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### Parade the Circle returns on June 8

The Cleveland Museum of Art's (CMA) 32nd annual Parade the Circle returns to University Circle on Saturday, June 8. This year's theme, "Visions of Harmony," invites participants and spectators to explore the beauty of unity in diversity through imaginative costumes, towering puppets, floats, and intricately crafted masks. As one of Cleveland's most beloved traditions, the day promises a celebration of art, culture, and community.

Led by acclaimed artist Héctor Castellanos Lara for the second consecutive year, Parade the Circle kicks off at noon from the museum's north entrance.

The day's festivities begin at 10:00 a.m. with Circle Village, presented by University Circle Inc. and the fun continues until 4:00 p.m. in Wade Oval. Visitors are invited to immerse themselves in interactive activities offered by esteemed institutions such as the Cleveland Orchestra, Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Cleveland History Center, and Cleveland Botanical Garden. Attendees can also enjoy culinary delights from local vendors and groove to the beat of Latin City Soul Band live on stage.

Parade the Circle, which was founded by the CMA in 1990 with a small number of artists, has since grown to become a beloved largescale event, drawing crowds in the tens of thousands every June. Families, neighbors, community groups, churches, artists, performers—everyone is welcome to express their creativity, show their talent, and celebrate the arts at Parade the Circle. Every year, magnificent parade designs delight participants and attendees alike.

Find out what draws people to this remarkable and unique Cleveland event. To learn more about how to participate in Parade the Circle, visit clevelandart.org/events/paradecircle. For more information about Circle Village visit: universitycircle. org/parade-circlevillage.

# **Funny Bus Cleveland**

Recently voted "Most Original Comedy Concept" in Cleveland, the Funny Bus offers a 90-minute tour of downtown and surrounding neighborhoods. More than a standard sight-seeing tour, the most unique aspect of the Funny Bus is the hosts who are local comedians dedicated to entertaining guests.

The comedians mix humor, music, games and dancing to provide a high-energy interactive experience. Guests may also bring their own beer and wine in sealed containers.

Opened in 2021, the touring company has been operating with one 34-passenger bus, but growing popularity for the bright red, open-air Funny Bus has outpaced availability, so they have added a second bus.

This year the Funny Bus will be



expanding weekend tours and is now offering tours on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Private tours are available any day of the week and can now accommodate groups of up to 72 people with the buses.

Tickets on the public tours remain only \$29, which includes taxes and fees.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit the website at www.funnybus.net/cleveland or contact by phone at 216-404-7786.



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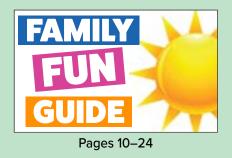
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# Meaningful summer fun for kids and adults

Presented by Cleveland, nonprofit organization, Values-in-Action Foundation, the Kindland movement is bringing together communities, businesses, organizations, and schools by recognizing and sharing the acts of kindness around us to inspire a ground swell of positivity and goodness.

Kindland's "Summer of Kindness Challenge" provides families and individuals with a variety of positive activities – big and small - to do throughout the summer months with the goal to make northeast Ohio the kindest place in the nation. The Kindland movement relies on the power of the people to do, recognize, report, and share the acts of kindness happening around us every day.

For each act of kindness completed on the challenge board, participants will receive an entry into the Summer of Kindness prize raffle. Completed challenge boards must be received by Friday, August 16, 2024 per the submission instructions on the board. Print off your challenge



board at www.BeKindland.com or tear off the back page of this issue and get started now.

#### **About Values-in-Action**

Started in 1994 as Project Love, Values-in-Action has been providing social-emotional and character education programs to schools in northeast Ohio for 30 years. Through student workshops and seminars, the organization has trained over 1,300,000 students and 5,300 educators to lead with kindness, caring and respect.

# Plan a family vacation this summer at Lakeside Chautauqua

Lakeside Chautauqua is a hidden gem tucked away on the Marblehead Peninsula just an hour east of Toledo. It's the perfect family destination for a weeklong vacation, weekend getaway or day trip to Lake Erie.

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#### Accommodations

A variety of unique and charming accommodations complete the experience – from the historic Hotel Lakeside and Fountain Inn to weekly cottage rentals, a campground and



bed & breakfasts. View available accommodations at lakesideohio. com/stay.

#### Summer entertainment & events

Lakeside hosts an impressive list of family-friendly entertainers, keynote speakers and memorable events. To view the full schedule of events visit lakesideohio.com/calendar.

#### **Admission & parking**

Lakeside requires guests and residents to purchase a Chautauqua Pass and Auto Pass to enter the grounds during the summer programming season, May 24-Sept. 2, 2024. Depending on the length of your stay, choose from a variety of Chautauqua Passes.

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# Maltz Museum debuts exhibition that explores the diverse families that form the fabric of America

The Maltz Museum is proud to announce the opening of a new exhibition celebrating the rich framework of families found in America. The Museum's "A Celebration of Family" exhibition combines two collections with interactive children's activities, on view from June 2 to September 1, 2024. "Growing Up Jewish – Art & Storytelling" and "Love Makes a Family: Portraits of LGBTQ+ People and Their Families" presents paintings, photographs, and interviews from families of all walks of life.

An essential aspect of the Museum's mission is to educate visitors on the lived experiences of Jewish and other minority populations to foster a more inclusive world for all. This exhibition acts as a firsthand account that brings the stories of individuals and families to life. In that sense, this exhibit honors the foundation of American life: the family.

Both exhibitions include interactive children's activities designed by globally-recognized exhibit designer, Karen Katz. Throughout the galleries, interactive components invite visitors on a creative journey. Younger visitors can also immerse themselves in play activities connected with exhibition themes.

**Growing Up Jewish – Art & Storytelling** is an exhibition of contemporary paintings and personal narratives by artist Jacqueline Kott-Wolle explor-



ing the key people, experiences, and community that shaped her distinctly North American brand of Jewish identity. This powerful collection speaks to the resilience of newcomers who must navigate a painful past, contend with tradition, and summon optimism for the future. Painted in a fresh palette of color, the exhibition traces the story of one North American Jewish family through five generations.

Kott-Wolle, who came of age in the late 20th century, draws upon decades of family photos for inspiration. Growing Up Jewish includes playful images of Jewish holiday observances, moments at Hebrew school and summer camp, vacations, and milestone celebrations—all marked by the artist's family through the years and paired with the artist's narration.

Kott-Wolle's Jewish identity was informed by her

parents and grandparents following their arrival in Canada in 1949 after the Holocaust. As a member of the "Second Generation," the artist reflects on the enormity of starting over after surviving one of modern history's darkest chapters. The exhibit includes paintings of this colorful cast of characters as they rebuild their lives and flourish in North America's vibrant Jewish communities.

Love Makes a Family: Portraits of LGBTQ+ People and Their Families is a traveling exhibit that includes over 20 photographs and interviews with families that have lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer-identified (LGBTQ+) members. Through first-person accounts and positive images, this exhibit seeks to challenge and change damaging myths and stereotypes about LGBTQ people and their families. The exhibition includes two versions of the narratives, one designed especially for younger children.

Love Makes a Family can help prevent bullying behaviors and discrimination. By encouraging people of all ages to affirm and appreciate the diversity of sexual orientation and gender identity, this traveling exhibit contributes to dismantling the destructive power of prejudice and intolerance. Love Makes a Family's mission is to make the world safer for everyone.

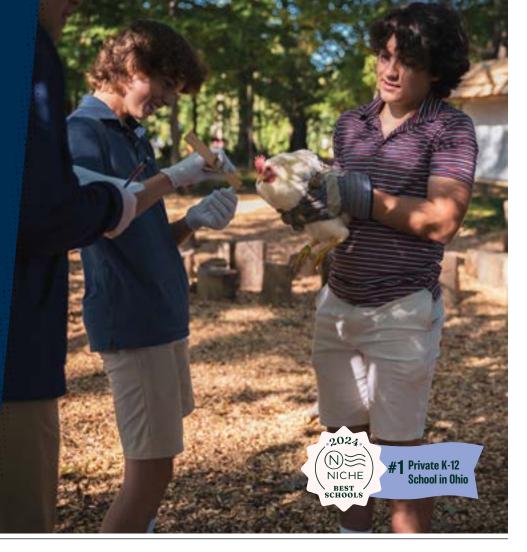
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#### mommy chronicles

# A father's legacy of love

#### By Stacy Turner

My father's job driving a truck for a moving company meant that when we were off school during summers, he was traveling the country delivering furniture and possessions for families relocating during the break. Most times he'd be gone a week or so, delivering from point A to point B. Sometimes, however, he would be pressed to pick up a load from point B and deliver it to further-flung point C or D, extending his trip by another week or two.

We'd learn of his return only when Mom urged us to keep our usually boisterous morning noise level down, because our dad arrived home late and needed his sleep. This only made being quiet more unbearable, as we waited as patiently as was possible for a slew of well-rested, excitable kids.

But seeing our dad and hearing about his travels was only part of our excitement. It was a big deal, for sure, as each of us wanted to share something he had missed. Like the winning score at the recent softball game, learning to do a back flip in the neighbor's pool, or riding a bike without training wheels. Or that prank someone pulled sticking a dried-up dead fish in someone's shoe that day at the beach – one that wasn't found until she removed her shoe at home. Dad was happy to be home, trying to keep up with the flood of



stories and reveling in what we'd been up to in his absence.

Not always, but sometimes he'd bring something home for us. Silver dollars or other interesting coins picked up in his travels. Special jewelry for the girls, or matching cowboy boots for the boys. Often, he brought useful things that a moving family no longer had room for. This is how we amassed bicycles, riding toys, and roller skates in a variety of sizes. Once, we received a classroom-sized chalkboard perfect for playing school. The bikes and roller skates were always appreciated, as it seemed someone was always outgrowing skates or itching for a bigger bike.

Having a bicycle meant freedom, since accomplished bike riders were allowed to take unsupervised spins around the block, and eventually all the way to the playground. But my favorite surprises were times he brought home boxes full of books. Although my father didn't read much, I like to think he grabbed them especially for me, the only bookworm in the bunch.

Hardbound Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew mysteries filled one box. Another time, it was an odd collection of paperbacks I wouldn't have selected for myself but mostly enjoyed anyway. Finding out what was inside each box was half the fun. It was a reading list curated by someone I didn't know, and I was grateful to have it.

I imagine it must have been an overwhelming production for Mom, getting all six kids clean and dressed and loaded into the station wagon for a visit to the local library. I'm not even sure our local library had a summer reading program. So, in essence, those boxes became my summer reading program, delivered right to my door. And those books brought freedom of a different sort, as I holed up in the den with a 'new' book on a rainy day, swept up in the latest mystery or adventure. I could escape alone to read after dinner, surrounded by rustling leaves on the apple tree in the side yard. If the story was especially thrilling, I'd read by flashlight under the covers in bed.

Today, I'm still a bookworm – one who writes stories and works at a library. At the library I answer questions and help people of all ages find what they need on shelves and online. It's strange to think that my love of stories and reading was fostered by my father, a nonreader, and the treasures he gifted in some old moving boxes.





# **Experience dinosaurs at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo**

Dinosaurs are taking over Cleveland Metroparks Zoo! The new Dino Cove experience near the Zoo's Waterfowl Lake allows guests to get close to the largest animals to ever walk the earth.

Explore a collection of more than 25 animatronic dinosaurs, hands-on experiences including a fossil dig pit and dynamic photo opportunities. Stand alongside a 65-foot-long Brachiosaurus and 40-foot-long Tyrannosaurus Rex and much more. Guests can learn about dinosaur species across the Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous periods, including their diet and other dino facts.

Admission to Dino Cove is \$3 for members, \$4 for nonmembers per

experience. General zoo admission is also required. Dino Cove is included in the Wild Savings Pass for \$14.75, which gives guests access to Dino Cove, and one-day unlimited rides on the Circle of Wildlife Carousel, Boomerang Line train rides and 4-D Theater. Wild Savings Pass also includes a keepsake KeyBank Adventure Key to explore more than a dozen new Adventure Key interactive learning stations throughout the zoo and new for 2024, locations at all five Cleveland Metroparks Nature Centers.

Tickets for Dino Cove may be purchased at several locations throughout the zoo including the Zoo's main box office.

## Father's Day at the Aquarium



"Seas" an opportunity to show your appreciation for loved ones while sharing an appreciation for the natural world at Greater Cleveland Aquarium. Parenting-themed trivia, extended hours and discounts for dads/stepdads/foster dads/grandpas on Father's Day weekend (Saturday and Sunday, June 15 and 16, 2024, 9 am–6 pm) let you "shell-abrate" special caregivers. Visiting dads also receive a "fin"tastic parent pin they can sport while supplies last.

While family is something humans cherish, GM Stephanie White notes that parenting looks quite a bit different for many animals. "A great deal of effort can go into finding a mate, building a nest or keeping predators at bay, but that's where nurturing ends for the majority of fish, reptiles and amphibians."

For example, newborn green tree

pythons, sharks and weedy seadragons are left to fend for themselves. Some cichlids, gobies and guppies will snack on their own progeny as a source of nutrition.

Father's Day weekend activities are included with general admission (\$0-\$19.95 per person). Visiting dads save \$5 at the ticket counter for in-person adult admission with the purchase of another adult or child ticket on June 15 and 16.\*

Greater Cleveland Aquarium is also offering everyone the opportunity to swap the more traditional mugs, ties, and wallets for the gift of a year's worth of undersea adventures with a 10% discount on any level Greater Cleveland Aquarium annual pass on June 15 and 16 (with code 10DAD2024). In addition to unlimited daily return admission for the family, membership perks include free parking while visiting, exclusive programming, discounted and free events, birthday party and gift shop savings and more.

Visit greaterclevelandaquarium. com or call 216-862-8803 for info. \**Cannot be combined with other* offers.



### **Museum of Illusions opens June 1**

The Museum of Illusions, the largest and fastest growing chain of private museums in the world, will open its newest location in Cleveland on Saturday, June 1. The Museum of Illusions is a pioneer in the concept of edutainment, or educational entertainment, and its exhibits are renowned for playing tricks on the mind and showing visitors the amazing science behind illusions.

The Cleveland location will be housed at 186 Euclid Avenue in the May building adjacent to Public Square in the heart of downtown. Its 9,200 square feet of exhibit space offers a unique and unconventional spin on art, education and entertainment through interactive and immersive experiences. Highlights include a Cleveland-themed "reversed room" where visitors will seemingly levitate upside down on a basketball court and "building illusion" where they can appear as if they are hanging from a Cleveland building. Other popular and visually striking exhibits include the walkin kaleidoscope, vortex tunnel and Infinity room.

All Museum of Illusions locations



take great care to be both entertaining, educational and accommodating to people of all ages. Exhibits are intentionally interactive and are designed to be touched, experienced and photographed, creating memorable moments and encouraging social sharing. The Museum is ADA accessible and welcomes families with strollers.

Whether you're planning a date night, a family outing, or a corporate event, the Museum of Illusions offers an experience unlike any other in Cleveland.

Tickets prices start from \$20. While walk-ins are welcome, visitors are encouraged to reserve their tickets online at www.moicleveland. com and follow the Museum at @ moi\_cleveland on social media for more information.

# Today's Family product pick for National Adopt a Cat Month

National Adopt a Cat Month in June encourages us to remember our feline friends when considering a new pet. Also known as Adopt a Shelter Cat Month, it's a time to learn the cat-friendly ways to prepare your home for a new fur baby, how to know which cat is best for you and how to care for your feline friend.

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#### Pond Explorer

Tuesday & Thursday Although the pond is under construction, come learn about the diversity of the animals that call Hershey Children's Garden home.

#### Turtle Time

Saturday & Sunday Come meet our resident box turtles as they explore the grassy knoll.

#### Insect Investigation

Wednesday & Friday Use a net, a pooter, or even a potato to explore some of the tiniest residents of Hershey Children's Garden.

Art in the Garden Wednesday & Friday Enjoy the beautiful ambiance of Hershey Children's Garden as you dive into a craft or art project.



Scavenger Hunt Tuesday - Sunday Always check the mini library just outside the gates to pick up a seasonal scavenger hunt or book.

#### Fairy Tea

Immerse yourself in the magical world of fairies on Sunday, August 18 from 10 am-noon at Fairy Tea. Children will have the opportunity to explore the garden, make a nature-themed fairy wand, enjoy a light "tea," and make a teacup planter to take home, all in the company of garden fairies. This program is suited for any children 3+. Children under the age of 3 are free with an accompanying adult/child ticket.

Visit holdenfg.org for updates on all these programs.

Walk to Remember event Proceeds benefit programs of Hospice of the Western Reserve



Our 14th annual Walk to Remember will be held on Sunday, June 9 at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. The Walk has raised more than \$1.85 million since its inception in 2012. The monies raised help to improve the care and services HWR provides. We'd love for you, your family and friends to join us as we celebrate life and honor the memory of those, we hold close to our hearts that are not physically with us!

#### Why we walk

While patients' medical care is generally covered by Medicare, Medicaid, or private insurance, many of the special programs and services we offer to enhance the patients' endof-life care are only possible through the generosity of philanthropic community members. Monies raised by the Walk to Remember help us to provide programs such as:

- Pediatric palliative care and hospice
- Pain and symptom management for chronic illnesses
- Art and music therapy
- Comprehensive bereavement services
- Customized programs for veterans

The registration fee of \$30 includes all-day admission to the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo and Rainforest and a commemorative Walk to Remember keepsake. Wristbands are required for admission of each visitor and will be distributed at registration on walk day beginning at 7:30 a.m. Registration will close at 11:00 a.m. and entrance to the zoo must be made by noon. The opening ceremony will begin at 8:45 am with the walk kicking off at 9:00 am. Water will be available at water stops on the walk route. Day-of registration is available.

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## FAIRS, FESTIVALS & EVENTS

#### **JUNE 2024**

Saint Clare Community Days

Friday, May 31 • 6–10 pm Saturday, June 1 • 5–10 pm Sunday, June 2 • 1–6 pm 5659 Mayfield Road, Lyndhurst 440-449-4242 www.saintclarecommunitydays.net Food, games, live music, balloon artist, magician, Euclid Beach Rocket Car rides, \$5k raffle drawing and more. Casino runs Fri. & Sat. 6–11 pm. Free admission.

# Art in the Village with Craft Marketplace

Saturday, June 1 • 11 am–6 pm Sunday, June 2 • 11 am–5 pm Legacy Village 25001 Cedar Road, Lyndhurst www.artfestival.com/festivals Immerse yourself in a harmonious blend of art, culinary delights, and family entertainment. This event boasts a diverse range of over 100 skilled artists exhibiting their creations across various mediums, including paintings, jewelry, photography, sculptures, ceramics, and much more. Free admission.

#### **The Celebration of Family** Open June 2–September 1, 2024 Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage 2929 Richmond Rd., Beachwood

216-593-0575 www.maltzmuseum.org The Museum's newest exhibition combines two collections with interactive children's activities. "Growing Up Jewish – Art & Storytelling" and "Love Makes a Family: Portraits of LGBTQ+ People and Their Families" presents paintings, photographs, and interviews from families of all walks of life. Adults are \$12, seniors and students ages 12+ are \$10, kids 5–11 are \$5, 4 and under are free. **St. Francis of Assisi Festival** Thursday, June 6 • 5:30–9 pm Friday, June 7 • 6–9 pm Saturday, June 8 • 2–9 pm Sunday, June 9 • 1–6 pm 6850 Mayfield Road, Gates Mills 440-461-0066 www.stfrancisgm.org Midway games, car show on Thursday, kiddie games, rides, live entertainment, homemade food, face painting, balloon twisting, beer and wine tent. Raffle for car and cash prizes. Free admission.

#### Legacy Live

Saturdays, June 8–August 31 5–8 pm Legacy Village 25001 Cedar Road, Lyndhurst 216-382-3871 www.legacy-village.com/play Jam packed schedule of live music, family entertainment, and special events! Join in every Saturday for live music featuring a variety of genres, from pop, rock & Motown to blues, swing and everything in between. Free admission.

# Parade The Circle and Circle Village

Saturday, June 8 • 10 am-4pm University Circle, Cleveland 216-791-3900 www.universitycircle.org The Parade, which begins at noon at the north entrance of the Cleveland Museum of Art, fills Wade Oval with colorful costumes, puppets, masks, and more created by local individuals and groups. Returning this year is the addition of Lead Artist, Héctor Castellanos Lara. This year's theme, "Visions of Harmony," invites participants and spectators to explore the beauty of unity in diversity through imaginative costumes, towering puppets, floats, and intricately crafted masks.

Before, during, and after the Parade, Circle Village on Wade Oval will have tons of hands-on activities for all ages from local nonprofits and institutions, live music, and delectable food. Free admission.



#### Art by the Falls

Saturday, June 8 • 10 am–7 pm Sunday, June 9 • 10 am–4 pm NEW LOCATION FOR THIS YEAR Cleveland Metroparks Polo Field 41324 S. Woodland Road Chagrin Falls 440-247-7507

www.valleyartcenter.org Showcasing over 130 artists from around the country, including painters, potters, jewelers, sculptors, photographers, and other fine artists. The festival is a wonderful opportunity for art enthusiasts and collectors to discover and purchase new and unique works. Art by the Falls also offers culinary delights, live music, a community art project, an art raffle, an engaging kids' pavilion, and fun surprises throughout the park. Free admission.

#### 2024 Walk to Remember Sponsored by

Hospice of the Western Reserve Sunday, June 9 • 8 am Cleveland Metroparks Zoo www.hospicewr.org/WTR The Walk has raised more than \$1.85 million since its inception. The monies raised help to improve the care and services HWR provides. Form a team by inviting your family and friends to walk with you. Registration fee is \$30 and includes Zoo admission for the day.

#### Larchmere Rock the Blocks

Sunday, June 9 • 11 am–5 pm Larchmere Boulevard, Cleveland (One block north of Shaker Square) 216-509-4619

www.RockTheBlocks.info Enjoy an ice cream social (free ice cream), live entertainment, arts & crafts, fit challenge, food, cooking demonstration, and shop with local and visiting vendors.

Wade Oval Wednesdays June 12–Aug. 14 • 5:30–8:30 pm University Circle, Cleveland 216-791-3900 www.universitycircle.org Enjoy a free concert, food trucks, vendors, theme nights, and activities that vary each week and are



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#### Wade Oval Wednesdays cont'd

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Juneteenth (6/14) Latinx Heritage (7/10) Disability Pride (7/26) LGBTQ+ Pride (8/14)

#### **Kirtland Strawberry Festival**

Thursday, June 13 • 5–11 pm Friday, June 14 • 3–11 pm Saturday, June 15 • 11 am–11 pm Kirtland Schools 9150 Chillicothe Road Kirtland www.kirtlandkiwanis.org Admission to the festival is free, and it offers a variety of activities and treats for all ages.

Each day, attendees can enjoy strawberry shortcakes, sundaes, supremes, and chocolate-covered strawberries. There will also be rides, a midway, a car smash,

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entertainment including a DJ and local bands, lemonade, a food court, photo opportunity area, kiddie land entertainment, a dunk tank, robotics demonstration, pony rides, contests, and a crafts and commercial area.

#### **Rocket Day**

Thursday, June 13 International Women's Air & Space Museum (Inside Burke Lakefront Airport) 1501 N. Marginal Road, Cleveland 216-623-1111

www.iwasm.org The team at the museum and our dedicated volunteers have been hard at work creating a safe and engaging program. Learn about the physics behind rocket and jet propulsion!

Participants will have the option to register for one of two sessions. Session one will be from 10:30 am-noon. Session two will be from 1–2:30 pm. Registration is required. Adults are required to stay to accompany their children during the sessions.

Early bird registration, open until

June 6, is \$3 per person, and \$4 per person from June 7 to 13.

#### Cleveland Juneteenth Freedom Fest

Friday, June 14 • 6–11 pm Saturday, June 15 • 10 am–8 pm Mall C, Downtown Cleveland St. Clair Avenue www.juneteenthcle.com Friday features a cultural fashion show showcasing traditional and contemporary African American fashion, bumper cars + outdoor games, live artist painting, food trucks, fireworks and much more!

Saturday will feature all the festival favorites from years past and new experiences for all to enjoy including Vendor Village with local businesses and artisans showcasing their products and services. Rain or shine. Free admission.

#### **Brick Fest Live**

June 15, 16 1 I-X Center Dr, Cleveland www.brickfestlive.com Over a million bricks on display and ready for play! See life-size models, engage with hands-on

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attractions, build a Guinness record-setting mosaic, shop hard-to-Find LEGO merchandise and more! General admission tickets are \$19.99 and VIP tickets are \$34.99 plus fees. 2 and under are free.

#### **Cleveland Yoga Fest**

Saturday, June 15 • 9 am–3 pm Edgewater Park www.clevelandyogafest.com All-day yoga classes, shop local vendors, soul music and food, workshops and activities. Tickets range from \$30–\$65.

#### **Mayfield Heights Unity Days**

Friday, June 21 • 5–11 pm Sat., June 22 • 4:30–11 pm Sunday, June 23 • 1 pm (Parade only on Sunday) City Park 1533 Chelmsford Road Mayfield Heights 440-442-2626 www.mayfieldheightsohio.gov Live music, family games, food, beer and wine, inflatables, Saturday night fireworks approx. 9:45 pm, raffle, and Sunday parade at 1 pm. Free admission.



# 440-466-3555 www.AdventureZoneFun.com

#### Solon Farmers Market

June 26–September 11 • 4–7 pm (Every Wednesday except July 3) Solon Bicentennial Park 34045 Bainbridge Road, Solon 440-337-1400 www.solonohio.org The Farmers Market allows local small businesses, including artisans, bakers, crafters, etc., the opportunity to showcase their specialty items to the community. Food trucks and musical entertainment on select dates.

#### Fam Jam

Saturday, June 29 • 10 am–2 pm Rock & Roll Hall of Fame 1100 Rock & Roll Blvd., Cleveland 216-781-ROCK (7625) rockhall.com/event/fam-jam The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame features kids activities, free performances, and, in partnership with Hungry for Music, an instrument drive for donations to youth education programs.

Full line up of programming and activities. FREE with RSVP.



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Larchmere PorchFest Saturday, June 29 • 1–10 pm Larchmere Boulevard, Cleveland (1 block north of Shaker Square)

www.larchmereporchfest.org PorchFest is a family-friendly event open to the community featuring musicians from a wide variety of genres. There's something for everyone, including activities for kids.

You'll be "camping out" in neighborhood front lawns for 30-40 minutes at a time, so bring chairs or a blanket to sit on. If you want to see as many bands as possible, a bike is a great idea.

Larchmere Blvd. and Shaker Square have many restaurants to choose from. There will also be vendors and a food court for additional food options. You're welcome to bring food. Free admission.

#### **Grand Slam Beer Fest**

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Saturday, June 29 Progressive Field Downtown Cleveland www.clevelandbeerfest.com Sample more than 200 local and craft brews, as well as hard seltzer, and cocktails! Plus, enjoy great food and live entertainment throughout the day.

Beerfest will be split into two sessions: a day session 2–5 pm and a night session 8–11 pm. Includes a variety of ticket offers to fit your beer-lover status. Starting at \$52.50 per person.

#### <u>JULY 2024</u>

#### Garden Bros Nuclear Circus July 4–7 Cuyahoga Fairgrounds 19201 E. Bagley Rd., Cleveland GardenBrosCircus.com Two shows each on Thu & Fri Three shows each on Sat & Sun. The very best performers from over 22 countries make up this action jammed, fast paced 100 minute performance in a theatrical European five-ring setting. Human

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slingshot, Wheel of Death, human cannonball, motorcycles in the Sphere of Fear, showgirls hanging from their hair, Olympic gymnasts, the funniest clowns, back flipping dogs as seen on America's Got Talent.

Kids Fun Zone features pony rides, a giant slide, rock wall, a bungee, or a bouncy house. Adult general admission is \$35 and kids 3–13 are \$20.

#### Little Legacy

Legacy Village 25001 Cedar Road, Lyndhurst 216-382-3871 www.legacy-village.com/play 10:30 am–noon June 19 – Magician Rick Smith Jr. July 10 – RealPopFusion Aug. 14 – Outback Ray Animal Show Interactive games and activities will also be provided by a variety of local organizations with all activities geared to little ones. Free



admission.



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#### **Cain Park Arts Festival**

Friday, July 12 • 3–8 pm Saturday, July 13 • 10 am–8 pm Sunday, July 14 • 11 am–5 pm 14591 Superior Rd., Cleveland Hts. 216-371-3000 www.cainpark.com This free, three-day juried arts festival showcases artists whose mediums include wood, clay, glass, painting, jewelry, photography, sculpture, and more. Attendees can also enjoy live entertainment, an interactive mural painting for children of all ages, and a variety of food trucks and concessions.

#### Farmfest

Saturday, July 13 • 9 am-5 pm Lake Metroparks Farmpark 8800 Euclid Chardon Rd., Kirtland 440-256-2122 www.lakemetroparks.com Free admission! This family-oriented event will provide a sampling of Farmpark's best programs and demonstrations. Visitors will enjoy Farmpark activities, food, entertainment and much more. Food vendors will provide both food and beverages and adults can enjoy beer and wine at reasonable prices. Pony rides will be available for \$6.

#### Music in the Valley Folk & Wine Festival

July 13 & 14 • 10 am–4 pm Hale Farm & Village 2686 Oak Hill Road, Bath 330-666-3711 www.halefarm.org Enjoy local musicians playing their banjos, guitars, and fiddles, wine festival, explore the historic sites and gardens, artisan demonstrations. Admission fee applies.

#### **Uncorked: Cleveland Wine Fest**

Saturday, July 13 • 7–11 pm Great Lakes Science Center 601 Erieside Avenue, Cleveland uncorkedwinefestivals.com Sip & savor over 100 wines & bubblies from across the globe. Plus enjoy favorite local food trucks, full after-hours access to the museum, science demos, interactive exhibits and more!

Early admission (\$80) is at 7 pm and includes an extra hour of tasting and museum access with bonus wine selections. General admission (\$65) is at 8 pm. Both tickets include all wine tasting with food sold separately.

#### Ss. Robert & William Parish

Family Festival July 19–21 Fri., Sat. • 6–10:30 pm Sun. • 1–7 pm 367 E. 260th Street, Euclid 216-731-1515 www.srweuclid.cc Kids games, inflatables, climbing wall, petting zoo, face painting and Euclid Beach rocket car rides. Plus, homemade foods, live music, beer & wine, casino & midway, raffle, Touch a Truck (Sunday 1–3

#### Fairmount Fun Festival

pm), bake sale and more! Free

admission.

Saturday, July 20 • 11 am–1 pm Fairmount Center for the Arts 8400 Fairmount Road, Novelty 440-338-3171 www.fairmountcenter.org Come enjoy family-friendly dance, music, art-making, and more! Featuring performances from Fairmount performance groups: Fairmount Dance Company, Summer Singers, and Youth Ensemble. This event is free, but an online RSVP is recommended.



Lake County Fair July 23–28 Lake County Fairgrounds 1301 Mentor Avenue, Painesville 440-354-3339 www.lakecountyfair.org General admission is \$10. Demo derby, Dirt Night Moto Mayhem, KOI dirt drag racing, truck and tractor pulls, 4-H livestock auction, All American Pig Races, Whiz Bang Science Show plus live entertainment, animal show, food, and more.

#### Saints Constantine & Helen Greek Festival

Thursday, July 25 • 4–9 pm Friday, July 26 • 4–11 pm Saturday, July 27 • noon–11 pm Sunday, July 28 • noon–8 pm Saints Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral 3352 Mayfield Rd., Cleveland Hts. 216-932-3300 stsconstantine.com Delicious Greek food celebration with live entertainment.

#### YAY! Saturdays

July 27–August 17, 2024 University Circle, Cleveland 216-791-3900 www.universitycircle.org Make arts, action, and adventure a part of your family's weekend routine with YAY! Saturdays. All activities are free, geared toward K-8 students and their families, and will take place on Wade Oval in University Circle. Free admission.

#### Solon Summer Festival

Sunday, July 28 • 1–9 pm Solon Community Park 6679 SOM Center Road, Solon 440-248-5747 Live performances featuring local artists, satisfy your taste buds with a variety of delectable treats from a lineup of food trucks and snack vendors, and create lasting memories with a wide range of children's activities, including face painting, caricature drawings, and carnival style games. Giant slides, bounce houses and more. Free admission.

#### **AUGUST 2024**

**Twilight at the Zoo** Fri., August 2 • 7–11:55 pm Cleveland Metroparks Zoo 3900 Wildlife Way Cleveland

216-661-6500 ext. 4421 www.ClevelandZooSociety.org Spotlights local bands playing pop, rock, dance, swing, country and blues. Admission for all partygoers includes cover charge, small bites, complimentary beer, wine and soda. 21 & over.

VIP party: 6–9 pm; \$230 per person. General admission party: 7 pm–midnight; \$100 June; \$130 July and August.

#### Vintage Ohio

August 2–3 • noon–9 pm Lake Metroparks Farmpark 8800 Euclid Chardon Rd., Kirtland 440-466-4417 www.visitvintageohio.com Sample Ohio wines, food, cooking school demonstrations, two stages of live music, artisans, shopping, carry-out store, children's entertainment & more. →



Then it must be the Funny Bus!



#### Vintage Ohio cont'd

One-day samplers are \$39 per person (in advance), nondrinkers and designated driver tickets are \$15, children ages 4–17 are \$4.

#### Cleveland Puerto Rican Parade and Cultural Festival

August 3–4 • noon–10 pm Parade: August 4 • 11 am–noon MetroHealth Main Campus Medical Center - QUAD PARK www.puertoricanparade.org International music artists and groups, local food vendors and artisans, health & wellness screening, more. Free admission.

#### **Meet the Machines**

Sunday, August 4 • noon–4 pm Legacy Village 25001 Cedar Road Lyndhurst 216-382-3871 www.legacy-village.com/play Children can explore construction, emergency and service vehicles of all makes and sizes in a fun, family-friendly environment with games, safety demos, music and vendors. Free. Open to all.

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#### Cuyahoga County Fair

August 6–11 Tuesday–Friday • noon–11 pm Saturday • 10 am–midnight Sunday • noon–11 pm Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds 440-243-0090 www.cuyfair.com

#### **Ohio Celtic Festival**

August 9–11 Lake County Fairgrounds Painesville www.ohiocelticfestival.com Live Celtic music, traditional Irish dance performances, mouthwatering food, unique vendors offering treasures inspired by Celtic craftsmanship, and much more! Admission fee applies.

#### 45th International Cleveland Kite Festival

Sunday, August 11 • 11 am–5 pm Edgewater Park 6500 Memorial Shoreway (Rt. 2) Cleveland

www.osekcleveland.org The event features various competitions and games that add a competitive edge to the fun. No-



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tably, the Rokkaku Battle, a thrilling contest where participants try to keep their kites airborne while engaging in friendly battles. The Mystery Ballet, both in solo and pairs categories, showcases flyers performing intricate maneuvers with their kites, synchronized to music they hear for the first time, judged by a panel for their creativity and skill. Free and open to the

#### Little Italy Feast of the Assumption

Thu., August 15 • noon–10 pm Fri., August 16 • 6 pm–midnight Sat., August 17 • noon–11 pm Sun., August 18 • noon–10 pm 12021 Mayfield Road, Cleveland 216-421-2995 www.littleitalyfeast.com Street festival featuring Italian foods, desserts, live music, shops, vendors, casino, raffle, inflatables and games. Free admission.

#### **Milk and Honey Weekend**

August 17–18 • 9 am–5 pm Lake Metroparks Farmpark 8800 Euclid Chardon Rd., Kirtland

www.lakemetroparks.com Learn how milk becomes cheese, butter or delicious ice cream and watch the production process. Learn about bees and their role in pollination, how honey is harvested, pollinator-friendly plants, as well as how bees contribute to many products that we use in our daily lives. Demonstrations, garden tours and more. Free with Farmpark admission. \$9 ages 12 through 59; \$8 Ages 60 and older; \$7 ages 2– 11; children younger than 2 are free.

#### **Rock The Block**

Friday, August 23 • 6–11 pm Saturday, August 24 • 2–11 pm St. John Lutheran Church 4386 Mayfield Road South Euclid www.serocktheblock.com This complimentary arts and music festival has become a regional gathering showcasing local talent, diverse cuisine, and flourishing businesses. Featuring a Kids Fun Zone with bounce houses and children's entertainment, Artisan Avenue showcasing local artisan crafters, Culinary Corner for a delightful variety of food and treats and a bar with drinks for all ages.

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#### Water Lantern Festival

Sat., August 24 • 5:30–9:30 pm Coe Lake Park Coe Lake, Berea www.waterlanternfestival.com A magical evening that includes, music, food and beautiful lanterns that light the water.

Each adult ticket includes a wristband for entry into the festival area with access to food trucks, one floating lantern kit, marker, drawstring bag, playing cards, conversation cards, and scavenger hunt giveaway entry. Non-refundable ticket. Tickets start at \$28.33 plus fees. Youth tickets (8–14) start at \$13.70. Children 0–7 (does not include lantern kit or additional items.)

#### **Cleveland Garlic Festival**

Sat., August 24 • noon–8 pm Sun., August 25 • noon–6 pm Historic Shaker Square, Cleveland 216-751-7656

www.clevelandgarlicfestival.org Featuring a garlic gourmet alley, live music, kids area with a clown, obstacle course, pedal tractor maze, Ohio craft brew tent, artist gallery and more. Admission fee applies for 5 years and over.



**78th One World Day Festival** Sun., Aug. 25 • 11 am–6 pm Cleveland Cultural Gardens MLK Drive, Cleveland 216-220-3075

www.clevelandoneworldday.org A parade of flags, naturalization ceremony, beer garden, ethnic food, cultural performances with music and dance, children's village, activities, free admission and parking.

Geauga County Fair August 29–September 2 Exhibits open at 10 am daily Rides open noon daily 14373 N. Cheshire Street, Burton 440-834-1846 www.geaugafair.com Exhibits, animals, rides, music, food, games, and shows. Ohio's oldest fair–since 1823. Daily general admission is \$10, children 6 and under are free each day.

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#### SEPTEMBER 2024

**Cleveland Oktoberfest** 

Aug. 30–Sep. 2 and Sept. 6–7 Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds www.clevelandoktoberfest.com Live musical and artistic cultural performances, food, weiner dog races, fireworks (on the 1st), 5K bier run, and more. \$18 for general admission. Kids under 12 are free. Parking is free.

#### **Cleveland National Airshow**

August 31, September 1, 2 9 am-4:30 pm Burke Lakefront Airport Cleveland 216-781-0747 www.clevelandairshow.com Featuring the U.S. Navy Blue Angels, Franklin's Flying Circus, U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute, Bill Stein Airshows, Hot Street II Jet Truck, C-130 Fat Albert, Northern Stars Aero Team, cockpit photos, Kiddie Koncourse, Cleveland Aeromodeling Society, Meet a Hero, food vendors and more! Tickets available only in advance. No gate sales. General admission: \$35 for adults (\$40 after 8/26/24), \$20 for children ages 6–11 and FREE for children 5 and younger.

#### Lyndhurst Home Day

Fri., September 6 • 5–9 pm Sat., September 7 • noon–9 pm Sun., September 8 • 1–8 pm Lyndhurst Park (Behind City Hall) 1341 Parkview, Lyndhurst 440-442-5777 www.lyndhurstohio.gov Filled with activities, rides, music, parade, vendors and lots of food. Free admission.

**Waterloo Arts Fest** Sat., September 14 • noon-7 pm Waterloo Arts/Entertainment District 15605 Waterloo Road, Cleveland 216-692-9500 www.waterlooartsfest.org Multiple stages of a great mix of local music, art vendors, food trucks, street performers and unique art activities for visitors of all ages. Attendees can also visit artist studios, galleries, shops, eateries and bars throughout the walkable Waterloo Arts & Entertainment District. Free admission.





**Chalk Festival** Sat., September 14 • noon–5 pm Sun., September 15 • noon–5 pm Cleveland Museum of Art Fine Arts Garden 11150 East Boulevard, Cleveland 216-421-7350 www.clevelandart.org/events/ chalk-festival

Featuring sidewalk artistry by professional chalk artists and local community groups, families, and individuals, all using the CMA's south plaza and walkways that wind through the Fine Arts Garden as a colorful canvas.

Everyone can participate at the Chalk Festival! To chalk your own square, purchase a square of pavement (chalk pastels included) at the registration tent. \$10 small square (includes a 12-count box of chalk pastels) \$20 large square (includes a 24-count box of chalk pastels).

**Tremont Arts & Cultural Festival** Sat, September 21 • noon–7 pm Sun., September 22 • noon–5 pm Lincoln Park 1200 Starkweather Ave., Cleveland

experiencetremont.com Celebrates the cultural and artistic diversity of Tremont and the greater Cleveland area, featuring fine art, sculpture, original jewelry, children's activities and programs, food booths, musicians and performers. Rain or shine. Free admission.

#### **Cleveland Pickle Fest**

Sat.. September 21 • 11 am–6 pm Mall B – 300 St Clair Avenue NE Cleveland

www.clevelandpicklefest.com This fun-filled day includes pickles from local and regional companies, pickle-flavored beer, and desserts, drinks, candy, plus a variety of pickle-themed merchandise from dozens of food and nonfood vendors.

Other highlights include live music, and a pickle-eating contest, with youth and adult divisions. Benefits Greater Cleveland Volunteers. \$10 general admission ticket (children 3 and under are free).



IngenuityFest 2024 September 27-29 IngenuityLabs @ The Hamilton Collaborative 5401 Hamilton Avenue, Cleveland www.ingenuitvcleveland.com IngenuityFest includes immersive artwork (built collaboratively by the Ingeneers!); half a dozen stages featuring hundreds of musicians, dancers, poets, and performances of all types; maker and innovator exhibits; fine art; and so much more. All of this is displayed throughout the 300,000 square foot Hamilton Collaborative, which is broken up into Festival Villages. General admission is \$10-\$25. Children under 12 are always free.





A listing of fun places to go and activities to engage in. (By category)





Adventure Zone 5600 Lake Road Geneva-on-the-Lake 440-466-3555 www.adventurezonefun.com Blaster bumper boats on a sparkling blue pond, speedy go-karts, a giant indoor Kids Krawl, an urban zip line, two escape rooms and 100-game arcade with good-value prizes, beautifully landscaped miniature golf, rock and repelling walls, an historic merry-go-round, baseball and softball cages, polite and well-groomed staff.



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#### **AMUSEMENT PARKS CONT'D**

African Safari Wildlife Park 267 S. Lightner Road Port Clinton, Ohio 419-732-3606 www.africansafariwildlifepark.com Featuring hundreds of the world's most beautiful and exotic animals. The pay-one-price admission gives you access to the 100acre preserve and includes the Drive-Thru Safari (in the comfort of your own car) and Walk-Thru Safari where you can enjoy a camel ride, catch a HogWILD show, experience Dinosaur Takeover, eat at the Safari Cafe and shop at the gift shop.

#### **Cedar Point**

Sandusky, Ohio 419-627-2350 www.cedarpoint.com New this year! Get revvved up and buckle in on the Top Thrill 2, the world's tallest and fastest triple-launch strata coaster.

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**Memphis Kiddie Park** 10340 Memphis Avenue Brooklyn, Ohio 216-941-5995

www.memphiskiddiepark.com Features 11 amusement park rides designed especially for children under 50 inches tall.

The park is home to the "Little Dipper" roller coaster—the oldest operating steel roller coaster in North America.

In addition to the rides, the park also has an arcade, concessions and a miniature golf course for both kids and adults to enjoy.





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#### 9:45 PM - Fireworks

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#### Waldameer and Water World 220 Peninsula Drive

Erie, PA 814-838-359 www.waldameer.com Featuring over 50 amusement

rides (including five coasters), the Rocket Blast water coaster, magnificent waterslides, live shows, midway games & arcade, refreshment stands, gift shops, and numerous picnic pavilions all surrounded by gorgeous landscaping. Free parking and admission to the park. Wrist bands available for rides & slides.

#### BASEBALL

**Cleveland Guardians** 

**Progressive Field** 216-420-4487 www.mlb.com/guardians Visit the Family Deck tailored to families and specifically designed to keep kids entertained. It's an indoor/outdoor area that includes a parents lounge, lactation rooms, family-friendly concessions and the Kids Clubhouse, which is home to fun, interactive activities.

#### **Lake County Captains**

Classic Auto Group Park, Eastlake 440-954-9467 www.milb.com/lake-county If you love baseball, but don't like the big city, the Captains are an exciting alternative just a short drive away with affordable ticket prices and close-by parking. Visit their website to check out special promotions. A High-A affiliate of the Cleveland Guardians.

#### **DISC GOLF**

Disc golf is played much like golf, only with specially made discs (much like Frisbees, but more durable) and standing metal and chain baskets to catch the discs as the target. If you can throw a disc you can play!

> **Cuyahoga County Airport Disc Golf Course Curtiss Wright Parkway** and Richmond Road **Richmond Heights** 216-692-0185

**Osborne Park Disc Golf** 38575 Lakeshore Blvd., Willoughby 9 holes

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Punderson State Park **Disc Golf Course** 11755 Kinsman Road, Newbury 440-488-8476 18 holes

**Sims Park Disc Golf** 23131 Lakeshore Blvd., Euclid 440-897-0541 21 holes



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#### CANOE/KAYAK

**Breakaway Excursions** 

At The Lake, Auburn Township 440-773-2728 At The River, Mantua 440-773-2465

www.breakawayexcursions.com Activities include kayaking and paddle boarding. Join them on a guided scenic tour or rent some gear and explore the beautiful lakes, rivers and parks of northeast Ohio on your own.

#### **Chagrin River Kayak** and Paddleboard

221 Erie Road, Eastlake 440-477-0864

Kayak and paddle-board rental on the Chagrin River.

#### **Crooked River Adventures**

13468 Main Market Road (Route 422). Burton 440-321-0301 www.crookedriveradventures.com Take canoe and kavak trips on the scenic upper Cuyahoga River. Restaurant on-site.

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#### **CANOE/KAYAK CONT'D**

41° North Coastal Adventures Cleveland Metroparks Rocky River Reservation Lakewood http://41n.com Whether you are looking for certified kayak and paddleboard instruction, guided tours, or rentals, your next adventure begins at 41 North! Offers direct access to Lake Erie.

#### **Great Lakes Watersports**

West Bank of the Flats 216-644-0272 glwatersports.com Offering boat, kayak and jet ski rentals and captained cruises for up to six passengers.

#### Oasis Marinas at North Coast Harbor

1020 E. 9th Street, Cleveland Open May 1 - Oct 31 Kayak rentals are wonderful, inexpensive ways to experience nature by exploring the shoreline of Lake Erie with your family.

#### OUTDOOR WATERPARKS

Pioneer Waterland & Dry Fun Park 10661 Kile Road, Chardon 440-285-0910 www.pioneerwaterland.com

- Six-story high waterslides
- Spring fed activity/swimming concrete pond with 60 ft. water obstacle course and giant water floatables
- Paddleboats on a six-acre lake
- Mini golf
- Go karts
- Batting cages
- Jumping pillow

#### **Cedar Point Shores**

Sandusky, Ohio www.cedarpoint.com 18 acres of splish-splashin' family fun! Kids will love Lakeslide Landing where pint-sized slides, geysers and fountains are fun to play around. Test your courage on the four-capsule drop slide, Point Plummet, fill up on yummy treats, lounge in cabanas and more!



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#### PARKS

#### Cain Park

14591 Superior Rd., Cleveland Hts. 216-371-3000 www.cainpark.com Cain Park provides experiences in the performing arts and arts education. Comprised of multiple venues located in a one-of-a-kind historic outdoor setting, Cain Park has been owned and operated by the city of Cleveland Heights since 1938.

- 2024 concerts include:
- Tower of Power, June 14
- Los Lonely Boys, June 23
- Gin Blossoms and Toad The Wet Sprocket, August 7

#### **Cleveland Metroparks**

www.clevelandmetroparks.com North Chagrin Reservation

Located in Mayfield Village, Willoughby Hills, and Gates Mills, the reservation includes a nature center and nature education building, trails, picnic areas, Sanctuary Marsh and Sunset Pond to observe waterfowl, and Squire's Castle — built in the early 1900s.

South Chagrin Reservation Located in Bentleyville, Solon and Moreland Hills, and features an arboretum, Polo Field, many interesting trails to explore, Look About Lodge — a log cabin built in 1938, an outdoor sculpture known as "Squaw Rock" carved in 1885, and much more!

<u>Acacia Reservation</u> 527 Cedar Road, Beachwood Hike the rolling trails of this former golf course to discover birds, meadow flowers, and beautiful landscapes. A 1.7-mile paved loop trail is located in the Reservation. <u>Euclid Creek Reservation</u>

Follow Euclid Creek Valley along 2.5 miles of interesting geology. Historic points of interest include former Bluestone quarries, CCC camp, and Euclid Beach Park. As the creek flows northward to Lake Erie, so does the reservation. Part of Euclid Creek Reservation includes Wildwood Marina, Villa Angela Park and Beach, and Euclid Beach.

Lake Metroparks Farmpark 8800 Euclid Chardon Rd., Kirtland 440-256-2122 www.lakemetroparks.com This real working farm is located on 235 acres with fields, gardens and standard farm buildings. Escape to the country to milk a dairy cow, learn how cheese is made, take a horse- or tractor-drawn wagon ride, meet dozens of breeds of livestock, see sheep herding demonstrations, farm machinery exhibits, a plant science center, play on a playground and more! Admission fee applies.

#### **Nature Center at Shaker Lakes**

2600 South Park Boulevard Shaker Heights 216-321-5935 www.shakerlakes.org Tuesday–Sunday • 10 am–5 pm The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes is free and open to the public providing wonderful nature experiences and discovery for all ages and through all seasons.

Serving the community as a conserved green space, the Nature Center connects visitors with nature and inspires environmental stewardship for thousands of adults and children served each year through unique and engaging programming and educational offerings.

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#### **Observatory Park**

10610 Clay Street, Montville www.geaugaparkdistrict.org Observatory Park is one of only eight Dark Sky Parks in the country and 11 in the world, so it lends itself to out-of-this-world stargazing experiences. Enjoy it on your own (6 am-1 am daily during the summer) or during designated hours with a naturalist and park telescopes like the huge Oberle telescope. Daytime attractions include interactive planetary and weather trails, a meteorite display, Great Pyramid cornerstones, henge stones, day and night gardens and more. Free admission.

#### **Penitentiary Glen Reservation**

8668 Kirtland-Chardon Road Kirtland 440-256-1404 www.lakemetroparks.com Explore an awesome display of nature featuring 424 acres of forest, fields, wetlands, and over 8.5 miles of hiking trails. The park is named for the deep gorge that divides it, which is easy to get into and difficult to get out of. →



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#### PARKS CONT'D

Penitentiary Glen cont'd

Naturalists lead exciting seasonal nature-inspired programs and events. Picnic at the sheltered pavilion and listen to nature. Discover the sights and sounds of wildlife at the interactive Nature Center or take a ride on a miniature steam-powered engine operated by the Lake Shore Live Steamers Club. Available on select dates. Free admission.

Preston's H.O.P.E. Accessible Playground Park

Open daily 9 a.m.– dusk 26001 South Woodland Road Beachwood www.prestonshope.com Located on the Mandel JCC's Beachwood campus, Preston's H.O.P.E., inspired by Preston, a vibrant, fun-loving boy who was born with spinal muscular atrophy, is free of charge and open to the public.

The 60,000 square foot play facility has Imagination Village, with make-believe houses that are connected by a raised walkway, Play Theatre, and a sand and traditional playground area with swings, tunnels and slides that are appropriate for children from preschool through school age.

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#### **Rockefeller Park**

Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Cleveland Featuring:

Rockefeller Park Greenhouse A wonderful collection of exotic and native plants. Admission to the greenhouse is free and highlights include the extensive orchid and tropical plant exhibits as well as the spring bulb and December holiday plants displays.

<u>Cleveland Cultural Gardens</u> A collection of public gardens located within the 276 acres of wooded parkland. In total, there are 33 dedicated gardens, each commemorating a different ethnic group whose immigrants have contributed to the heritage of the United States over the centuries, as well as Cleveland.



#### **IDEAS FOR SUMMER & BEYOND**

#### **BOWLING**

**Corner Alley** E. 4th Street Downtown Cleveland 216-298-4070 www.thecorneralley.com Featuring 16 sleek and modern lanes, dozens of UHD TVs, cold drinks, delicious culinary creations, video games, shuffleboard, air hockey, foosball, and more. An unforgettable experience that caters to all ages.

#### **Main Event**

35605 Chester Road, Avon 440-398-0611 www.mainevent.com A pro-level bowling alley with state-of-the-art electronic scoring system, rocking surround sound entertainment system, and cosmic bowling. Also features laser tag, billiards, over 100 arcade games, gravity ropes, zip lining, shuffleboard, a high energy sports bar with big screen TVs and a chef- inspired selection of food.

#### **Pinstripes Bowling & Bocce**

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111 Park Avenue, Beachwood 216-415-8010 www.pinstripes.com/cleveland Pinstripes is the ultimate destination for bowling enthusiasts in Cleveland. Stylish decor and state-of-the-art lanes, provide the perfect combination of fun and sophistication. Their bowling alleys

provide a comfortable and enjoyable atmosphere for all skill levels. Plus, with an extensive food and beverage menu, you can indulge in delicious Italian/American cuisine and signature cocktails while you play.

#### Pins Mechanical Company 1880 W 25th Street, Cleveland

(Ohio City) pinsbar.com/locations/cleveland Featuring duckpin bowling with smaller balls and stubby pins. The aim is to knock down as many as you can in three tries per frame.

Their nostalgic arcade collection transports you back to the golden era of gaming with classics like



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Pac-Man, Donkey Kong, and Galaga. They're free to play!

Also Giant Jenga, foosball, bocce and hookie. Full service bar with drinks for all ages. You are welcome to bring your own food or order it in.

#### **Punch Bowl Social**

1086 W. 11th Street, Cleveland (East Bank of the Flats) 216-239-1508 www.punchbowlsocial.com Bowling, table games, private karaoke rooms, vintage arcade, scratch-kitchen menu, multiple bars serving craft cocktails.

#### Rollhouse

33185 Bainbridge Road, Solon 440-248-4080 www.therollhouse.com Featuring 26 lanes of bowling, state-of-the-art game room, bar and outdoor patio, seven escape rooms, two-story laser tag, more.

#### Scene 75 Entertainment Center

3688 Center Rd. Brunswick 234-803-1100 www.scene75.com/cleveland Featuring mini bowling, 120 arcade games, indoor go-karts, laser tag, black light mini golf, virtual reality, inflatables, bumper cars, 4-D motion theater, laser maze, food trucks, and a full bar.

#### Hi and Dry Bowling & Beer

2221 Professor Ave., Cleveland (Tremont) 216-566-9463 www.hianddrycleveland.com Four duckpin bowling lanes with smaller balls and shorter lanes, arcade games, food, craft beers and more.

#### **FINE ARTS**

#### DANCE, THEATER, MUSIC, ART

Beck Center for the Arts 17801 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood 216-521-2540 x10 www.beckcenter.org Beck Center for the Arts is the place for you and your family to experience all the arts have to offer. They have classes, lessons, and award-winning programs in dance, music, theater, and visual arts, as well creative arts therapies for individuals with disabilities, and outreach education.

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#### **Cleveland City Dance**

13108 Shaker Square

Cleveland 216-295-2222 www.clevelandcitydance.com With a staff of 20 professionally trained dance instructors, they continue to carry on CCD's legacy as an award-winning dance school offering classes and education for students of all ages.

#### En Pointe Danse

516 E. Washington Street Chagrin Falls 440-247-5747 www.enpointedanse.com Their mission is to give students a strong technical foundation in ballet, and other dance forms, while encouraging a joy for dancing that they will take with them wherever they go. Offering classes in ballet, creative movement,

#### **Fairmount Center for the Arts** 8400 Fairmount Road, Novelty

pointe, tap and modern dance

summer camps and classes.

for ages 3 to adult. Also offering

440-338-3171 www.fairmountcenter.org Fairmount is committed to "enriching lives through the arts" through classes, workshops, performances, and exhibitions. Programming includes classes in dance, theatre, music, visual arts and fitness. Classes are offered for toddlers through adults in all arts disciplines.

#### **The Fine Arts Association** 38660 Mentor Avenue Willoughby

440-951-7500 www.fineartsassociation.org Offering classes, private music lessons, theatre performances, concerts and cultural activities, FAA is dedicated to keeping the flow of imagination, creativity and expression flourishing. Summer camps and classes.

Lakeshore Dance & Gymnastics 760 Beta Drive, Suite G Mayfield Village 440-461-0015 www.lakeshoregym.com Lakeshore features competitive, rhythmic gymnastics, boys and

girls competitive gymnastics team to level 10, and three competitive dance teams. Its offerings may be broad, but Lakeshore is the family place to be with something for nearly everyone ages 16 months and up. Offering ballet, jazz, tap, modern dance, and hip hop.

#### Noreen Londregan School of Dance 750 Beta Drive, Mayfield Village

440-449-0240 www.noreendancer.com Offering the best in dance techniques for over 50 years. Many students enjoy dancing as a recreational opportunity to build skills and improve self-confidence while having fun and creating a healthy body. Others are serious dancers who find a well-rounded program that creates the "total dancer" who can pursue a professional career, if so desired. Whatever level of interest you or your child have, they have classes to fit your needs.

#### **Sha'Ran Studios**

3445 Warrensville Center Road Shaker Heights (216) 702-0599 sharanstudios.com Provides a variety of both dance and fitness classes including hip-

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hop, jazz, modern, ballet, zumba and conditioning. You will also find classes from 216 Cardio & UPLFT Fitness.

#### Studio J Academy of Dance

23945 Mercantile Road, Suite M Beachwood 216-292-2720 www.studiojdance.com Offering classes in ballet, jazz funk, pointe, tap, lyrical, HIIT/ Groove, musical theater and more.

#### Valley Art Center

155 Bell Street, Chagrin Falls 440-247-7507 www.valleyartcenter.org Every year, VAC offers 400 classes to more than 1,500 students of all ages and abilities – including kids summer art camps. Learn bead making, pottery, painting, paper maché, photography, sculpture, iPad art and more! Classes available for preschool, youth, teens and adults.



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#### Explore the Rich Tapestry of Families Forming the Fabric of Society



#### **Growing Up Jewish** Art and Storytelling Paintings and Personal Narratives by Jacqueline Kott-Wolle



### Love Makes a Family Portraits of LGBTQ+ People and Their Families

Photographs and Narratives by Family Diversity Projects \* Bring this ad with you for \$2 off of general admission, June 2, 2024 - Sept 1, 2024. Good for up to 4 visitors. Not valid on programs. Cannot be used with other offers.

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#### <u>INDOOR</u> WATERPARKS

#### Castaway Bay

Sandusky, Ohio 419-627-2500 www.castawaybay.com Caribbean themed

#### Great Wolf Lodge

Sandusky, Ohio 419-609-6000 www.greatwolf.com/sandusky Pacific Northwest forest themed

#### Kalahari Resorts & Conventions

Sandusky, Ohio 877-525-2427 www.kalahariresorts.com/ohio African themed

#### Splash Lagoon

8091 Peach Street, Erie, PA 814-217-1111 www.splashlagoon.com Beach themed

#### **ROLLER SKATING**

Rainy or scorching hot day? No worries. Roller skating is fun, good for your health and the rink is always dry and the perfect temperature!

> Chagrin Valley Roller Rink 7151 South Main Street Chagrin Falls 440-247-4224 www.skate.cvrr.com

Mig's Pla-Mor Roller Rink 22466 Shore Center Drive, Euclid 216-407-6029 www.migsplamor.com

#### Zelma Watson-George

Roller Skating Facility 3155 Martin Luther King Drive Cleveland 216-420-8821 www.unitedskates.com/ public/cleveland

#### UNIVERSITY CIRCLE

Cleveland Botanical Garden Hershey Children's Garden

University Circle 216-721-1600 www.holdenfg.org Hidden paths wind through tall grasses. Young pirates and princesses climb up to the coolest tree house ever. Aspiring gardeners help the kooky scrounger's garden plantings grow using water drawn from big red pumps. And curious kids fish with their fingers for brilliant orange goldfish in a frog-filled pond. Indoor glasshouse as well.

#### Cleveland Botanical Garden Perennial Playspace

University Circle, Cleveland 216-721-1600 www.holdenfg.org This year-round space overlooking the glasshouses will engage young and old. Activities include: magnification station, rubbing table, light table, collaboration tree-sensory play/observation station and terrarium.

> Cleveland History Center of the Western Reserve Historical Society University Circle

216-721-5722 www.wrhs.org Adult (ages 13–61) \$15; seniors 62+ \$13; child 3–12 \$8; ages 2 and under are free. Open Thursday–Sunday Featuring: <u>Euclid Beach Park</u> <u>Grand Carousel</u> Colorful, hand-carved wooden horses, once at Euclid Beach Park on Cleveland's lakefront, now welcome riders once again in the Carousel Pavilion.

Crawford Auto Aviation Collection Brings the history of transportation alive through the over 170 antique automobiles, 21 non-car transportation artifacts (motorcycles, bicycles, and boats), 12 aircraft, and three carriages and sleighs.

Family History & Genealogical Research Library A wealth of resources for genealogy research, including seminars and classes, outstanding collections and more. Closed in 2024 for renovation due to a fire.

#### Cleveland Museum of Art University Circle

216-421-7350 www.clevelandart.org ArtLens Gallery is a multi-faceted, innovative experience that allows you, your family, and friends to look closer, dive deeper, and have fun discovering the museum's collection using award-winning digital technology. Create

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your own digital artwork in ArtLens Studio, engage with masterworks of art and touchscreen-free interactives and connect with the museum's world-renowned collection at the ArtLens Wall. Many programs and events for children. Closed Mondays.

**Cleveland Museum** of Natural History University Circle 1 Wade Oval Drive, Cleveland 216-231-4600 www.cmnh.org Explore all that they have to offer - from the earth to the sky. They have dinosaurs inside and out, a hands-on Discovery Center for children of all ages, outdoor gardens, Perkins Wildlife Center, live animal shows, and more. NOTE: Renovations may affect some exhibits. Check website before you visit.

#### **Cleveland Orchestra**

www.clevelandorchestra.com You may not know this, but the Cleveland Orchestra is often rated as America's finest! Their Concerts For Families series at Severance Music Center features engaging preconcert activities, including an instrument discovery zone. Performances are under one hour and are a great way to introduce your children to the world of classical music!

#### **Museum of Contemporary Art**

11400 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland University Circle 216-421-8671 www.mocacleveland.org This four-story museum rises 60 feet from a hexagonal base to a square top. Clad primarily in mirror-finish black Rimex stainless steel, the façade will reflect its urban surroundings, changing in appearance with differences in light and weather.

#### The Music Settlement at University Circle

11125 Magnolia Drive, Cleveland 216-421-5806 www.themusicsettlement.org Offering music therapy, early childhood education, and music instruction to people of all ages and levels of experience in Greater Cleveland and northeast

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Ohio. Founded by Almeda Adams in 1912 as part of the Settlement movement and featuring a campus that includes the 1910 Burke Mansion and the Bop Stop.

#### LOTS MORE!

A listing of fun places to go and activities to engage in. (Alphabetical)

A Christmas Story House 3159 W. 11th Street, Cleveland 216-298-4919

www.achristmasstoryhouse.com Now restored to its movie splendor, it is open year round to the public for tours and overnight stays. Directly across the street from the House is A Christmas Story Museum, which features original props, costumes and memorabilia from the film, as well as hundreds of rare behind-the-scenes photos. Among the props and costumes are the toys from the Higbee's window, Randy's snowsuit, the chalkboard from Miss Shields' classroom and the family car.

General admission \$18; seniors (60+) \$16; children (3–12 years) \$13; children under 3 are free.

Adrenaline Monkey 26800 Renaissance Parkway Warrensville Heights 216-282-3100 www.adrenalinemonkeyfun.com Featuring ninja warrior-styled obstacle courses, rock climbing walls, aerial ropes, a basketball court and more!

#### **Atlas Cinemas**

www.atlascinemas.net See all the summer blockbusters at one of their state-of-the-art facilities! Locations in Mayfield Heights, Shaker Square, Euclid, Aurora and two in Mentor. Try the luxury seats and jumbo-sized recliners at Mentor & Mayfield Hts.

> Chuck E. Cheese <u>Mayfield Heights</u> 1615 Golden Gate Plaza 440-684-1110 <u>Mentor</u> 8000 Plaza Boulevard 440-205-0446

From kiddie rides and Skytubes® for the little ones to high-tech simulator games & Chuck E.'s Laser Challenge for older kids, they have attractions for all ages in a safe, family-friendly environment. Cleveland Children's Museum 3813 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland 216-791-7114 www.cmcleveland.org The museum promotes learning through play using innovative exhibits and programs designed for all children from birth to age 8. The Museum is dedicated to being a valued resource to parents, families and community institutions that serve young children.

#### Cleveland Grays Armory Museum

1234 Bolivar Road Downtown Cleveland 216-621-5938 www.graysarmory.org Built in 1893, this historic and patriotic structure houses three floors of military artifacts, including weapons, photographs, posters, and vintage uniforms. Private tours available. Email grays1837@ yahoo.com to request info.



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#### Cleveland Metroparks Zoo & The Rainforest

4101 Fulton Parkway Cleveland 216-661-6500 www.clevelandmetroparks.com/zoo Northeast Ohio's most visited year-round attraction, Cleveland Metroparks Zoo's 183 rolling, wooded acres feature countless opportunities for guests to connect with wildlife. Featuring African Elephant Crossing; African Savanna; Australian Adventure; Primate, Cat and Aquatics; and the Eagle Zip Adventure. Visit www. clevelandzoosociety.org to purchase annual passes!

#### Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad

Peninsula, Ohio 800-468-4070 www.cvsr.com Journey through a world of historic sites and timeless natural processes. Amble through small towns. A working 19th century farm. Miles of smooth towpath trail to bike and hike. A fascinating canal museum, big city shopping and more.



#### Dave & Busters

25735 1st Street, Westlake www.daveandbusters.com 440-892-1415 Great pub-styled food and beverages, giant arcade, and an indoor area with Jenga, corn hole, Connect Four, shuffleboard and much more!

#### **Education and Learning Center**

Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland 1455 East 6th Street, Cleveland 216-579-3188 www.clevelandfed.org Stand beneath a 23-foot-tall money tree, try to identify counterfeit dollar bills, and make your own currency! Experience hands-on, interactive exhibits to learn about the history of money, cybersecurity and more. Open Monday through Wednesday, 9 am–2 pm. Free admission.

Forest City Shuffleboard 4506 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland 440-829-2196 www.forestcityshuffle.com Indoor and outdoor shuffleboard courts, regulation shuffleboard tables and a patio. Bring your friends, family and colleagues to enjoy food, drinks and shuffleboard! 21+ only establishment after 6 pm nightly (except Sunday).

#### Funny Bus Comedy City Tour 216-404-7786

www.funnybus.net/cleveland This 90-minute bus tour features a local comedian who will put a flavorful, fun spin on the sights, sounds, and history of Cleveland and surrounding areas. Guests can bring beer and wine, too. Tickets are \$29 each including all fees.

#### Girl Scouts of North East Ohio www.gsneo.org/join

Girl Scouting is a way of life that brings out the best in your girl, and helps her bring out the best in everyone around her. While she's learning about STEM, the outdoors, entrepreneurship, and important life skills, she's also discovering new ways to make your family and community stronger, kinder, and better for everyone.



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#### The Golf Dome

8198 E. Washington Street Chagrin Falls 440-543-1211 www.thegolfdome.com Fully-landscaped, outdoor 18hole miniature golf course complete with three winding streams and a 20-foot waterfall. Plus, batting cages and heated indoor driving range and golf simulators. Check out their new synthetic turf areas, new bitting mats, a new

turf areas, new hitting mats, a new tour-quality indoor putting green, and the addition of five high-tech TrackMan Studio Simulators.

#### Goodtime III 825 East Ninth Street Pier North Coast Harbor, Cleveland 216-242-1854 www.goodtimeiii.com The largest quadruple-deck, 1,000 passenger luxury ship on the Great Lakes. A unique and spectacular two-hour narrated cruise along the Cuyahoga River and Lake Erie provides a top attraction with spectacular views of downtown Cleveland, the Flats, and all of the surrounding areas while getting an in-depth look at Cleveland's history. Dining options are available.

#### Great Lakes Science Center 216-694-2000

www.greatscience.com A day at the GLSC is a fun-filled, brain-building experience. Kick back and enjoy a movie on the six-story DOME Theater giant screen. Get hands on with over 400 exhibits, grab a bite to eat and shop the Science Store.



Greater Cleveland Aquarium 2000 Sycamore Street, Cleveland (West Bank of The Flats) 216-862-8803 www.greaterclevelandaquarium.com Greater Cleveland Aquarium is filled with intriguing aquatic life from the Great Lakes and colorful sea creatures from around the globe. From weedy seadragons

to a giant Pacific octopus, you

can see more than 2,700 animals representing 250 species. Many of the habitats in their seven galleries offer unique views—including an 11,000-gallon touch pool inhabited by cownose and Atlantic stingrays and a 175-foot sea tube that takes you to the ocean floor where pufferfish, angelfish and three species of shark swim beside and above you.

#### The Holden Arboretum

9500 Sperry Road, Kirtland 440-946-4400 www.holdenfg.org The Holden Arboretum is a 3,500 acre showplace for indigenous Ohio plants, flowers, trees, and wildlife. The beautiful park features specialty gardens, miles of hiking trails for all skill levels, and a constant schedule of educational events and exhibits. Open year-round, rain or shine. Admission fee applies.

#### Canopy Walk & Emergent Tower April 1–November 1

Open Tue.-Sun • 10 am-5 pm Get a bird's eye view on the forest and the birds. The Canopy Walk hangs 65 feet above the forest floor and stretches 500 feet through the treetops. Meanwhile, guests climb 120 feet to the Emergent Tower for views above the tree line.

Buckeye Bud's Adventure Woods A wonderfully whimsical playground where kids can hop, jump, and limbo their way through the balance logs, put on a performance at the Nature Theater, or play a game or two of tic tac toe.

Zip your way through the woods on two cables designed for kids of all ages to enjoy.

Plus, the observation tower is a great place to see turtles and frogs in Buttonbush Bog.

#### Pollinator Express

May 25–September 8, 2024 Get ready to be inspired by an imaginative world of miniature trains and larger-than-life botanical sculptures. The exhibit features G-scale model trains chugging through a landscape of iconic sculptures that depict unique plants from around the globe, paired with the insects and animals they depend on for pollination.



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International Women's Air & Space Museum Burke Lakefront Airport 216-623-1111 www.IWASM.org

Sit behind authentic flight simulators from the 1940s that were used to train cadets, get a firsthand look at what it's like to eat, sleep and exercise in space and view a real NASA switchboard from the Houston Space Center. See stories and artifacts for over 6,000 women who changed the course of flight. Free admission. See website for kids' programs.

#### Jump Start Gymnastics 23700 Mercantile, Beachwood 216-896-0295

www.jsgymnastics.com Over 14,000 square feet and fully equipped for athletes of all ages and levels. Coaches are USAG safety certified and bring years of experience to their classes and inspiration to their coaching. Whether you're new to the sport or have been flipping your whole life, Jump Start! has a gymnastics experience for everyone.

Featuring youth and adult open gyms, themed summer camps, birthday parties, competitive teams, and more.

#### Lady Caroline

West Bank of the Flats 1153 Main Avenue, Cleveland 216-696-8888 www.ladycaroline.com Lady Caroline is a four-deck, 120-foot-long ship featuring more than 15,000 square feet for passengers to enjoy. Three of her decks are fully enclosed and climate controlled. The sky deck features a covered bar and open views for sweeping panoramic sightseeing. Lunch, dinner and special cruises available.

#### Lake View Cemetery

12316 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland 216-421-2665 www.lakeviewcemetery.com If you've never had an opportunity—or desire—to visit a cemetery when you don't need to, you are missing out on a grand experience in history, beauty, and wonder. This serene place boasts a beautiful pond with fountain, an amazing array of artfully designed plants, and creative headstones, along with tall monuments that are →

#### Lake View Cemetery cont'd

statuesque and captivating. Explore the 180-ft. tall, castle-like Garfield Monument, see the touching tributes by baseball fans at the grave of Ray Chapman, the only person to be killed DURING a baseball game, and the jukebox grave of Alan Freed, who coined the term "rock n roll."

#### The Little Gym 20707 Chagrin Boulevard Shaker Heights 216-752-9049 www.tlgshakerheightsoh.com Developing the whole child from a young age - building a strong body, brain, and character. Instructors will guide your child's physical, emotional, and social development helping them grow into strong, confident, independent people.

#### Little Italy

Mayfield Road, Cleveland www.clevelandlittleitaly.com Known for its art galleries and the finest Italian cuisine, Little Italy is host to the city's famous art walks, Feast of the Assumption and lots more.

#### Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage

2929 Richmond Rd., Beachwood 216-593-0575 www.maltzmuseum.org The museum's mission is to build bridges of tolerance and understanding by sharing Jewish heritage through the lens of the American experience. The stories of individuals and families – past and present – come to life through exhibitions, interactives and films, oral histories, photographs, and artifacts. See their ad on page 20 for details about their 2024 special exhibit.

#### Museum of Illusions

186 Euclid Avenue Downtown Cleveland (In the May building adjacent to Public Square) www.moicleveland.com This 9,200 square feet exhibit space offers a unique and unconventional spin on art, education and entertainment through interactive and immersive experiences. Highlights include a Cleveland-themed "reversed room" where visitors will seem-

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ingly levitate upside down on a basketball court and "building illusion" where they can appear as if they are hanging from a Cleveland building.

Other popular and visually striking exhibits include the walk-in kaleidoscope, vortex tunnel and Infinity room.

#### Playhouse Square

1501 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland 216-771-4444

www.playhousesquare.org/events The Children's Theater Series at Playhouse Square is back with an entire four-show season for 2024-25! For around \$40 per seat, become a season ticket holder and guarantee four unique opportunities to spend quality time with your family. The perfect way to introduce kids to live theater.

#### Pro Football Hall of Fame 2121 George Halas Drive, Canton 330-456-8207

www.profootballhof.com Recognized worldwide as America's premier sports hall of fame, this exhilarating museum and attraction pays tribute to the talents and triumphs of pro football's greatest legends.

#### Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum Downtown Cleveland 216-781-7625 www.rockhall.com

Educating visitors and fans from around the world about the history and continuing significance of rock and roll music. Thousands of items on display, feature films, video, interactive kiosks, reading material and plenty of music.

#### Shaker Rocks

3377 Warrensville Center Road Shaker Heights 216-848-0460

www.ShakerRocksClimbing.com 14,000 square feet of climbing surface plus a yoga studio, fitness area, locker rooms, vending machines and space for private parties. Adult \$22 (age 23+) youth/ service \$20 (age 22 and under, active military, fire, EMS & police), child (age 5 and under), free with a paying adult. Limit two children per adult.



#### Sky Zone

750 Alpha Drive, Highland Hts. skyzone.com/highlandheights 440-467-5867 Trampolines, foam zone, sky ladder, zip line, ninja courses.

#### Snapology

23645 Mercantile Road, Suite H Beachwood 216-990-8988 www.snapology.com/ ohio-cleveland Snapology engages children ages 2-14 using LEGO® bricks, K'Nex and technology. While the kids are having fun with familiar toys, laptops and iPads, Snapology sneaks in the learning. They also offer classes, indoor play, birthday parties and summer camps. Call today to enroll!

#### Steamship William G. Mather

601 Erieside Avenue, Cleveland 216-694-2000 www.greatscience.com Discover what life on board a working Great Lakes freighter was like as you tour this restored 618-foot historic flagship. Explore the 1925-built Mather from stem to stern and see its huge cargo holds, brass and oak pilot house, elegant guest quarters and four-story engine room.

#### **Terminal Tower**

50 Public Square, Cleveland www.terminaltower.com/amenities Saturdays and Sundays 10 am–4 pm The Terminal Tower rises up 771 feet above Public Square in downtown Cleveland, and is one of the most iconic and recognizable buildings. Spectacular 360 degree views await you on the



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42nd floor observation deck. Tickets are \$5 and must be purchased in advance..

#### **Topgolf Cleveland**

5820 Rockside Woods Blvd. N. Independence 216-619-2464 topgolf.com/us/cleveland Enjoy climate-controlled hitting bays for year-round comfort with HDTVs in every bay and throughout the sports bar and restaurant. Using complimentary clubs or your own, take aim at the giant outfield targets and high-tech balls will score themselves. Special games designed just for kids and beginners.

#### **USS Cod Submarine Memorial**

North Marginal Road (East of E. 9th Street) 440-832-9722 www.usscod.org

Cod is one of the finest restored submarines on display in the U.S. Visitors to this proud ship use the same vertical ladders and hatches that were used by her crew. Cod is open to the public seven days a week, from 10 am–5 pm, April 1 through November. 30.

Standard admission prices are \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors (62+) and veterans with ID, \$9 for youths (grades K-12). Pay at the gate.

#### YMCA of Greater Cleveland

www.clevelandymca.org The YMCA is a nonprofit, cause-driven organization that believes that a strong community can only be achieved when we invest in our health and people. The YMCA of Greater Cleveland offers childcare, gyms, recreational sports, and so much more.

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