleepy Hollow, Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers
 - 7/18 – 7/23 – Pinocchio, National Marionette Theatre
- **Center for Puppetry Arts:** www.puppet.org ... Must reserve tickets and this is quite expensive (\$16) compared to the Roswell program. Their schedule is posted online. Museum and workshop included in single show ticket.
 - 4/7 – 5/29 – Beauty and the Beast
 - 5/31 – 6/12 – Jack and the Beanstalk
 - 6/14 – 7/17 – Cinderella Della Circus
 - 7/19 – 7/31 – Martha Speaks
 - 8/4 – 8/14 – Frog Belly Rat Bone

Free/Cheap Movies (Indoor and Outdoor)-

- **Summer Moviecamp at AMC:** cancelled for 2011
- **Regal's \$1 Family Film Festival:** Held at both Northpoint Market 8 and Medlock Crossing. Movies are shown at 10am on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.
<http://www.regmovies.com/summermovieexpress/default.aspx>
 - 6/7-6/8 Pirates Who Don't Do Anything (G); Shrek Forever After (PG)
 - 6/14-6/15 Bee Movie (G); Diary Of A Wimpy Kid (PG)
 - 6/21-6/22 How To Train Your Dragon (G); Shrek the Third (PG)
 - 6/28-6/29 Kung Hu Panda (G); Tale of Despereaux(PG)
 - 7/5-7/6 Ramona & Beezus (G); Madagascar 2 (PG)
 - 7/12-7/13 Barnyard(G); Yogi Bear (PG)
 - 7/19-7/20 Alpha and Omega (G); Charlotte's Web (PG)
 - 7/26-7/27 Astro Boy (G); Megamind (PG)
 - 8/2-8/3 Despicable Me (G); Marmaduke (PG)
- **Children's Summer Series 2011 at Studio Movie Grill:** 2880 Holcomb Bridge Road, Alpharetta, GA 30022; <http://www.studiomoviegrill.com/SummerSeries.php>; Movies begin at 11am Mon – Friday all summer. Adult tickets \$2 and Child tickets \$1
 - 5/30 – 6/3 Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs (PG)
 - 6/6 – 6/10 How to Train Your Dragon (PG)
 - 6/13 – 6/17 Shrek Forever After (PG)
 - 6/20 – 6/24 Megamind (PG)
 - 6/27- 7/1 Madagascar 2 (PG)
 - 7/4 – 7/8 Kung Hu Panda (PG)
 - 7/11 – 7/15 Stuart Little (PG)
 - 7/18 – 7/22 Charlotte's Web (G)
 - 7/25 – 7/29 Open Season (PG)
 - 8/1 – 8/5 Dairy of a Wimpy Kid (PG)
 - 8/8 – 8/12 Monster House (PG)
- **Free Family Film Festival at Movies at 400:** (415 Atlanta Rd. Cumming, GA 30040) Movies at 400 on Highway 9 has free movies on Tues. and Thurs. at 10am with \$1 popcorn and \$1 drinks and if you bring in a can of food or school supplies and you get the popcorn for free!
www.seethemovies.com/ 678-513-4400
 - 5/31 & 6/02 Ramona (G), Nanny McPhee Returns (PG)
 - 6/07 & 6/09 How to Train Your Dragon (PG)
 - 6/14 & 6/16 Megamind (PG)
 - 6/21 & 6/23 Narnia: dawn Treader (PG)
 - 6/28 & 6/30 Dairy of a Wimpy Kid (PG)
 - 7/05 & 7/07 Despicable Me (PG)
 - 7/12 & 7/14 Marmaduke (PG)
 - 7/18 & 7/21 Alpha and Omega (PG)
 - 7/26 & 7/28 Rango (PG)
 - 8/02 & 8/04 Diary of a Wimpy Kid 2 (PG)
 - 8/09 & 8/11 Hop (PG)

- **Outdoor Movies at Riverside Park:** www.roswellgov.com; City of Roswell's 2010 FREE Family Movie Series; Riverside Park at 7:00 (movies begin at dark). Bring a picnic along with your lawn chairs and blankets, enjoy great music, play on the playgrounds, and then settle in for movie fun. Food and drinks may also be purchased at the concession stand.
 - May 28th – Despicable Me – Rated PG
 - July 23rd – Shrek 4ever After - Rated PG
 - August 13th – Movie TBA – Back to school Bash

- **Flicks on the Bricks:** The City of Duluth has outdoor movies they call Flicks on the Bricks every month beginning July 9th. Movies begin at dusk, but come early for Pre-Show Activities at 7 pm . See www.duluthga.net for the more information.
 - 7/9 – Megamind
 - 8/12 – TBA
 - 9/9 - TBA
 - 10/14 - TBA

- **Movies in the Park:** <http://www.johnscreekga.gov/parks> - Movies in the Park are outdoor family-friendly festivals with inflatables, a clown act, food, vendors etc. held in New Town Park and conclude with an blockbuster movie being shown on a huge inflatable movie screen. The events, which are free to the public. Movies start at dusk and festivities start at 7:00.
 - 6/11 – Gulliver’s Travels
 - 7/9 – TBA
 - 8/13 - TBA

- **"B" at the Movies;** B98.5FM is bringing back wholesome, old fashion FREE fun with “B at the Movies” presented by Publix. The Summer Series runs May – September 2011 at 14 Metro Atlanta locations. All movies are free, open to the public and begin at dusk. Some locations may have a parking fee. The events will also include great giveaways, family games and healthy concessions – but feel free to bring your picnic baskets and coolers. <http://www.b985.com/news/events/station-events/b-movies/nCRHM/>
 - 5/7 - Shrek Forever After (PG) @ Conyers (International Horse Park)
 - 5/14 - Megamind (PG) @ Lawrenceville (Tribble Mill Park)
 - 5/21 - How To Train Your Dragon (PG) @ Hampton (McBrayer Park)
 - 5/28 - Despicable Me (PG) @ Roswell (Riverside Park)
 - 6/11 - Despicable Me (PG) @ Powder Springs (Taylor Farm Park)
 - 6/25 - Shrek Forever After (PG) @ Kennesaw (Swift Cantrell Park)
 - 7/9 - Megamind (PG) @ Duluth (Town Green)
 - 7/23 - Racing Stripes @ Conyers (International Horse Park)
 - 7/30 - Yogi Bear @ Norcross (Lillian Webb Park)
 - 8/6 - TBA
 - 8/13 - Movie TBD @ Roswell (Riverside Park)
 - 8/20 - Movie TBD @ Suwanee (Town Center Park)
 - 8/27 - Movie TBD @ Woodstock (JJ Biello Baseball Complex)
 - 9/10 - Movie TBD @ Milton (Birmingham Crossroads)

Free Outdoor Concerts -

- **Riverside Sounds 2010:** Free Concert Series - Riverside Park, the first Saturday of the month, May through October, 7-9 pm; www.roswellgov.com; Riverside Park 575 Riverside Road, bring a picnic and lawn chairs/blankets- concessions available 770-641-3705
 - May 7th - Zydefunk
 - June 4th – Milkshake Quartet
 - July 2nd - The Whiskey Gentry
 - August 6th – Oliver Woods and Friends
 - September 3rd – The Soulphonics and Ruby Velle
 - October 1st – The Dappled Grays
- **Concerts in the Park:** 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM; Thrasher Park: 100 Park Drive Norcross, GA 30071, FREE - bring refreshments (to-go picnics available in downtown eateries!), a blanket and your dancing shoes! Food and Alcohol are allowed in the park, but glass containers are not acceptable. Contact: Cultural Arts and Community Center – For more info contact (770) 448-2122 or nbrown@norcrossga.net
 - 5/30 – Memorial Day Sinatra and Friends Tribute
 - 6/10 – Hotel California – A salute to The Eagles
 - 6/24 – Natalie Stovall – country and rock music show
 - 7/8 – The Stephen Lee Band – pop and soft rock
 - 7/22 – The American Flyers – Rock and R&B variety show
 - 8/5 – Departure – The Journey Tribute Band
 - 8/19 – Almost Elton John and The Rocket Band
 - 9/2 – A1A – The Original and Official Jimmy Buffett Tribute Band
- **Summerstage Concert Series:** Downtown Duluth Town Green, FREE; Show begins at 7:30. Enjoy a relaxing evening under the stars featuring the “Gwinnett Symphony Orchestra! Concessions will be on sale as a fundraiser to send the Gwinnett Symphony to NYC to perform on 9/11.
 - June 17 – Orchestral selections of popular and classical genres
 - July 15 – Choral selections of popular and classical genres
 - August 19 – Orchestral and Choral selections of popular and classical genres

Free Library Programs

Library programs are free and open to the public. They can be very popular and there are limits to how many kids fit in the rooms, so arrive early. Children cannot be left unaccompanied.

These programs are funded by “Friends of the Libraries” so JOIN your “Friends” group at your library to help these programs survive. They are also funded by used book sales at the library so Go Shopping!

Northeast Spruill Oaks Library Summer Activities - (9560 Spruill Road, Alpharetta, GA 30022) www.facebook.com/northfultonkids – Phone 770-360-8820 - Terra Cribbs, Senior Librarian email: terra.cribbs@co.fulton.ga.us. Friend Northeast Spruill Oaks Library Children’s Services on Facebook to stay updated!

- **Summer Reading Kick-off** with Bill Packard – 6/1 (10:00am – 12pm) 'Round the World in 40 Minutes. Interactive magic show. Ages 5-12
- **Caroline & Danny Children's Storytime Concert** – 6/1 (6:30pm – 7:15pm) Children's storytime concert. Ages 3-7
- **Lingual Kids** – 6/2 (10:30am – 11am) Spanish/English Storytime. Ages 3-5.

- **Caroline & Danny Children's Storytime Concert** – 6/7 (10:30am – 11:15am) Children's storytime concert. Ages 3-7
- **My Reptile Guys** – 6/8 (10:15am – 11am) Live reptile show. Ages 4-up
- **Ken Scott Magician** – 6/8 (2:30pm – 3:15 pm) Interactive magic show. Ages 5-12
- **Piccadilly Puppets** – 6/14 (10:30am–11:15am) Interactive puppet show. Ages 5 & under
- **Dr. Tom's Semi-silent Theater** – 6/15 (10:30am – 11:15am) Magic/mime comedy show.
- **Reptile Wrangler**- 6/21 (10:30am–11:15am) My Reptile Guys. Live Exotic Animals. Ages 4 and up.
- **Quite a Catch**- 6/22 (10:30am – 11:15am) Interactive juggling and comedy show. Ages 4 and up.
- **Summer Read Bob Comeans Caricature Artist** – 6/22 (2pm-4pm) Family, fun, appropriate for young and old alike! It takes Bob Comeans about two minutes to capture a person's character on paper. He draws caricatures cartoons that emphasize people's facial features and personality traits. He starts with an outline of the face, then looks for a prominent feature hairstyle, goatee, eyes that he "gently" exaggerates. Reservations required. Cost FREE.
- **Inflatable Zoo** – 6/28 (10:15am – 11am) Interactive safari fun magic show. Ages 4-7.
- **Lingual Kids** – 7/7 (10:30am – 11am) Spanish/English Storytime. Ages 3-5.
- **Summer Read Rhythm and Drum Jam Peter the One Hour Drummer**- 7/7 (2pm – 3pm) A facilitated interactive jam session. Our goal is to provide a creative environment where all players can participate regardless of musical experience and feel successful and COOL! Audience members play right from the start and learn about various cultures, percussion instruments and the joy of playing in a group. Reservations required
- **Piccadilly Puppets** – 7/12 (10:30am–11:15am) Interactive puppet show. Ages 9 & under
- **Summer Read Arthur Atsma Magician, The Extreme Teen Magic Show:** 7/ 18. 6:30–7:30 p.m., middle school and older; The extreme teen Magic Show is a mix of incredible street magic, crazy mind reading, and impossible sleight of hand stunts. The magic is fast, full of comedy, and audience participation. Arthur Atsma is an award winning magician. Don't miss his amazing show! Reservations required
- **Keith Karnok Magician & Ventriloquist** – 7/19, 10:30, Educational magician and ventriloquist. Ages 9 and under. No reservations required.
- **Sean Driscoll Storymaker** – 7/20, 11:00, Wand of dreams storytime. Ages 9 and under. No reservations required.
- **Family Fun Day** - 7/25, 10:30-3, Fun filled day featuring Puppet show, Healing hoofs miniature horses, Johns Creek Fire Truck, Crime dog and much more.

Roswell Library Summer Activities - (115 Norcross Street, Roswell , GA 30075);

comments@co.fulton.ga.us , 770-640-3075, All programs are free and open to the public;

www.forl.net/libraryprograms.html#CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

- **Summer Reading Kick Off** – 6/1 (10am – 11am) Our Summer Reading Program kicks off with a visit from the Roswell Fire Department at 10:00. At 10:30 come inside to sign up for the reading program. Mr. Greggy and Abbie Cadabra will be making balloon animals for everyone. No reservations required.
- **READING Paws** – 6/4, 6/18, 7/2, 7/16, 8/6, and 8/20 (every 15 min from 11am – 12pm) The Reading Paws program visits the Roswell Library to help children practice their reading skills in a warm and friendly environment. These trained and certified therapy dogs love stories! Reading sessions last 15 minutes. Beginning readers, grades 1 and up, are welcome. Reservations are required.

- **Nosey Rosey** – 6/6 (2pm – 2:45pm) Rosy lives in a world of make-believe where anything can happen ... and usually does. She tackles one silly predicament after another with pratfalls, props and pantomime. Ages 3-6. Reservations begin 5/27.
- **Bouncing Babies Story Time** – Mondays 6/6 – 7/25 (10:30am – 11am), no story time on 7/4; Bouncing Babies is a program for infants from birth to age one and their caregiver. No reservations required.
- **Telling a Story Through Indian Dance** – 6/7 (1:30pm – 2:15pm) Sasikala Penumarthi tells stories through the beautiful and centuries old Kuchipudi style of dance. Ages 8-10. Reservations begin May 31
- **Walking One-ders Story Time** – Wednesdays 6/8 – 7/27 (10:30am – 11am) no story-time on 7/6; Walking One-ders is a program for one year olds who are walking and their caregiver. No reservations required.
- **Terrific Twos and Threes Story Time** - Wednesdays 6/8 – 7/27 (11:30am – 12pm) no story-time on 7/6; Terrific Twos is a program for two and three-year-olds and a caregiver. No reservations required.
- **My Reptile Guys** – 6/9 (10:15 – 11 and 11:30 – 12:15) My Reptile Guys are back with loads more reptiles. If you're brave enough, you may even get to hold one! Ages 5-10. Reservations begin June 2.
- **Family Night With Caroline Fiegel** – 6/13 (6:30pm – 7:30pm) The whole family is invited to a program that will feature lots of songs and stories. You're guaranteed to have a rootin' tootin' good time. Ages 8 and up. Reservations begin June 6.
- **Tommy Johns - Wherever You Go, There's a Story** – 6/16 (10:30am – 11:15am) Take an imaginary trip to all seven continents. Magic! Puppets! Lots of audience participation! Ages 6-10. Reservations begin June 9.
- **Messy Art** – 6/17 (10:30 – 11:15am) Are you ready for some messy fun? We'll be finger-painting, so make sure you wear your grubby clothes. Ages 2-5. Please note: Space is limited to 25 participants. Reservations begin June 10.
- **Truck Stop** – 6/20 (1pm – 1:45pm) Calling all truck lovers! The Georgia Motor Trucking Association will park a big semi in the parking lot for you to explore. A driver will be on hand to talk about safety around big trucks and answer any questions. No reservations required.
- **Alphabet Soup** – 6/23 (10:30am – 11:15am) Yodel, crow, sing and wiggle in this fun-filled music program. Ages 2-6. Reservations begin June 16.
- **Didgeridoo Down Under** – 6/27 (5-6pm) G'day mate! Take a trip down under with this high energy show featuring the didgeridoo. Ages 6-10. Reservations begin June 20.
- **Little Red Barn Petting Zoo** – 6/30 (10:30 – 12:30) Sheep, rabbits, pigs, goats and more! They'll be on the library lawn for you to meet and pet. All ages. No reservations required.
- **Ferdinand por Farruca** – 7/7 (10:30 – 11:15am) This bilingual program combines storytelling and flamenco to tell the story of Ferdinand the bull. Ages 3-8. Reservations begin June 30.
- **Toddler Dance Party!** – 7/14 (10:30 – 11:15am) Put on your dancing shoes! It's time for a party! We'll be spinning some fun tunes just right for little ones. Ages 2-5. Reservations begin July 8.
- **Storyteller Carmen Deedy** – 7/15 (2-3pm) The author of *The Library Dragon* and *Martina the Beautiful Cockroach* will delight you with stories from around the world. You do not want to miss this world class story teller. Ages 6-10. Reservations begin July 8.
- **Wild Goose Chase Theater** – 7/18 (1-2pm) Wild Goose Chase Theater will present a funny, daring, exciting show! Ages 5-10. Reservations begin July 11.

- **Singer/Songwriter Julie Austin** – 7/21 (11am-12pm) Award winning singer/songwriter Julie Austin presents an interactive, toe-tapping, sing-along the little ones are sure to love. Ages 3-8. Reservations begin July 14.
- **Infant Massage Class** – 7/22 (10:30am – 12pm) Infant massage helps healthy growth and development. Natasha C. Reaver, DC, CACCP, CNMT will lead this 90 minute class for mothers or fathers and their infants. Bring 2 baby blankets OR mat, and 1 towel. Limit: 8 mother/father and infant pairs. Please, no older children. Ages: infants not yet walking. Reservations begin July 15.

Ocee Library Summer Activities – 5090 Abbotts Bridge Rd., Alpharetta, GA 30005

Meet in the community room, All programs are free and open to the public; comments@co.fulton.ga.us; 770-360-8897

- **Summer Reading Kick Off** – 6/2 (11am – 2pm) "One World, Many Stories," will kick-off with the Magical Storytelling of Bill Packard and his exciting Around the World in 45 Minutes program. Magic! Stories! Fun! Ages 5-12.
- **Seashells Picture Frame Family Craft** – 6/2 (2:30pm – 4pm) Bring a little of the "beach" into your home by making a seashell picture frame to hold your favorite picture. Ages 9 and up. Space is limited. Please call the library for more information.
- **Marvelous Monday Crafts** – Mondays 6/6 – 7/25 (2pm – 2:30pm), no craft on 7/4, Children will make "international" crafts in celebration of the "One World, Many Stories" Summer Reading theme. Ages 5-12. Children age 9 and under must be accompanied by a parent or adult caregiver. This program is limited to the first 30 children please.
- **Family Fun Storytime** – Tuesdays 6/7 – 7/26 (10:30am – 11am) "One World, Many Stories," each Tuesday will feature a different country with stories, songs and language. Ages 1-6.
- **Wampus Cats, Ravens, and Bears! Oh My! Folk Tales from the Cherokee Nation** – 6/9 (11am – 12pm) Kevin Murphy is a singer/storyteller/guitar player and all around fun guy who tells children stories about American myths and sings related songs. Ages 6-12. This Program is limited to the first 20 children.
- **Music is Magic European Tour** – 6/16 (11am – 12pm) Musician and teacher Bruce Bernstein will introduce children to the music and instruments of Europe, including France, Ireland, Austria, Italy and Spain. Ages 5-12.
- **"33 Uses for a Dad" Father's Day Celebration** – 6/18 (12pm – 1pm) Join us for games, food and fun, inspired by the book 33 Uses for a Dad written by Harriet Ziefert. For fathers and their children ages 4-10.
- **Doggie Tales** – 6/18 (2pm – 2:30pm) A selection of certified therapy dogs from Therapaws Atlanta will be visiting the Ocee Library to have friendly dogs read to them. The program is especially recommended for shy or reluctant readers. These dogs are a friendly and non-judgmental listening audience. Ages 5-12.
- **Culture Shock!** – 6/30 (11am – 12pm) Lingual Kids Language Studio presents a 45-minute program that infuses art and culture. The program infuses art history instruction, a fun story, bilingual songs and a related craft. Ages 2-5. This program is limited to the first 40 children.
- **Crepe Paper Flowers Family Craft** – 7/6 (5:30pm – 7pm) These blooms will be colorful long lasting additions to any vase. Ages 9 (Accompanied by a parent) and up.
- **Public Works Presents: What's Alive in Your Stream** – 7/14 (11am – 12pm) As part of their "Adopt a Stream" program, the Fulton County Department of Public Works will present a fun and educational program about macroinvertebrate activity. Ages 8-12. This program is limited to the first 20 children.

- **Jeff Robbins Presents Mountain Music, Stories and Dance** – 6/21 (11am – 12pm) Life-long musician and storyteller Jeff Robbins performs Appalachian music and teaches children that it is a blend of many cultures including African, Irish, American, Scottish and more. The music is hundreds of years old and the program is fun, educational and interactive. All ages.
- **Summer Reading Finale: Billy Goats Gruff & Other Stuff** – 7/28 (11am – 12pm) Award winning puppeteer David Stephen brings his Muppet-style puppets to perform a very special "fractured" version of the timeless fairytale. All Ages.
- **Look Out Kindergarten Here I Come!** – 8/11 (2pm – 2:30pm) This is a special program for children entering Kindergarten. The picture book Look Out Kindergarten Here I Come! by Nancy Carlson will be read aloud and children will decorate a pencil case to take and use at school. Age 5. Children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. This program is limited to the first 24 children and only to children entering Kindergarten in the 2011-2012 school year.
- **Saturday Story and A Craft** – 8/20 (2pm -3pm) A picture book will be read aloud and children will create a related craft. Ages 5-12. Children ages 9 and under must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. This program is limited to the first 30 children please.

Roswell City: Other Summer Activities -

- **Roswell's Riverside Farmers Market Saturdays May** – October (8am-12pm) at Roswell City Hall (38 Hill Street, Roswell GA 30350); Rain or Shine; The Riverside Farmers Market brings together vendors and shoppers in a celebration of farming and wholesome Georgia-grown produce. Shop for vegetables, herbs, plants, cut flowers, organic meats, soap products, honey, compost and more! Enjoy events such as music, cook's tours, chili cook-offs, watermelon eating contests and a harvest festival!
- **Alive After Five:** Every third Thursday on Canton Street in beautiful Historic Roswell from 5:00pm 'til 9:00pm you will find merchants with specials, restaurants ready to serve your favorite meal, galleries with fabulous art and crafts, and nonprofit organizations to inform and educate you. Balloons decorate the streets and there is live music in three locations up and down Canton Street for your enjoyment. A free trolley is available to take you up and down the street all night. For information call 770.641.3705 or visit www.aliveafterfiveroswell.com
- **Third Sundaes at Barrington Hall;** 5/15, 6/19, 7/17 & 8/21; Join us on the third Sunday of each month from May to August for an old fashioned ice cream social. At the end of your tour you will be treated to a free ice cream sundae. Held at Barrington Hall.
- **Roswell Remembers Memorial Day Celebration:** Monday, May 30, 2010 10:00 AM; Roswell City Hall: Faces of Ward Memorial; Exhibits and demonstrations at 10:00 am with Military Ceremony at 11:00 am. The ceremony features guest speaker, Color Guard, Honor Guard, POW/MIA Tribute, Laying of the Wreath, patriotic music and more. For information call: 770.640.3253 or visit www.roswellmemorialday.com
- **July 4 Fireworks Extravaganza:** at Roswell High School, music and activities start at 6, fireworks at dark. Call 770-641-3705 for more information.

Alpharetta City: Other Summer Activities -

- **Alpharetta Farmers Market:** Every Saturday from April 16 through October (8am - 12:30pm); the big parking lot next to City Hall on main street, www.alpharettafarmersmarket.com; Bring the whole family to shop for local produce, herbs, honey and more. Open Rain or shine.
- **Totally Tubular 80's Pool Party:** June 17th at 6:00 pm, Alpharetta City Pool at Wills Park. We are going back in time to the Awesome 80's! Purchase your 2011 family pool pass! 2011 pass holders are admitted free of charge. General admission is \$3 per person. Info: 678-297-6100 or accprograms@alpharetta.ga.us.
- **Alpharetta City Band concert:** Sunday, June 12, 2010 3:00 PM, The all-volunteer Alpharetta City Band, established in 1989, will play a concert of patriotic music at the Adult Activity Center at North Park. Refreshments to follow.
- **July 4th Festivities and Fireworks:** Wills Park; Sunday, July 4, 2010 3:00 PM; Celebrate Independence Day with family and friends at the City of Alpharetta's annual fireworks show! This event will be held on Sunday, July 4th at Wills Park. Activities include children's games from 3pm to 9pm on the Event Lawn behind Alpharetta Community Center; Entertainment from local band Serious Business at 6pm on the Event Lawn behind Alpharetta Community Center; Food vendors from 3pm at various locations throughout the park; and a Spectacular Fireworks Display beginning at dusk. For more information, please contact Alpharetta Recreation and Parks Department staff at 678-297-6143 or activeadults@alpharetta.ga.us.
- **Friday Night Dive In:** Alpharetta City Pool; Friday, July 22, 2010 7:30 PM; What could be more relaxing in the heat of the summer than hanging out with your friends, floating around in a pool, and watching one of your favorite movies? Pool gates open at 7:30pm. Movie begins at dusk. Bring your floats! Concessions will be available. General pool admission is \$3 per person. 2010 Pool Pass Holders are admitted free of charge. For more information, contact Alpharetta Recreation and Parks at 678-297-6100 or accprograms@alpharetta.ga.us. Movie TBA.
- **32nd Annual Old Soldiers Day Race** – City Pool at Wills Park; Saturday, August 6, 2010 7:00 AM Sign up for the 5K or 10K race. You must register by Friday, July 29th to receive the early bird discount and to pick up your race number and shirt early. Early bird fee: \$15. On-site registration begins at 6am on race day. Race day fee is \$20 per person. Event t-shirts are not guaranteed to race day registrants. For more information, call 678-297-6160 or email athleticprograms@alpharetta.ga.us.
- **59th Old Soldiers Day Parade:** Alpharetta City Hall; Saturday, August 7, 2010; 9:15 am Band / 10am Program / 10:30 am Parade; Beginning at Alpharetta City Hall, the parade will feature marching bands, military units, floats, clowns, classic cars, and of course candy. Free Varsity hot dogs, sodas, and fun activities at the parade end at American Legion Post 201 on Wills Rd. Take this day to recognize the living memory of "All Veterans of All Wars." FREE. Info: (678) 297-6000, ext. 1006 or braymond@alpharetta.ga.us

Duluth City: Other Summer Activities -

- **Brown Bag Lunch** - Duluth Town Green - "Pack a picnic and join us on our beautiful Town Green on the below Thursday's from Noon to 1 pm for FREE lunchtime shows!"
 - 6/16 – Atlanta Puppet Presents "Wet and Wild Fun Puppet Show"

- 6/30 – Magic Debbie presents “Interactive Comedy Magic and Mindreading”
 - 7/14 – Craver presents “Upbeat Party Rock Concert”
 - 7/28 – Ron Anglin presents “Quite a Catch, Comic & Educational Juggling”
- **Duluth Celebrates America:** Scott Hudgens Park. Gates open at 4:00 pm on July 3rd, Festivities will include live entertainment, food vendors, activities for the kids, fabulous fireworks display & MORE! FREE Admission, but monetary donations will be graciously accepted.

Norcross City: Other Summer Events-

- **Coffeehouse Storytime:** www.45southcafe.com; 45 South Café in historic Norcross; Wednesday mornings @ 10:00 – 11:00am A Norcross tradition since 2004! COST: FREE! Bring your youngsters to the coffeehouse to enjoy weekly theme-based stories, songs, and crafts with storyteller “Miss Donna.” Please visit their BAREFOOT BOOKS website to see many of the delightful titles they use at storytime – Special Discounts Online! www.Donna-Blanton.barefootbooks.com
- **Lillian Webb Park:** norcrossga.net; 5 College St, Norcross, GA 30071; (770) 448-2122; New park in downtown Norcross featuring a wide-open playing field and splashing fountain centerpiece!
- **Thrasher Park:** norcrossga.net; Buchanan St and Park Dr, Norcross, GA,30071; (770) 448-2122; playground across the railroad tracks from Downtown Norcross
- **West Gwinnett Aquatic Center:** www.gwinnettcountry.com 4488 Peachtree Ind. Blvd, Norcross, GA 3007; (770) 417-2281 (call for summer hours); COST: For Gwinnett residents (show driver’s license) \$2.00 - \$5.00 depending upon age of swimmer and \$4 - \$10 for non-residents. Features an indoor 25-yard by 25-meter competition pool with 750-seat spectator area and instructional pool that is open year round. Outdoor leisure pool features a zero-depth entry, two giant waterslides, river channel, bubble bench, vortex, spray bar, and water play structures that is open during summer.
- **WhistleStop Farmers Market;** Tuesdays starting May 17, 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM; Downtown Historic Norcross, One of metro Atlanta's largest and best fresh air markets, with locally grown fresh produce, gourmet foods and homemade treats. Crafts, kids' activities, demos and events for adults! Live music and more - it's Where Getting Fresh is Fun! Check out our website: www.thewhistlestopfarmersmarket.com for updates, events, product availability or to become a vendor. Contact: Tixie Fowler - (678) 421-2033 - tfowler@norcrossga.net

Berry Picking – (Always call ahead)

- **Pick Your Own Farms** -To find more farms for picking fruits and veggies – www.pickyourown.org
- **Strawberry picking @ Harry Stacy Farms** - 623 Poplar Road, Dallas, GA 30157. www.harrystacyfarms.com Phone: 770-443-0292. Crops are usually available in April, May. Open: Monday through Saturday 10 am to 5 pm and Sundays from 1 pm to 5 pm, but call ahead for availability Payment: Cash, only. \$12 for a 4 liter basket and \$8 for a 2 liter basket
- **Strawberry Picking @ Washington Farms;** www.washingtonfarms.net; 270 Willowwind Dr., Loganville; Just north of US 78, off Hwy 20; Washington Farms provides a unique opportunity to get delicious, juicy strawberries "as fresh as it gets" pick-your-own. For many customers it is a springtime tradition with family and friends. Strawberries are grown on raised plastic beds for easy picking and clean berries.

- **Blueberry Picking @ Berry Patch Farms:** www.berrypatchfarms.net Beginning around July 1 (depending on the crop), last about a month; Mon-Sat 8am until dark, Sun 12pm until dark, double-check before you go. Grab a bucket and fill it with the best blueberries in Georgia! Our blueberries are never sprayed with pesticides. They are totally pesticide-free, so feel free to eat them right off the bushes! Blueberries can be frozen for your blueberry muffins, pancakes and desserts all year long. Go as early as you can. It gets super hot, but the kids love it.
- **Blueberry Picking @ Hard Labor Creek Blueberry Farm:** *38 Knox Chapel Road, Social Circle, GA 30025 Between Social Circle and Rutledge, GA; East of Hwy 11, north of I-20;* WHEN: Season begins at end of June – best in JULY! COST: \$1.50/lb. (approx. 7 lbs in one gallon) After picking your blueberries, you might want to have an amazing Southern style meal at the [Blue Willow Inn](#) in downtown Social Circle, or visit [Hard Labor Creek State Park](#), adjacent to the blueberry farm property. www.sites.google.com/site/hlcbblueberries
- **Blueberry Hill:** Cherokee County, Blueberries late June to early August; Hours: 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays \$2.50/quart. 199 Trinity Lane, Free Home, GA (between Canton and Cumming at Ga. 20 and Ga. 372) Phone 770-889-2131...Call before you go and bring containers, but he has buckets if needed.
- **Sunflower Farm – Pick Your Own Bouquet!** 1380 Durden Road, Rutledge, GA; Between towns of Rutledge and Madison, East of Hwy 11, south of I-20; Blooms are full and ready to pick in JULY; \$5.00/pick your own bouquet Enjoy strolling through 15 acres of glorious sunflowers in full bloom! Sturdy plastic vases, garden clippers, watering hoses, and lots of photo ops are provided. Take a tour of the 1811 McCowan-McRee house and the 1891 Freeman-Whittaker house while visiting their heritage gardens. Don't forget your camera!

Outside the Perimeter Summer Activities

- **Atlanta Fresh Artisan Creamery:** www.atlantafresh.com; 6679 Peachtree Industrial Blvd, # M, Norcross 30092; Just across from JR's Loghouse BBQ Restaurant; COST: FREE SAMPLES! 100% natural, handmade yogurts and cheeses made from local, organic dairy milk – it doesn't get any fresher, tastier or healthier than this! Be sure to stop by the Atlanta Fresh booth at the weekly Norcross Whistle Stop Farmers Market at Thrasher Park from 4:00-8:00pm on Tuesdays all summer long! Also, Atlanta Fresh's sole milk supplier, Johnston Family Farm (see listing for more information.)
- **Alpharetta Big Creek Greenway:** Trail follows Big Creek near North Point Mall; COST: FREE! Enjoy a lovely scenic, multi-purpose, wide paved path perfect for walking, jogging, bicycling, skating, etc. An oasis in the suburbs! Remember, however, that walkers always have the right-of-way! Keep an eye open for wildlife such as deer, hawks and lizards! www.alpharetta.ga.us/index.php?p=136
- **Arabia Mountain Trail:** South DeKalb County near Henry County; COST: FREE! Arabia Mountain Heritage Area is located within a 20-minute drive east of the City of Atlanta and encompasses land in DeKalb, Rockdale and Henry County. The nucleus of this heritage area is the Davidson-Arabia Mountain Nature Preserve; a DeKalb County Park comprised of 2,000 acres of granite outcrop, wetlands, pine and oak forests, streams, and a lake. www.arabiaalliance.org

- **Art Barn:** Come spend a day of fun with Farmer Sue. 208 Roper Rd., Canton, Georgia 30115; 678-319-0286; <http://www.theartbarn.com/>
- **Autrey Mill Nature Preserve and Heritage Center** – off Old Alabama Road in Johns Creek area; COST: FREE! Located on 46 acres of ravine forest and historic past, this nature preserve has two miles of walking trails that wind past a scenic creek with rocky shoals, spring seeps, mature trees, wildflowers, native plants, and a variety of animal life. They also offer nature, art, and heritage camps for children ages 4 – 10. In addition there are several drop-in options for preschool and school aged kids, mostly during the school year. AMNP is a great place for a hike and picnic with your kids. There are several reptiles and amphibians on display as well. More info is at www.autreymill.org.
- **Bogan Park:** Indoor water park in Buford – www.gwinnettcountry.com (click on Parks & Recreation link) - "This indoor water facility is a great way to enjoy the water without worrying about our little ones getting too much sun. They feature a zero-depth leisure pool with interactive play structures and a water slide. Leave the sunscreen at home and join us for some water play!" Cost: depends on age of child. Residents are less expensive. The indoor facility is located in Bogan Community Park." *Gwinnett County also has a public swimming facility in Pickneyville (Near the Forum) that is supposed to be great. Check the website for details.
- **Booth Western Art Museum:** www.boothmuseum.org, 501 Museum Drive, Cartersville, Ga, adults \$10, children 12 and under free, open Tuesday-Sunday, Ask for a Saddlebag for your child – it contains kids activities, there's also Sagebrush Ranch, a children's area. The Booth Museum is associated with the Smithsonian and has an amazing collection of Western art. 501 Museum Drive P.O. Box 3070 Cartersville, Georgia 30120 770-387-1300
- **Cagle's Family Farm:** <http://www.caglesfamilyfarm.com/>, 362 Stringer Rd., Canton, GA 30115 770.345.5591. Used to be Cagle's Dairy and is now offering farm ag-ventures Tues – Fri. Check the website for the schedule of farm tours and Dairy tours during the summer. Reservations Required. Ag-venture Tours· Ages 3 and up \$7—Under 3 yrs – free. Call ahead.
- **Callaway Gardens:** <http://www.callawaygardens.com/>, Callaway is an hour southwest of the airport in Pine Mountain GA, so doable for a day trip. Garden Admission to Callaway Gardens includes the Discovery Center; Butterfly Center; Horticultural Center; Vegetable Garden; Azalea Gardens; Discovery Bicycle Trail (bicycles are available for rent); Pioneer Log Cabin; Birds of Prey Shows (check event calendar for show times); Ida Cason Callaway Memorial Chapel; nature trails and daily programs; access to Robin Lake Beach which offers swimming, miniature golf, table tennis and The Florida State University Flying High Circus performances (check event calendar for show times). Iceberg Island, rock-climbing wall, spider jump, water slide and paddleboats have individual fees. So as you can see there is plenty to do. Children under 5 are Free, Children 6-12 are \$9 and Adults are \$18.
- **Catch Air of Johns Creek:** <http://www.catchairparty-johnscreek.com/>; 10950 State Bridge Road, Johns Creek, GA 30022; 678-436-8332; 3 and up - \$8, 1-2 yr - \$5, under 1 – free. Open 10 – 6 (Sun 11-6); This place is FANTASTIC. My kids love it. There is so much to do, it's close, and very clean. Chick-Fil-A available from 11-1; Join their facebook page for the word of the day discounts; everyone needs socks, even the adults!

- **Charlie Elliot Wildlife Center:** www.georgiawildlife.com – Museum is open Tuesday-Saturday from 9-4 but CEWC property is always open. This is a great place to hike and fish about an hour east of Atlanta on I-20.
- **Chattahoochee River National Recreation Areas:** www.nps.gov/chat; National Park Service recreational sites along the river, between Lanier Dam and Paces Mill in Vinings; COST: \$3.00/day parking fee; Hike leisurely on scenic trails along the river, go fishing for a nominal fee, or enjoy a picnic lunch in the middle of nature. Get trail maps and talk to a National Park Service ranger at the “Island Ford Visitor Center” located off Northridge Road @ GA 400 (Dunwoody/Roswell area).
 - June 21st is Fee Free day at the parks for the first official day of summer. \$3 parking fee is waived.
 - Be sure to download this fun “Junior Ranger” booklet!
www.nps.gov/chat/forkids/index.htm
- **Chattahoochee Nature Center:** www.chattnaturecenter.com, 9135 Willeo Road, Roswell, CNC has a full calendar of events, several of which are free with admission. children \$5 for 3-12 and \$8 adults, Mon-Sat 10-5, Sunday 12-5. For more ideas, see www.exploregeorgia.org.
- **East Cobb Park, 3322 Roswell Rd, Marietta, ULTIMATE PLAYDATE Every Wednesday from 4-7pm through the Fall.**
The popular seasonal event known as the Ultimate Playdate encourages families to take an outdoor break for some fresh air and family-friendly music. Join us each Wednesday from 4-7 pm (from April 20-June 29, and September 7-October 26). Jay Memory, founding member of the national act Memory Dean, performs old favorites and leads children in sing-alongs.
- **Farmhouse in the City:** Play, Paint, and Party - A whimsical art and play studio in a historic Roswell cottage built in early 1900s with over 3000 sq ft of creative space, plus a great courtyard garden! Farmhouse in the City mixes art and animals for a unique experience for all ages!
www.holycowfarm.com , \$12 per child
- **Gwinnett Environmental & Heritage Center:** www.gwinnetteh.org, Just south of Mall of Georgia in Buford, Mon-Sat 10-5, \$10.50/adult; \$6.50/child; FREE/child under 3 (cheaper for Gwinnett Residents), enjoy this wonderful environmental and education center, walk on trails, bring a picnic, and enjoy the exhibits. Explore water, natural resource conservation, and Cherokee and Creek American Indian cultures with hands-on, engaging exhibits.
- **Gwinnett Braves:** Our Minor League team is the perfect environment to take the kids and the location is much more convenient. Check website for schedules and ticket prices. Children under 3 are free. Tuesdays are buy one get one free ticket nights; see website for details.
<http://web.minorleaguebaseball.com/index.jsp?sid=t431>
- **Georgia Renaissance Festival:** www.georgiarennaissancefestival.org weekends through June 5 in Fairburn, GA
- **Hudgens Center for the Arts** in Duluth: www.thehudgens.org Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children, Under 2 are free; and this admission price includes the total Hudgens Center for the Arts:

Children's Art Zone, Main Galleries, and Weeks Sculpture Garden. Open Tues-Sat 10-5, this facility has lots of classes and camps.

- **Imaginations at PLAY:** <http://www.imaginationsatplay.com/> - Indoor interactive play center in Buford. Clean, great centers, and easy to see more than one child at a time since there is an open set up. 33 Buford Village Way, Suite 329, Buford, GA 30518; Phone: 678-482-9156; Adults and siblings under 1 are free; Children over 1 are \$8; open Mon-Sat 10-3 (except Sat open till 5:00 and closed Thursday).
- **INK: Children's Museum** - www.inkfun.org - interactive neighborhood for kids in Gainesville, \$8 Mon-Sa 10-5, \$6 on Sunday 1-5
- **Johnston Family Farm** offers free tours at their dairy farm in Newborn, GA (Morgan County) – just a short drive out I-20 East. For more info, please visit their website at www.johnstonfamilyfarm.com.
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- **Lanier World:** <http://www.lakelanierislands.com/waterpark.php> ; They have renovated Lake Lanier Beach and Water park and it opens for the first time Memorial Day weekend. Now offering extended hours (10am – 11pm), more white beach, dive in Family movies Fri and Sat nights, live entertainment on the beach all summer long, as well as numerous water rides and the wave pool. See website for pricing.
- **Noah's Ark:** Animal Rehabilitation and Children's Care Center in Locust Grove, Ga, www.noahs-ark.org, animal habitats are open 12-3 Tuesday-Saturday, call ahead to make sure habitats are open. No admission fee, donations accepted.
- **PLAY: Activity Center:** in Roswell, <http://playactivitycenter.com>, 10930 Crabapple Rd, Roswell, GA 30075; 770-650-0122; Our center provides Short Stay Child Care (up to 4 hours), Drop-In Play where you stay and play with your child, private full service parties, Kid's Night Out and a variety of class options. The Play facility includes two gyms that feature foam pits, trampolines, inflatables, slides and more. Play also has a Creative Play Area, Family Eating Area, Parent Lounge and Mom's Room. Many different rates so check the website.
- **Purple Hippo Art Studio:** <http://www.purplehippoartstudio.com>; 5517 Chamblee-Dunwoody Rd., Dunwoody, Georgia 30338; 770.730.0605; in Dunwoody, open Tues-Sat 10-6 and Sunday 12-6, \$13 for 2 hours of studio time. Open children's art studio, classes, and parties. Appropriate for children over 2.
- **Sawnee Mountain:** Park with visitors center, hiking trails, canopy walks, picnic areas, and a variety of classes and camps, www.sawneemountain.org, off Ga 400, exit 15.
- **Stone Mountain Park:** www.stonemountainpark.com; East of Atlanta, on US 78 outside I-285; COST: \$10.00/daily admission per vehicle, plus additional fees for specified activities; The 5-square mile park is Georgia's most visited attraction. Home to the world's largest piece of exposed granite, Stone Mountain Park offers a variety of attractions, entertainment and recreation. Don't miss the new "Lasershow Spectacular" after dusk each night on the lawn. The new laser show starts Memorial Day weekend.

- **Superior Play Systems, Open Play** - Wed. and Fridays from 10 – 1, FREE; 1355 Stonefield Ct. Alpharetta GA 30004; <http://www.superiorplay.com/t-parties-and-play.aspx>
- **Tanglewood Farms: Petting Zoo** – <http://www.tanglewoodfarmminiatures.com/>; 171 Tanglewood Dr., Canton, GA 30115; (770)667-6464; We have a 10-acre Wild West Town with more than 100 inhabitants... all of them miniature farm animals; \$10 per person; W-F/10-2, Sat-Sun/10-5, reservations are not required.
- **Tellus NW Georgia Science Museum:** www.tellusmuseum.org; 100 Tellus Drive, Cartersville, Ga, **770-606-5700**; Tickets are \$12 adults and \$8 kids, under 2 free, astronomy, geology, fossils, inventions, planetarium (\$3 extra), open 7 days 10-5. This is a favorite for a hot day!
- **Wild Animal Safari:** in Pine Mountain GA (near Callaway Gardens); <http://www.animalsafari.com/safari/>; 1300 Oak Grove Rd., Pine Mountain, GA 31822; Phone 706-663-8744; Toll-Free 800-367-2751; You can see, touch, and feed hundreds of exotic animals - a true worldwide safari! Ride through the park, observe, take pictures and feed the animals from your car, one of our Zebra Vans, or the guided tour bus. Adults \$17.95, Children and Seniors \$14.95 (under 2 are Free)
- **Yellow River Game Ranch:** <http://www.yellowrivergameranch.com>; 4525 Hwy 78, Lilburn GA 30047; 770-972-6643; M-F/10-5, Sat-Sun/10-6; Tickets Adults/\$8, Kids/\$7, Under 2/Free; Stroll along a mile-long trail on 24 wooded acres and encounter over six hundred highly sociable birds and animals indigenous to the state of Georgia. White-tailed deer, bunnies, buffalo, sheep, kid goats, black bears and a bevy of new-born animals are waiting to be fed, admired and petted on a "nose-to-nose" basis.

Inside the Perimeter Summer Activities -

- **Atlanta Botanical Garden** - www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org - Every Wednesday, April to October, at 10:30am is preschool story time. There are lots of great family events so check the website. "Tip-toe through the treetops" on the canopy walk above the gardens, play in the interactive Children's Garden, or do some nature scavenger hunting with "Family Activity Pages" available online. COST: \$18.95/adult, \$12.95/child, FREE/child under 3; *Check web for various discounts*
- **Atlanta History Center:** www.atlantahistorycenter.com ; 130 West Paces Ferry Road NW | Atlanta, GA 30305-1366 | Phone 404.814.4000 - Magic Mondays 10:30-11:30, \$5.50 or \$6.50 depending on age and membership status, designed for 18 months to 5. They also have camps during the summer.
- **Centennial Park: Fourth Saturday Family Fun Day** from 12-4. Enjoy an afternoon of FREE, themed family fun once a month from spring to fall at Centennial Olympic Park's Fourth Saturday Family Fun Day! The event is full of interactive, entertaining and educational activities for children and each Saturday features a different theme.
 - May 28: Flights and Kites
 - June 25: Great Outdoors
 - July 23: All about sports
 - August 27: Games and Gadgets
 - September 24: Our Many Cultures

The fountains are open this summer. Live music at lunch time on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Check the web for other activities www.centennialpark.com.

- **Fernbank Science Center:** <http://www.fernbank.edu/>; 156 Heaton Park Drive NE, Atlanta; North Decatur/Druid Hills area near Emory University; Open Mon-Sat 9:00-5:00 (summer hours);
 - **The Exhibit Hall** features permanent and traveling exhibits designed for students of all ages. Fernbank is truly “Where Science Becomes an Adventure!”
 - **Fernbank Forest** is a 65-acre tract of relatively undisturbed mature mixed hardwood forest representative of vegetation that originally covered the Piedmont region of Georgia. Visitors to Fernbank Forest can observe firsthand the beauty of forest land as early explorers and southern Native Americans did hundreds of years ago.
 - **The planetarium** is a celestial theater in the round, utilizing the complex Zeiss Mark V planetarium projector and a variety of special-effects projectors to guide the audience through the wonders of the universe. Tickets: Adults \$4.00 Students \$3.00 Seniors \$3.00; For more information or to check out the calendar of programs please check their website.
- **Fernbank Museum of Natural History:** <http://fernbankmuseum.org/>; New Children’s area opened this spring and is AMAZING. Special exhibit – “Mystic Creatures”
 - **Superhero Day**- June 19 from noon-4pm; A day of games, activities, and smiles as Fernbank celebrates the magical stories of superheroes in conjunction with our special exhibition Mythic Creatures: Dragons, Unicorns & Mermaids. Costumes are encouraged, and they’ll be plenty of fun for the biggest and smallest superheroes in your family! Included with Museum admission. Free for members.
- **Geocaching Adventures:** www.geocaching.com; COST: FREE!; Geocaching is a hi-tech treasure hunting game played throughout the world by adventure seekers equipped with GPS devices. The basic idea is to locate hidden containers, called geocaches, outdoors and then share your experiences online. Geocaching is enjoyed by people from all age groups, with a strong sense of community and support for the environment. Visit the website to search for geocaches and to learn more about this exciting activity!
- **Georgia Aquarium -** <http://www.georgiaaquarium.org> Take part in **Growing Guppies!** "Growing Guppies" is our newest program, designed to help your child (age 2-5) learn about the wonders of the ocean and its many inhabitants. "Growing Guppies" occurs every Thursday and Sunday at 11:15 a.m. and lasts approximately 45 minutes. This program is for children ages 2 to 5 years old and is \$12 for one child and adult. To learn more about the program and make a reservation, please visit the website.
- **Georgia Shakespeare Festival Family Classic** – “The Jungle Book” – July 5 – 22, www.gashakespeare.org, Come with us on a magnificent journey to the jungles of India, where we will meet up with Mowgli and his animal friends for the adventure of a lifetime! This musical adaptation of Kipling's beloved children's classic is sure to have audience members of all ages dancing in their seats. Appropriate for ages 4 and up. performances are at Oglethorpe University
- **Georgia State University Observatory Open to the Public:** Public Open Houses at HLCO: Hard Labor Creek Observatory is open to the public one Saturday per month from March until October. In case of inclement weather, the facilities will be still open for a tour and a brief slideshow. No

reservations are required, but organizers of large groups (of more than 20 people) should confirm visit times with the GSU Department of Physics and Astronomy at 404-413-6033 at least one week prior to the open house. Summer dates are June 11th, July 9th, and August 6th. Check website for more details: <http://www.chara.gsu.edu/HLCO/openhouse.html>

- **High Museum** - www.high.org - The High offers multiple weekly drop in art-making programs for families, as well as a variety of special family programs throughout the year. Most programs are free with Museum admission (\$18 for adults and \$11 for children 6-17) and children under six years of age always receive free admission. - Weekend Family Tours: On Sat and Sun, the museum offers free family tours of the permanent collection that leave from the Greene Family Learning Gallery at 2 p.m. In addition, Fulton County Residents get in free the first Saturday of the month.
- **Imagine It! Children's Museum in Atlanta:** <http://www.childrensmuseumatlanta.org/> ; Ages 8 and under. M-F/10-4, Sat-Sun/10-5; Admission \$12.50 (under 2 are free) Exhibits:
 - From here to Timbuktu: A Journey through West Africa: 2/5 – 5/30
 - Team Up: Explore Science and Sports: 6/11 – 9/11,
- **Peachtree-DeKalb Airport Playground;** www.pdkairport.org; Clairmont Rd. near Buford Hwy. in Chamblee; COST: FREE! Enjoy a delightful aviation-themed playground while watching the many airplanes and helicopters take off and land! If you like Greek-style food, you might like to try the "Downwind Restaurant" located in the aviation administration building across from the control tower. Restaurant also offers typical "kiddie fare" for lunch.
- **Starlight Drive-In Movie Theatre:** www.starlightdrivein.com; 2000 Moreland Ave., Atlanta GA 30376; For a fun movie night visit the drive in. Admission is \$7 per person and kids 3-9 are \$1.
- **Zoo Atlanta:** www.zooatlanta.org ; Grant Park, Atlanta; Besides the great exhibits and very reasonable memberships, Zoo Atlanta has a series of Mommy and Me classes during the summer. They recently opened their Tiger and Black Bear exhibit, as well as welcomed a new baby panda and gorilla this spring.

Programs at Stores

- **American Girl Store:** <http://www.americangirl.com/index.php>; Northpoint mall, Check website for calendar of events. There are always cute things going on for girls ages 8 and up.
- Story Time at **Barnes and Noble**, check schedule at www.bn.com.
- **Home Depot Kids' Workshops:** <http://ext.homedepot.com/community/blog/free-home-depot-kids-workshop-first-saturday-month/>, All locations in Atlanta area; 1st Saturday each month @ 9:00am-12:00pm; COST: FREE! Designed for kids 5-12, these free workshops teach children do-it-yourself skills and tool safety, while at the same time helping to instill a sense of accomplishment. Additionally, this fun time allows for quality one-on-one time between adults and children. In addition to the newly constructed project kit, each child receives a kid-sized orange apron, similar to The Home Depot associates' aprons, and an achievement pin.
 - 6/4 – Wooden Valet Organizer
 - 6/18 – Mini Toolbox for Father's Day
 - July and August TBA

- **Lowe's "Build and Grow" Kids' Clinics;** www.lowesbuildandgrow.com; All locations in Atlanta area; Selected Saturdays @ 10:00am; COST: FREE! From project basics to giving your child the opportunity to say, "I built it!", our Build and Grow kid's clinics are a great way to help build confidence! Bring the kids into any Lowe's store and build a FREE wooden project. Each participant also receives a free apron, goggles, a project themed patch, and a certification of merit upon completion of their project.
 - 5/28 – Biplane
 - 6/11 – Goofy Golf
 - July and August TBA

- **Michael's In-Store Kids' Crafting Events;** www.michaels.com; All locations in Atlanta area; www.theknackkids.com (Michael's kids' programs) COST: FREE or occasional nominal supplies fee; Michael's exciting program lets children explore their creativity through projects, crafts and more designed with kids in mind. Check website for specific craft activities and dates.

- **Pottery Barn:** <http://www.potterybarnkids.com/customer-service/store-events.html>, Northpoint Mall and Lenox Mall
 - Kids Book Club: Every Tuesday from 11 – 11:30. Receive a book club card at first story time and a prize after your fifth time. All ages welcome. Ongoing event.
 - National Geographic Little Explorers Club – 6/8 – World Ocean's Day
 - Father's Day LEGO DUPLO Jams- 6/18

Great Website: For year round lists of ongoing activities and special events, please visit Macaroni kid at www.alpharetta.macaronikid.com. Make sure you sign up for their newsletter.

Thanks and have a great time!