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Get Wet Guide

Summer in Atlanta Is Hot!

Cool off with these exciting places to play in the water. From splashing in a fountain to soaring down a waterslide, these spots boast fun ways to beat the summer heat.

Please call or check website before heading out to confirm the water feature is open.

Water Park Attractions

● **Buccaneer Cove at Malibu Norcross**

This five-level water play area features more than 1,000 feet of slides, tunnels, spray loops, a huge splash bucket and a water cannon, while parents relax and supervise from a lounge chair or cabana.

Where: 5400 Brook Hollow Pkwy., Norcross. 770-416-7630.

malibunorcross.com

Cost: \$16.99-\$39.99

● **Fins Up Water Park**

Margaritaville at Lanier Islands' water park features Apocalypso, Georgia's first waterslide coaster, waterslides, an expanded Wibit Aquatic Adventure and more.

Where: 7650 Lanier Islands Pkwy., Buford. 470-323-3440. margaritavilleresorts.com/margaritaville-at-lanier-islands

Cost: \$59.99; ages 4-7, \$44.99; ages 3 and younger, free

● **Six Flags Hurricane Harbor**

Part of Six Flags Over Georgia, race down Bonzai Pipelines, test your bravery on Tsunami Surge, or catch a wave in the 38,000-square-foot Calypso Bay.

Where: 275 Riverside Pkwy., Austell. 770-739-3400. sixflags.com/overgeorgia

Cost: \$35+; parking, extra

● **Six Flags White Water**

Float as a family on the Bahama Bob Slide and other family rides, play in the AquaPlay structure Caribbean Cove, splash in Buccaneer Bay and more at this 69-acre water park.

Where: 250 N. Cobb Pkwy. N, Marietta. 770-590-4067. sixflags.com/whitewater

Cost: \$25+; parking, extra



Six Flags Hurricane Harbor

● **Spivey Splash**

This water park in Clayton County includes a 1,279-foot-long lazy river, a splash pad, pools for different ages and more.

Where: 2300 Hwy. 138 SE, Jonesboro. 770-603-4000.

spiveysplash.com

Cost: \$20; ages 2 and younger, free

● **Terminus Wake Park**

Play in an aquatic amusement park with the giant inflatable water playground. Minimum age of 5.

Where: 171 LakePoint Pkwy., Cartersville.

470-315-0155. terminuswakepark.com

Cost: \$24-\$28

● **Great Wolf Lodge**

Spend the night at this water park featuring waterslides, attractions and areas for all ages and thrill levels.

Where: 150 Tom Hall Pkwy., LaGrange. 844-473-9653.

greatwolf.com/georgia

Cost: Day Pass, \$40+; Room prices vary



Spivey Splash

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Pools with Mini Water Parks

● Best Friend Park Pool

Play in the outdoor leisure pool, giant waterslide and water play structures.

Where: 6224 Jimmy Carter Blvd., Norcross. 678-277-0224.

gwinnettcounty.com

Cost: \$6.50-\$12.50; ages 4-10, \$5.25-\$10.25; ages 3 and younger, \$4.25-\$8.25

● Bethesda Park Aquatic Center

This location features an indoor leisure pool, a giant waterslide, a river channel, water play structures and more.

Where: 225 Bethesda Church Rd., Lawrenceville. 678-277-0880.

gwinnettcounty.com

Cost: \$6.50-\$12.50; ages 4-10, \$5.25-\$10.25; ages 3 and younger, \$4.25-\$8.25

● Bogan Park Aquatic Center

Slide down the giant waterslide and cool off with the water play structures.

Where: 2723 N. Bogan Rd., Buford. 678-277-0853. gwinnettcounty.com

Cost: \$6.50-\$12.50; ages 4-10, \$5.25-\$10.25; ages 3 and younger, \$4.25-\$8.25

● Browns Mill Waterpark

This family-friendly facility includes a kiddie play area, lazy river, lap pool, beach entry pool and two slides.

Where: 4929 Browns Mill Rd., Stonecrest. 770-224-0191.

brownsmill.myrec.com

Cost: \$12; ages 13 and younger, \$9

● Cherokee County Aquatic Center

The Oasis, the outdoor leisure pool, features beach entry, two waterslides, a water playground and water play features.

Where: 1200 Wellstar Way, Canton. 678-880-4760. playcherokee.org

Cost: \$7-\$9; ages 2-13, \$6-\$7; ages 1 and younger, free

● Collins Hill Park Aquatic Center

Features include an indoor swimming/diving competition pool, an outdoor leisure pool with a river channel, waterslides and water play structures.

Where: 2200 Collins Hill Rd., Lawrenceville. 770-237-5647.

gwinnettcounty.com

Cost: \$6.50-\$12.50; ages 4-10, \$5.25-\$10.25; ages 3 and younger, \$4.25-\$8.25

● Cumming Aquatic Center

The Outdoor Leisure Pool has a waterslide, lazy river and a play structure area for cooling down during the summer season.

Where: 201 Aquatic Cir., Cumming. 770-781-1781.

cummingaquaticcenter.com

Cost: \$9; ages 2-13, \$8; ages 1 and younger, free

● Frances Meadows Aquatic Center

This aquatic facility features a seasonal outdoor water park with a splash zone featuring a swirl pool, drop buckets and interactive water elements.

Where: 1545 Community Way NE, Gainesville. 770-533-5850.

gainesville.org

Cost: \$9; ages 2-13, \$7; ages 1 and younger, free



Collins Hill Park Aquatic Center



Mountain Park Aquatic Center



Wills Park Pool

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● Lenora Park Pool

Splash around in the outdoor leisure pool, giant waterslide, river channel and water play structures.

Where: 4315 Lenora Church Rd., Snellville.

678-277-0948. gwinnettcountry.com

Cost: \$6.50-\$12.50; ages 4-10, \$5.25-\$10.25; ages 3 and younger, \$4.25-\$8.25

● Mountain Park Aquatic Center

This center's outdoor leisure pool has zero-depth entry, waterslides, a river channel, bubble bench and more.

Where: 1063 Rockbridge Rd., Stone Mountain.

678-277-0870. gwinnettcountry.com

Cost: \$6.50-\$12.50; ages 4-10, \$5.25-\$10.25; ages 3 and younger, \$4.25-\$8.25

● Rhodes Jordan Park Pool

Splash around in the outdoor leisure pool featuring a waterslide, river channel and water play structures.

Where: 100 E. Crogan St., Lawrenceville.

678-277-0892. gwinnettcountry.com

Cost: \$6.50-\$12.50; ages 4-10, \$5.25-\$10.25; ages 3 and younger, \$4.25-\$8.25

● Seven Springs Water Park

This water park features two waterslides, a lazy river and a splash pad, and grab a snack at the concession stand.

Where: 3820 Macedonia Rd., Powder Springs.

770-528-4035. cobbcounty.org

Cost: \$6-\$9; ages 3-17, \$4-\$6; ages 2 and younger, free



West Gwinnett Park Aquatic Center

● South Cobb Aquatic Center

Splash down spiraling waterslides or float along the lazy river.

Where: 875 Riverside Pkwy., Austell. 770-739-3180. cobbcounty.org

Cost: \$4.50-\$6.75; ages 2-17, \$3.50-\$5.25; ages 1 and younger, free

● West Gwinnett Park Aquatic Center

Featuring indoor and outdoor pools, waterslides, a river channel, a bubble bench and water play structures, this aquatic center has something for everyone to dip their toe in.

Where: 4488 Peachtree Industrial Blvd., Berkeley Lake. 678-407-8801. gwinnettcountry.com

Cost: \$6.50-\$12.50; ages 4-10, \$5.25-\$10.25; ages 3 and younger, \$4.25-\$8.25

● Wills Park Pool

Cool off in a leisure pool, and enjoy interactive play stations, a waterslide and more.

Where: 1815 Old Milton Pkwy., Alpharetta. 678-297-6107. alpharetta.ga.us

Cost: \$5-\$10; ages 3 and younger, free

Beaches

● Cauble Park Beach

Head to Lake Acworth for Cauble Park with a playground, sandy beach and paddleboarding or kayaks. The city of Acworth also has three other beaches on two lakes: South Shore Park, Dallas Landing Park and Proctor Landing Park.

Where: 4425 Beach St., Acworth. 770-917-1234.

acworth.org

Cost: Parking, \$20

● Robin Lake Beach at Callaway Gardens

Enjoy the white sand beach and lake activities, including the inflatable Aqua Island.

Where: 17800 US-27, Pine Mountain. 800-225-5292. callawaygardens.com

Cost: \$29.99; ages 3-11, \$19.99-\$24.99; ages 2 and younger, free; Aqua Island, \$15-\$20

● Red Top Mountain State Park

Enjoy the swimming sand beach nestled in a cove and surrounded by trees for cooling off.

Where: 50 Lodge Rd. SE, Acworth. 770-975-0055. gastateparks.org/redtopmountain

Cost: Parking, \$5



Cauble Park Beach

● Don Carter State Park

Go swimming on this sand beach, or you can go rent a kayak, paddleboard or aquacycle.

Where: 5000 N. Browning Bridge Rd., Gainesville. 678-450-7726.

gastateparks.org/doncarter

Cost: Parking, \$5

● Costley Mill Park

Splash around at this beautiful beach.

Where: 2455 Costley Mill Rd. NE, Conyers. 770-278-7209. costleymillpark.com

Cost: \$4 (cash only); ages 3 and younger, free

● Lake Lanier

This 38,000-acre lake has 13 designated swimming areas, some of which feature a white sandy beach.

Where: Buford, Cumming, Flowery Branch and Gainesville.

sam.usace.army.mil

Cost: \$8



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Big Splash Interactive Fountain at Town Center Park

Fountains

● Big Splash Interactive Fountain at Town Center Park

Where: Buford Hwy. and Lawrenceville-Suwanee Rd., Suwanee. 770-945-8996. suwanee.com

● Duluth Town Green Fountain

Where: 3142 Hill St. NW, Duluth. 770-476-3434. duluthga.net

● E.E. Robinson Park Fountain

Where: 885 Level Creek Rd., Sugar Hill. 678-277-0910. gwinnettcounty.com

● Fountain of Rings at Centennial Olympic Park

Where: 285 Andrew Young International Blvd. NW, Atlanta. 404-233-4000. gwcca.org

● Legacy Fountain at Piedmont Park

Where: 1322 Monroe Dr., Atlanta. 404-875-7275. piedmontpark.org

● Town Green Fountain at Alpharetta City Center

Where: 2001 Commerce St., Alpharetta. 678-297-2811. awesomealpharetta.com

● Peachtree Corners Town Center Fountain

Where: 5200 Town Center Blvd., Peachtree Corners. 678-691-1200. peachtreecornersga.gov

Splash Pads and Spraygrounds

● The Battery Atlanta Splash Pad

Where: 800 Battery Ave. SE, Atlanta. batteryatl.com
atlantaparent.com

● City Green at City Springs Splash Pad

Where: 1 Galambos Way, Sandy Springs. 770-206-2022. citysprings.com

● Lilburn City Park Splash Pad

Where: 76 Main St. NW, Lilburn. 770-921-2210. cityoflilburn.com

● Village Park at North Henry Splash Pad

Where: 750 Fairview Rd., Ellenwood. 770-288-7300. visithenrycountygeorgia.com

● Ashford Park Splash Pad

Where: 2980 Redding Rd. NE, Brookhaven. 404-637-0500. brookhavenga.gov

● Carl Miller Park Splash Pad

Where: 74 Sewell Rd., Newnan. 770-683-5516. newnanutilities.org

● Center Hill Park Splash Pad

Where: 2305 Donald Lee Hollowell Pkwy. NW, Atlanta. 404-546-6813. atlantaga.gov

● City Center Park Splash Pad

Where: 210 Stonewall Ave. W, Fayetteville. 770-461-6029. fayetteville-ga.gov

● Cook Park Splash Pad

Where: 616 Joseph E. Boone Blvd. NW, Atlanta. 404-546-6813. atlantaga.gov

● D.H. Stanton Park Splash Pad

Where: 213 Haygood Ave. SE, Atlanta. 404-477-3003. beltline.org

● Historic Fourth Ward Park Splash Pad

Where: 680 Dallas St. NE, Atlanta. 404-477-3003. beltline.org

● Lillian Webb Park Splash Pad

Where: 5 College St., Norcross. 678-421-2069. norcrossga.net

● Lynwood Park Splash Pad

Where: 3360 Osborne Rd., Brookhaven. 404-637-0548. brookhavenga.gov

● Perkerson Park Splash Pad

Where: 770 Deckner Ave. SW, Atlanta. 404-477-3003. beltline.org



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● Rev. James Orange Park Splash Pad

Where: 1305 Oakland Dr. SW, Atlanta. 404-546-6813. atlantaga.gov

● Splash Park at Sugar Hill

Where: 5009 W. Broad St., Sugar Hill. 770-831-7413. cityofsugarhill.com

● Thurman Springs Park Splash Pad

Where: 4485 Pineview Dr., Powder Springs. 770-943-1666. cityofpowdersprings.org

● Two Bridges Park Splash Pad

Where: 50 Perimeter Center E, Dunwoody. 678-382-6700. dunwoodyga.gov

● Milstead Park Splash Pad

Where: 1665 Main St. NE, Conyers. 770-278-7529. rockdalecountyga.gov

● Exchange Splash Pad

Where: 2771 Columbia Dr., Decatur. 770-414-2119. dekalbcountyga.gov

● Splash Island at Adams Park

Where: 1581 Lagoon Ln. SW, Atlanta. 404-546-6788. atlantaga.gov

● Butler Park Sprayground

Where: 1370 Athens St. SE, Gainesville. 770-535-8280. hallcounty.org

● Swift-Cantrell Park Splash Pad

Where: 3140 Old 41 Hwy., Kennesaw. 770-422-9714. kennesaw-ga.gov
Cost: \$3; ages 2 and younger, free

● Lynch Park Pool

Where: 23 Richard Allen Dr., Newnan. 770-254-5922. newnanga.gov
Cost: \$5

● McBrayer Park Splash Pad

Where: Central Ave., Hampton. 770-946-4306. hamptonga.gov
Cost: \$5 (cash only)

● Old Atlanta Park Splash Pad

Where: 810 Nichols Rd., Suwanee. 770-781-2215. parks.forsythco.com
Cost: \$2

● Riverside Sprayground

Where: 575 Riverside Rd., Roswell. 770-594-6158. roswellgov.com
Cost: \$2

● Laurel Park Splash Pad

Where: 3100 Old Cleveland Hwy., Gainesville. 770-535-8280. gainesville.org
Cost: \$2

● East Roswell Sprayground

Where: 9000 Fouts Rd., Roswell. 770-594-6188. roswellgov.com
Cost: \$0-\$2

● Elizabeth Porter Park Sprayground

Where: 370 Montgomery St. NE, Marietta. 770-794-5601. mariettaga.gov
Cost: \$2-\$3

● Waleska Splash Pad

Where: 704 Bartow St., Waleska. 678-880-4760. Opening June 4. playcherokee.org
Cost: \$1-\$2

For a Little More

● Atlanta Botanical Garden

Where: 1345 Piedmont Ave., Atlanta. 404-876-5859. atlantabg.org
Cost: \$28.95-\$31.95; ages 3-12, \$25.95-\$28.95; ages 2 and younger, free

● Geyser Splash Pad at Stone Mountain Park

Where: 1000 Robert E. Lee Blvd., Stone Mountain. 800-401-2407. stonemountainpark.com
Cost: \$39.99+; ages 3-11, \$36.99+; ages 2 and younger, free; parking, \$20

● Splash Fountain at Zoo Atlanta

Where: 800 Cherokee Ave. SE, Atlanta. 404-624-9453. zooatlanta.org
Cost: \$27.45-\$32.95; ages 3-11, \$21.95-\$26.20; ages 2 and younger, free



Geyser Splash Pad at Stone Mountain Park



Summer Water Safety Tips:

- Check venues for their safety rules and regulations.
- Provide constant adult supervision. Actively supervise children around the water, even when lifeguards are present.
- Do not trust a child's life to another child, even if the other child is older and a better swimmer.
- Use the buddy system. Do not allow anyone to swim alone.
- If boating, wear a properly-fitted U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket.
- Follow posted safety rules and warnings, and teach your kids to do the same.
- Pay attention to local weather conditions and forecasts.
- Teach kids not to drink the pool, fountain or splash pad water.
- Apply sunscreen on all exposed skin, and consider wearing hats, visors and shirts for more protection. Reapply every two hours, especially after swimming or sweating.
- Tell your children to stay away from drains and not to play near or with them.
- Teach you kids to always enter water feet first.

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Outdoor Summer Movies

Catch a family friendly flick at these summer movie series.

● Movies On The Square

Colony Square: 1197 Peachtree St. NE.
404-879-2250. colonysquare.com. 7 p.m.

- June 5 – "Ratatouille" (G)
- July 10 – "The Princess and the Frog" (G)
- Aug. 7 – "Legally Blonde" (PG-13)
- Sept. 4 – "The Princess Diaries" (G)
- Oct. 2 – "Monsters, Inc." (G)

● Forum Flicks

The Forum Peachtree Corners: 5155 Peachtree Pkwy., Peachtree Corners. 770-375-4272.
theforumpeachtree.com. 6 p.m.

- June 10 – "Wicked Sing-a-Long" (PG)
- July 8 – "The Parent Trap" (PG)
- Aug. 12 – "Lilo & Stitch" (PG)
- Sept. 9 – "Inside Out" (PG)
- Oct. 14 – "Halloweentown" (G)

● Movies Under the Stars

Mall of Georgia: 3333 Buford Dr., Buford.
770-271-9458. simon.com/mall/mall-of-georgia.
7 p.m.

- June 14 – "Top Gun: Maverick" (PG-13)
- July 12 – "Captain America" (PG-13)
- Aug. 16 – "Despicable Me 4" (PG)
- Sept. 13 – "Wicked" (PG)
- Oct. 18 – "Ghostbusters" (PG)

● Flicks on the Green

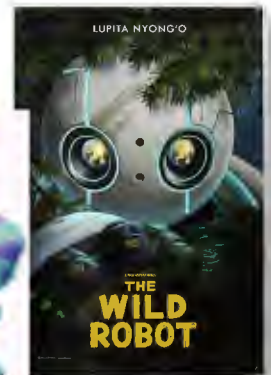
Peachtree Corners Town Green: 5140 Town Center Blvd., Peachtree Corners. 678-691-1200.
peachtreecornersga.gov. 7 p.m.

- June 7 – "The Lion King" (G)
- July 5 – "Hook" (PG)
- Aug. 2 – "Cool Runnings" (PG)
- Sept. 6 – "Encanto" (PG)
- Oct. 4 – "Hocus Pocus" (PG)

● Lawrenceville Movie Club

Lawrenceville Lawn: 210 Luckie St., Lawrenceville. 770-963-2414.
lawrencevillega.org. 7 p.m.

- June 27 – "Hook" (PG)
- July 18 – "The Wizard of Oz" (G)
- Aug. 8 – "The Great Mouse Detective" (G)



● REEL Friday

Town at Trilith: 305 Trilith Pkwy., Fayetteville.
678-519-1008. trilith.com. 7 p.m.

- June 27 – "Moana 2" (PG)
- July 25 – "Lilo & Stitch 2" (PG)
- Aug. 29 – "Mufasa: The Lion King" (PG)
- Sept. 12 – "Sonic the Hedgehog 3" (PG)
- Sept. 26 – "Wicked" (PG)
- Oct. 24 – "A Minecraft Movie" (PG)

● Kennesaw Outdoor Movie Series

Swift-Cantrell Park: 3140 Old 41 Hwy. NW, Kennesaw. 770-424-8274.
kennesaw-ga.gov. 6 p.m.

June 7 – "Moana 2" (PG)

● Pics in the Park

Pernoshal Park: 4575 N. Shallowford Rd., Dunwoody. 678-382-6700. dunwoodyga.gov. 8 p.m.

June 6 – "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" (PG-13)

July 11 – "Home Alone" (PG)

Aug. 1 – "Indiana Jones: The Last Crusade" (PG-13)

● Movies at Newtown Park

Newtown Park: 3150 Old Alabama Rd., Johns Creek. 678-512-3200. johnscreekga.gov. 7 p.m.

- June 13 – "The Wild Robot" (PG)
- July 11 – "Moana 2" (PG)

● Flicks on the Bricks

Duluth Town Green: 3142 Hill St. NW, Duluth.
770-476-3434. duluthga.net. 8 p.m.

- June 27 – "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle" (PG-13)
- July 25 – "Happy Feet" (PG)

● Lights, Camera, Avenue

Avenue East Cobb: 4475 Roswell Rd., Marietta.
770-971-9945. avenueeastcobb.com. 6 p.m.

- June 5 – "Moana" (PG)
- June 12 – "Aladdin" (PG)
- June 19 – "Tarzan" (G)
- June 26 – "Hercules" (G)
- July 10 – "Toy Story" (G)
- July 17 – "Madagascar" (PG)
- July 24 – "Despicable Me" (PG)

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Be a Tourist in Your Own Town

Sometimes we forget how much our city offers for family fun! Appreciate the metro area by visiting these top attractions.



Fernbank Museum of Natural History

● Make Learning Fun

Play and learn at **Fernbank Museum of Natural History**! Permanent exhibits delve into STEAM, nature, dinosaurs, Georgia's history and more. Exhibit "Turtles" opens on June 7 and features live turtles to explore their lives and behaviors. The outdoor WildWoods and Fernbank Forest feature interactive fun, as well as special exhibit "Spirit Guides" on view through Aug. 3. Included with admission, watch science-based and educational documentaries on the Giant Screen Theater. Atlanta. \$25.95-\$27.95; ages 3-12, \$23.95-\$25.95; ages 2 and younger, free. fernbankmuseum.org

● Touchdown!

Explore the people, traditions and passion of the sport at the **Chick-fil-A College Football Hall of Fame**. Get in the game with interactive exhibits featuring AI technology, find your favorite team on the three-story helmet wall, sing karaoke fight songs, enact being an announcer with the ESPN College Game Day Desk Built by The Home Depot, test your skills on the Indoor Playing Field and more. Atlanta. \$35; ages 3-12, \$27; ages 2 and younger, free. cfbhall.com

● Animals Around the World

Visit with animals from all over the world at **Zoo Atlanta**, including more than 70 species of amphibians and reptiles, elephants, giraffes, rhinos and more. See the new habitat for the African lions in the African Savanna zone. For an extra special visit, book a Wild Encounters experience to get up close to a fascinating animal, or meet the incredible and creative petting zoo painters! The area for kids includes Treetop Trail, a two-level challenge, the Endangered Species Carousel, a train, a splash fountain, two playgrounds and a petting zoo. Atlanta. \$27.45-\$34.95; ages 3-11, \$21.95-\$26.95; ages 2 and younger, free; activities, extra. zooatlanta.org

● Let's Play Ball

Watch the winning **Atlanta Braves** compete on their home field at Truist Park. Enjoy Friday Night Fireworks after the game. Other special promotions include giveaways, autographs and a chance for kids ages 14 and younger to run the bases. The new Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Park features a rock-climbing tower, interactive play experiences, meeting Blooper and more. The Braves Kids Club's Rookie Membership includes access to Kids Club Days, special ticket offers, giveaways and more, or join the All-Star Membership for special perks. Atlanta. \$12+; ages 2 and younger, free. mlb.com/braves

● Garden Party

Stroll through **Atlanta Botanical Garden's** two locations. The Lou Glenn Children's Garden in Atlanta features a Flower Bridge, vegetable gardens, honeybees and more. View the combined beauty of nature and art with exhibits "Alice's Wonderland" and "Enchanted Trees by Poetic Kinetics." The Ada Mae Pass Ivester Children's Garden in Gainesville has a Treehouse and Rock Climb, frog sculptures and a Fairy Forest with a Fairyland Trolley. The "Forest Forms: Woodland Wonders" exhibit opens on June 7 and showcases 21 enormous metal sculptures. Atlanta and Gainesville. \$14.95-\$31.95; ages 3-12, \$12.95-\$28.95; ages 2 and younger, free. atlantabg.org

● A Day of Exploration

The **Atlanta Beltline** has it all — it's a walking trail, bike path, green space and art museum! Walk along this 22-mile loop for attractions, restaurants, parks and trails. Along the corridor, explore temporary public art exhibits and galleries, go on a bike or arboretum tour, stop by a playground, grab a bite to eat, join a fitness class and more. Atlanta. beltline.org



Atlanta Braves

● Natural Beauty

Stone Mountain Park has it all: 15 miles of trails, a four-level Dinotorium playground and an interactive Dinosaur Explore, the Scenic Railroad train, mini golf and more. Check out the Lakeside Zip Line Adventure Course at the Adventure Outpost, which sends you sailing over the lake twice. Starting on June 7, enjoy special summer entertainment with Summer at the Rock and the nightly Music Across America Drone & Light Show. Stone Mountain. \$39.99+; ages 3-11, \$36.99+; ages 2 and younger, free; Adventure Outpost, extra; parking, \$20. stonemountainpark.com

● Playdate

The hands-on **Children's Museum of Atlanta** offers kids tons of opportunities to explore educational concepts with interactive exhibits and stations for play-based learning. Join the members of Mystery Inc. to solve the mystery of a missing jewel with the immersive "SCOOPY-DOO! Mansion Mayhem." Permanent exhibits explore food, countries, creativity, science, problem-solving and simple machines. Atlanta. \$17.95-\$19.95; ages 11 months and younger, free. childrensmuseumatlanta.org

● A Slimey Masterpiece

Get messy and creative by making your own fantastic slime at **Sloomoo Institute**. At the DIY Bar, customize the perfect slime by choosing from more than 40 colors, 60+ fragrances and 120 charms. Play with more than 25 slime vats, each filled with different textures and scents, be transformed into a slime creature, walk Lake Sloomoo and more. With the Enhanced Experience, get slimed at Sloomoo Falls! Atlanta. \$21.99-\$29.99+; ages 11 months and younger, free. sloomooinstitute.com



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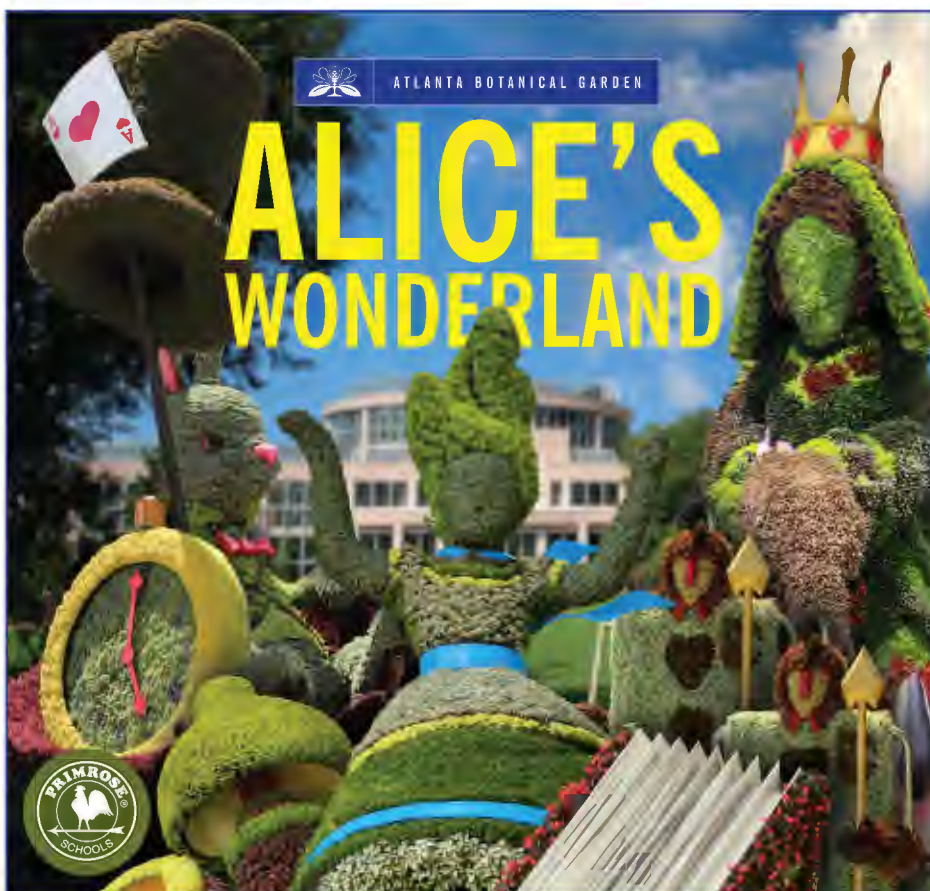
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● Summer of Science

Immerse yourself in the wonderful world of science at **Tellus Science Museum**. The Millar Science in Motion Gallery propels visitors through 100 years of transportation technology, and other permanent exhibits explore minerals, gemstones and fossils. Special exhibits dive into the purpose of patents, the power of nature and tree house habitats. Visit the Bentley Planetarium for an out-of-this-world look at the solar system. Cartersville. \$20; ages 13-17, \$16; ages 2 and younger, free; planetarium, \$5. tellusmuseum.org

● Wonder of the Waves

Travel under the sea with **Georgia Aquarium**. View more than 50 species in the 6.3-million gallon Ocean Voyager tunnel. See penguins, rays, fishes, otters, whales and more, and special experiences can include up-close animal encounters. The newer "Explorers Cove" is a hands-on look at three coastal biomes. Dive into marine animals' habitats with "Aquanaught Adventure: A Discovery Zone," and explore ocean predators in "SHARKS! Predators of the Deep." Atlanta. \$43.99+; ages 2 and younger, free; experiences, extra. georgiaaquarium.org



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Outdoor Concerts

Introduce your kids to a live music experience at these series.

● Kennesaw Concert Series at United Bankshares Amphitheater at Depot Park

6 p.m.

June 14 – Who's Bad: The Ultimate Michael Jackson Tribute Band
Sept. 20 – Yacht Rock Schooner
Location: 2828 Cherokee St., Kennesaw.
770-422-9714. kennesaw-ga.gov

● Friday Night Live at The Forum Peachtree Corners

6 p.m.

June 6 – The Bourbon Brothers
June 13 – The Ides of June
June 20 – Rhythm Major Band
June 27 – Hughes Taylor
July 11 – Country River Band
July 18 – Rhythm Major Band
July 25 – The Bourbon Brothers
Aug. 1 – Hughes Taylor
Aug. 8 – The Moonlighter
Aug. 15 – Rhythm Major Band
Aug. 22 – The Bourbon Brothers
Aug. 29 – Country River Band
Sept. 5 – Yesterday Calling
Sept. 12 – Rhythm Major Band
Sept. 19 – The Bourbon Brothers
Sept. 26 – The Ides of June
Location: 5155 Peachtree Pkwy., Peachtree Corners.
770-368-8811. theforumpeachtree.com

● First Friday Concert Series in Downtown Kennesaw

7 p.m.

June 6 – Layne Denton
Aug. 1 – 96K
Sept. 5 – Groove Daddies
Location: Main St., Kennesaw. kennesawdowntown.com

● City Green Live at City Green

7:30 p.m.

June 13 – September in the Park
July 25 – Black Jacket Symphony
Aug. 15 – Moon Taxi
Location: 1 Galambos Way, Sandy Springs.
770-206-2022. citysprings.com

● Blanket Concert Series at Village Green Park

6:30 p.m.

June 19 – Rita Graham
Location: 1250 Powder Springs St, Smyrna.
770-434-6600. smyrnaga.gov



● Groovin' On The Square at Colony Square

6 p.m.

June 27 – Lilac Wine
July 25 – Hughes Taylor
Aug. 29 – Lilac Wine
Sept. 26 – Joy Warren
Location: 1197 Peachtree St. NE, Atlanta.
404-879-2250. colonysquare.com

● Glover Park Concert Series

8 p.m.

June 27 – Smokey Jones and the Three Dollar Pistols
July 25 – Facebook Social Network: The Stranger
Aug. 22 – Soul Carter
Sept. 26 – Facebook Social Network: Davis and the Love
Location: 50 N. Park Square, Marietta.
770-794-5609. marietta.gov

● Home by Dark at Brooke Street Park Concert Series at Brooke Street Park

7:30 p.m.

June 14 – Beth Wood
July 12 – Abbie Gardner and JP Williams
Aug. 9 – Brian Sutherland and Jason Sever
Sept. 13 – The Young Fables
Location: 2 Park Plaza, Alpharetta. 678-297-2811.
homebydark.com

● Riverside Sounds at Riverside Park

7:30 p.m.

June 28 – iTumbao!
July 26 – Amythyst Kiah
Location: 575 Riverside Rd., Roswell.
770-641-3727. roswell365.com

● First Friday in Downtown Canton

6 p.m.

June 6 – The Troubadour Project
July 11 – Bumpin' The Mango
Aug. 1 – Celebrity Allstar Band
Sept. 5 – On the Border – the Ultimate Eagles Tribute
Location: 130 E. Main St., Canton. 770-704-1548. facebook.com/cantongafirstfriday

● Summer Concert Series at Newtown Park

7 p.m.

June 6 – Carpool
July 3 – Hot Flash
Aug. 1 – REMakes
Sept. 6 – Purple Xperience
Location: 3150 Old Alabama Rd., Johns Creek. 678-512-3261. johnscreekga.gov

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● Concerts by the Springs at City Green

7 p.m.
June 1 – Funk Force Five
July 13 – Troubadour Project
Aug. 3 – The Mike Veal Band
Sept. 7 – Bourbon Brothers Band
Location: 1 Galambos Way, Sandy Springs.
770-206-2022. citysprings.com

● Avalon Nights Live at Avalon

6 p.m.
June 6 – Radio Star
June 13 – The Mike Veal Band
June 20 – The Gold Standard Band
June 27 – Atlanta Vice Band
Location: 400 Avalon Blvd., Alpharetta.
770-765-2000. experienceavalon.com

● On The Green Alpharetta Concert Series at Town Green

6 p.m.
June 13 – Radio Star and Tripp'n
June 27 – Justin and Wild Eden
July 11 – Davis And The Love and M5D
July 25 – Acoustic Soul and Simple Dreams
Aug. 8 – Dock Rock Radio and Grunge House
Aug. 15 – Wicked Garden and Hot Flash
Sept. 5 – Smokey Jones and The Well Collective
Sept. 12 – Atlanta Brass Cats and Circus
Location: 2 Park Plaza, Alpharetta. 678-297-6000.
rotaryconcerts.com

● Summer Concert Series at Peachtree Corners Town Green

7 p.m.
June 14 – Mustache the Band
June 28 – G Clef and the Playlist
July 12 – Natural Wonder
July 26 – Wannabe and Boy Band Review
Aug. 16 – Passing the Torch
Aug. 30 – Queen Nation
Sept. 13 – Troubadour Project
Sept. 27 – Animals
Location: 5140 Town Center Blvd., Peachtree Corners. 678-691-1200. peachtreecornersga.gov

● Woodstock Summer Concert Series at Northside Hospital Cherokee Amphitheater

7:30 p.m.
June 14 – Gin Blossoms
July 12 – Josh Turner
Aug. 9 – 10,000 Maniacs
Sept. 13 – Interstellar Echoes
Location: 101 Arnold Mill Rd., Woodstock.
770-517-6788. woodstockconcertseries.com

● Chamblee Rocks at Chamblee City Hall

6:30 p.m.
June 13 – Ray Howard Band and No Diggity Band
July 4 – Rocco, Soul Cartel and G Clef & the Playlist
Aug. 1 – Uptown Funk
Location: 3518 Broad St., Chamblee.
chambleerocks.net

● Groovin' on the Green at Loganville Town Green

7:30 p.m.
June 20 – The Embers
July 18 – Platinum Band
Aug. 15 – Smokey Jones
Sept. 19 – Departure
Location: 235 Main St., Loganville. 770-466-1165.
loganville-ga.gov

● River Rock at Etowah River Park

6 p.m.
June 21 – Sammy Kershaw
July 19 – Shyanne
Aug. 23 – Mark Chesnutt
Location: 600 Brown Industrial Pkwy., Canton.
770-704-1500. cantonga.gov

● Summer Concert Series at Thrasher Park

7:30 p.m.
June 6 – The Soul Cartel Band
June 20 – Rubik's Groove
July 18 – C.O.T. Band
Aug. 1 – Dancing Dream
Aug. 15 – Nu Wave ATL
Aug. 29 – 7 Bridges: The Ultimate Eagles Experience
Location: 93 Park Dr., Norcross.
770-448-2122. norcrossga.net

● Rock The Block: Live & Loud Fridays at Duluth Town Green

6 p.m.
June 6 – Run Katie Run
June 13 – Vices of Vanity
June 20 – Turner Up! The Tina Turner Tribute
June 27 – Thundergypsy
July 11 – Black Lion Reggae
July 18 – Scott Thompson Band
July 25 – 3rd Stream
Aug. 1 – Atlanta Crowdaddies
Aug. 8 – Multicultural Night and DJ Jessica It's All Good
Aug. 15 – Lilac Wine
Aug. 22 – Joyce Licorish
Aug. 29 – Vintage Vinyl
Sept. 5 – Sara Nova Band
Sept. 12 – Gimme Springsteen
Sept. 19 – COT Band
Location: 3142 Hill St. NW, Duluth.
770-476-3434. duluthga.net

● Groovin' on the Green at Brook Run Park

6 p.m.
June 14 – Band X and NeroSimon
July 12 – Hedonistas and After School Special
Aug. 9 – G Clef & the Playlist and DieDra Hurdle-Ruff
Sept. 13 – Red Not Chili Peppers and Run Katie Run
Location: 4770 N. Peachtree Rd., Dunwoody.
678-382-6700. dunwoodyga.gov

● Wednesday Wind Down Concert Series at Greystone Amphitheater

7 p.m.
June 4 – Lilac Wine and Traffic Jam Band
June 11 – Indigo Kat Soul and Aviated Sounds Band
June 18 – Something for the Soul and Groove Masters Brass Band
June 25 – Loose Chains and Meeka Meeka
July 2 – Purple Madness and Beyonce Tribute
Location: 6840 Church St., Douglasville.
678-449-3280. greystoneamp.com

● Avenue Live at Avenue East Cobb

6 p.m.
June 6 – Dueling Pianos
June 13 – 77Zero's
June 20 – The Hearsay
June 27 – The Epics
Location: 4475 Roswell Rd., Marietta.
770-971-9945. avenueeastcobb.com

● First Friday Concerts at Historic Downtown Gainesville

7 p.m.
June 6 – Geoff Saunders Trio + GoMachine Collab
July 4 – Fly Betty
Aug. 1 – Mary Kate Farmer
Sept. 5 – Gregg Erwin Band
Location: Main St., Gainesville. 770-531-6598.
exploregainesville.org

● Beats on the Streets in Downtown Lawrenceville

6 p.m.
June 5 – DJ Kidd Star
June 12 – DJ Cam Christian
June 26 – DJ Collin
July 10 – DJ Cozy Shawn
July 17 – DJ Kidd Star
July 24 – DJ Collin
July 31 – DJ Cam Christian
Location: 185 W. Crogan St., Lawrenceville.
770-963-2414. downtownlawrencevillega.com

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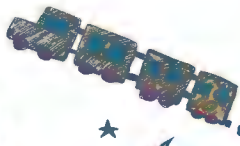


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FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

6:30 PM

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Beat Brain Drain

Visit these museums and venues for an easy way to educate and entertain.



Butterfly Encounter



SCOOBY-DOO! Mansion Mayhem

● Turtles

Fernbank Museum / June 7-Sept. 1
Featuring live turtles, explore the lives and behaviors of these special reptiles. 767 Clifton Rd. NE, Atlanta. 404-929-6300. \$25.95-\$27.95; ages 3-12, \$23.95-\$25.95; ages 2 and younger, free. fernbankmuseum.org

● Titanic: An Immersive Voyage

Exhibition Hub Atlanta Art Center
Through June 8
Explore the depths of the Titanic's history with life-sized recreations of the rooms, video animations and 3D views. 5660 Buford Hwy. NE, Doraville. \$29.90+; ages 4-17, \$22.90+; ages 3 and younger, free. feverup.com

● Butterfly Encounter

Chattahoochee Nature Center
June 9-Aug. 31
See hundreds of native butterflies surrounded by colorful nectar plants for an up-close look. 9135 Willeo Rd., Roswell. 770-992-2055. \$20; ages 13-18, \$16; ages 3-12, \$14; ages 2 and younger, free. chattnaturecenter.org

● Faith Ringgold: Seeing Children

High Museum of Art / June 27-Oct. 12
View original paintings and drawings made for more than a dozen of Faith Ringgold's children's books, including "If a Bus Could Talk: The Story of Rosa Parks," "Tar Beach" and more. 1280 Peachtree St. NE, Atlanta. 404-733-4400. \$23.50; ages 5 and younger, free. high.org

● Van Gogh: The Immersive Experience

Exhibition Hub Atlanta Art Center / Through June 19
Step into the artistic world of Vincent Van Gogh. 5660 Buford Hwy. NE, Doraville. \$34.90+; ages 4-12, \$20.90+; ages 3 and younger, free. feverup.com

● Patents: The Engine of Invention

Tellus Science Museum / Through July 27
See miniature inventions and learn how patents work. 100 Tellus Dr., Cartersville. 770-606-5700. \$20; ages 3-17, \$16; ages 2 and younger, free. tellusmuseum.org



Faith Ringgold: Seeing Children

● Spirit Guides: Fantastical Creatures

Fernbank Museum / Through Aug. 3
Explore Southern Mexico's indigenous traditions with this artistic exhibit. 767 Clifton Rd. NE, Atlanta. 404-929-6300. \$25.95-\$27.95; ages 3-12, \$23.95-\$25.95; ages 2 and younger, free. fernbankmuseum.org

● SCOOBY-DOO! Mansion Mayhem

Children's Museum of Atlanta
Through Sept. 7
This immersive experience uses your problem-solving skills to solve a mystery as you move through the house. 275 Centennial Olympic Park Dr. NW, Atlanta. 404-659-5437. \$17.95-\$19.95. childrensmuseumatlanta.org

● TreeHouses

Tellus Science Museum / Through Sept. 7
Roam from tree to tree to discover the many habitats that trees provide for animals. 100 Tellus Dr., Cartersville. 770-606-5700. \$20; ages 3-17, \$16; ages 2 and younger, free. tellusmuseum.org

● Alice's Wonderland

Atlanta Botanical Garden
Through Sept. 14
This story comes to life with enormous sculptures and floral displays, including a 27-foot-tall White Rabbit. 1345 Piedmont Ave., Atlanta. 404-876-5859. \$28.95-\$31.95; ages 3-12, \$25.95-\$28.95; ages 2 and younger, free. atlantabg.org

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Best Places to See Butterflies

See a butterfly land right on your hand, arm or even your head! Children can get up close with hundreds of butterflies at these exhibits and encounters. Did you know that butterflies taste with their feet? Or that when a butterfly lands on you, it's called lighting? Visiting these encounters can help kids learn about these interesting creatures.

● **Butterfly Encounter at Chattahoochee Nature Center**

June 9-Aug. 31

Butterflies are back at the Chattahoochee Nature Center! Surround yourself with native butterflies and learn about these amazing pollinators. Families can also learn about nectar plants, explore the center's 127 acres, take a wildlife walk, see special exhibits, and enjoy the gardens. 9135 Willeo Rd., Roswell. 770-992-2055. \$20; ages 13-18, \$16; ages 3-12, \$14; ages 2 and younger, free. chattnaturecenter.org

● **Pollination Observation Garden at Zoo Atlanta**

Located near the Zoo's Conservation Action Resource Center, the garden features an abundance of native plants and teaches guests about pollination. Signs explain various plants in the garden and the process of pollination. 800 Cherokee Ave. SE, Atlanta. 404-624-9453. \$26.70-\$34.95; ages 3-11, \$21.20-\$26.95; ages 2 and younger, free. zooatlanta.org

● **Bird and Wildflower Garden at Freedom Park**

Certified as a Birds Georgia Wildlife Sanctuary, this garden contains native plants and shrubs that create a bird and pollinator habitat. Moreland Ave. NE and N. Ave. NE, Atlanta. 404-480-3018. Free admission. freedompark.org

● **Douglas County Butterfly Trail**

Spot Monarchs, Black Swallowtail and other butterfly species at these gardens containing butterfly weed, milkweed, fennel, zinnias, vegetables, marigolds and more. The Douglas County Butterfly Trail includes 10 gardens. Multiple locations. 678-741-5356. Free admission. douglascountytrails.com



Chattahoochee Nature Center

● **Day Butterfly Center at Callaway Gardens**

More than 1,000 butterflies flutter freely in a dynamic, glass-enclosed environment – one of North America's largest tropical butterfly conservatories. In September, visit to see hundreds of iridescent Blue Morpho butterflies filling the center; the annual Butterfly Festival has crafts, games and activities for all ages. 17617 US-27, Pine Mountain. 800-225-5292. \$24.99-\$29.99; ages 3-11, \$19.99-\$24.99; ages 2 and younger, free. callawaygardens.com

● **Dahlonega Butterfly Farm**

This eight-acre farm, located southwest of downtown Dahlonega, is focused on conservation and sustainability. Take a tour of the butterfly conservatory and outdoor caterpillar habitat.

You'll have the chance to "catch" a butterfly and observe it up close. With an abundance of wildlife and native plants, it's the perfect spot to see and learn about butterflies. 427 Castleberry Bridge Rd., Dawsonville. 706-418-6915. \$9; ages 3-12, \$7; ages 2 and younger, free. dahlonegabutterfly.com

● **Butterflies and Blooms in the Briar Patch**

This habitat, located in Eatonton, is managed by volunteers and features host and nectar-providing plants that attract hundreds of butterflies in the summertime. Signs explain the importance of pollinators and their habitats. 617 N. Jefferson Ave., Eatonton. 706-485-3311. Free admission. facebook.com/butterfliesandbloomsinthebriarpatch

SAVE THE DATE:

● **Butterfly Experience at Dunwoody Nature Center**

Sept. 6-7

Discover hundreds of butterflies up close with butterfly tents, and enjoy educator-led programs and activities, food trucks, drinks and live music.

Tickets will go on sale in late summer. 5343 Roberts Dr., Dunwoody. 770-394-3322. dunwoodynature.org



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MUSEUM HOPPING

Visit a free museum or venue for an easy educational activity.

- **Roswell Fire Museum.** Roswell. roswellgov.com
- **Marietta Fire Museum.** Marietta. mariettaga.gov
- **Robert C. Williams Museum of Papermaking.** Atlanta. paper.gatech.edu
- **Atlanta Contemporary.** Atlanta. atlantacontemporary.org
- **Hudgens Center for Art & Learning.** Duluth. thehudgens.org
- **Spelman College Museum of Fine Art.** Atlanta. museum.spelman.edu
- **Fernbank Science Center.** Atlanta. fernbank.edu
- **Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park.** Atlanta. nps.gov/malu
- **Atlanta Fed's Monetary Museum.** Atlanta. atlantafed.org
- **Museum of History and Holocaust Education.** Kennesaw. kennesaw.edu
- **Georgia Capitol Museum.** Atlanta. libs.uga.edu/capitolmuseum
- **BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir.** Lilburn. baps.org



Marietta Fire Museum



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- **\$3 Summer Family Flicks.** Aurora Cineplex. Weekdays from May 23-July 31, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. \$3. a51fun.com
- **Children's Summer Series.** Studio Movie Grill. Mon.-Thur. from May 26-Aug. 14, 10 a.m. \$6. studiomoviegrill.com
- **Movies at The Strand.** Strand Theatre. Wed. from May 28-July 30, 10 a.m. (sensory friendly) and 1 p.m. \$7-\$12. earlsmithstrand.org
- **Summer Movie Clubhouse.** Cinemark. Wed. from June 2-Aug. 7, 9:30 a.m. \$1.75. cinemark.com
- **Kids Dream Summer Series.** Movie Tavern. Sun.-Thur. from June 8-July 31, 10 or 10:10 a.m. \$3. marcus theatres.com
- **Regal Summer Movie Express.** Regal Cinemas. June 10-Aug. 6, check website for times. \$1. regmovies.com
- **Movies at the Wadsworth.** Newnan. June 2, 2 and 7 p.m.; and June 9, 23 and 30, 10 a.m. Free admission. newnanga.gov
- **Movie Mondays.** Norcross Cultural Arts & Community Center. May 27, June 9 and 23, July 14 and 28, Aug. 11 and 25 and Sept. 8 and 22, 1:30 and 6:30 p.m. Free admission. norcrossga.net

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Over the Hedge (PG)



6/06-6/12

Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG)



7/11-7/17

Transformers One (PG)



6/13-6/19

Muppets from Space (G)



7/18-7/24

Open Season (PG)



6/20-6/26

Sonic the Hedgehog3 (PG)



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A Roarin' Good Time

Check out Zoo Atlanta's summer fun offerings.

Lions Hondo, Hatari and Azizi truly have no worries thanks to their newly upgraded habitat that features a pool. Visitors can watch these impressive creatures enjoy the space that was designed with their well-being in mind from three separate areas, including an observation deck with seating. Part of the African Savanna zone, you will also see African elephants, giraffes, zebras, ostrich, warthogs, meerkats, kori bustards and blue cranes.



● Adventure Cubs

June 7 and 19, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Explore a new region of the world to discover more about giraffes with an activity, a story and a take-away craft. Reservation required. \$26; additional child participant, \$5.

● Kids Night Out

June 7 and 28, 5-9 p.m. Kids will enjoy a wild and educational evening with a guided tour, games, activities, crafts, a story and a pizza dinner. For ages 5-11. Reservation required. \$42.

● Twilight Tots

June 21, 4:30-6 p.m. You and your young child will love learning about animal babies and how their parents care for them with the help of Zoo Educators. Reservation required. \$26; additional child participant, \$5.

● Twilight Trek

June 27, 6:30-9 p.m. When the sun goes down, the animals are still at play with this special after-hours tour. Reservation required. \$27; ages 2 and younger, free.

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The Details:

800 Cherokee Ave. SE, Atlanta. 404-624-9453. zooatlanta.org

● **Zoo admission:** \$26.70-\$34.95; ages 3-11 are \$21.20-\$26.95, while ages 2 and younger are free.

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Keep Your Kids Reading This Summer!

Don't let the "summer slide" take over! Even though your kids are free from homework assignments, it's so important to keep up the momentum by reading every day. Whether it's fiction, poetry, graphic novels, books about sports or interesting people, keep them reading all summer with these tips.

Set Goals.

Make a chart or reading journal so kids can track the number of pages or chapters read. Reward readers with small prizes and work toward a larger goal, whether it's a family dinner at a favorite restaurant, tickets to a movie or a trip to the water park. There's no need to break the bank; just find things that will motivate your kids.

Make it Inviting.

Create a special spot for reading, with comfy pillow or a beanbag chair, a cozy blanket and good lighting, along with a variety of books so your kids can choose what they like. Outside, make a reading teepee with beanpoles or create a summer reading tent by draping a sheet over a clothesline.

Use the Library.

Not only does your local branch have a wealth of books for kids to borrow, it's full of great resources! Librarians are a great source for book recommendations. Libraries also have reading clubs, special events, e-books, free online resources and more fun extras. Find your local branch at georgialibraries.org.

Read Together.

Set aside time to read with your kids! Find a chapter book the whole family will enjoy and take turns reading aloud. Listen to an audiobook in the car as you travel. You can even form a family book club and discuss the stories you're reading. Find ideas for family books at goodreads.com or readtothem.org.

Explore Online.

Many children's book authors and publishers have websites with fun extras like games, interviews and crafts. A few to check out: pilkey.com, mowillemsworkshop.com, littlehousebooks.com and katherineapplegate.com. Plus, find ideas on children's reading websites like kidsread2kids.com.

Summer Reading Programs

The Georgia Library's 2025 Summer Reading Theme is "Color Our World." Kids can join in the fun with special programming, events, crafts and prize incentives at their local library branch.

- **Fulton County Library System:**

June 1-Aug. 1; fulcolibrary.org

- **DeKalb County Public Library:**

June 1-July 31; dekalblibrary.org

- **Gwinnett Public Library:**

June 1-July 31; gwinnettpl.org

- **Cobb County Public Library:**

June 1-July 31; cobbcounty.org/library

More Summer Reading Programs

- **Atlanta Hawks' Check It Out Reading Challenge,**

nba.com/hawks/community/checkitout

- **Little Shop of Stories,** littleshopofstories.com

- **Barnes and Noble,** barnesandnoble.com

- **Pizza Hut's Camp BOOK IT!,** bookitprogram.com/book-it-for-parents

- **Wrapped Up in Reading at the Carlos Museum,** carlos.emory.edu/wrapped-up-in-reading

- **Chuck E. Cheese Reading Rewards,** chuckecheese.com



Local Book Shops

Check for storytimes, special events and programs at these local shops.

- **Little Shop of Stories.** Decatur, littleshopofstories.com

- **FoxTale Book Shoppe.** Woodstock, foxtalebookshoppe.com

- **The Bookworm.** Powder Springs, thebookwormonline.com

- **The Listening Tree Books.** Decatur, listeningtreebooks.com

- **The Reading Attic.** Marietta, thereadingattic.com

- **Tall Tales Book Shop.** Atlanta, talltalesatlanta.com

- **Half Price Books.** Marietta and Decatur, hpb.com



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Be a SUMMER VOLUNTEER!

You're never too young to start making a difference! This summer, give back as a family by volunteering for a cause you care about. Start small with a one-time project or jump in by choosing a few things to commit to. Either way, explain to your kids why helping others is important and makes our community a better place for all.

HELP FEED THOSE IN NEED

● Atlanta Community Food Bank

Kids as young as 8 years old can volunteer with a parent or guardian at one of ACFB's community food centers. acfb.org

● The Sandwich Project

This metro Atlanta organization has made and distributed more than 1.7 million sandwiches since 2020! Volunteers can make and deliver sandwiches to a drop-off site or host a collection site. thesandwichproject.org

● Lasagna Love

Founded during the COVID-19 pandemic, Lasagna Love provides home-cooked meal delivery to those in need. Sign up online to get connected with a neighbor in need (you can also sponsor a volunteer). lasagnalove.org

● Little Free Pantry

This grassroots movement helps those with food insecurities through mini pantries stocked with free dry goods. Located in multiple areas around metro Atlanta (use the online map to find one), you can restock a pantry or even start a new one. littlefreepantry.org



The Sandwich Project

MORE LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

● North Fulton Community Charities

Teens 13 years and older can volunteer at this organization that assists families with basic needs such as food and clothing through a food pantry and thrift shop. At-home options for all ages include organizing a food drive or creating toiletry bags. nfcchelp.org

● Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

On June 7, run, walk or stroll in the Strong4Life Superhero Sprint; proceeds benefit CHOA's programs to help Atlanta families and children. Post-race, enjoy face painting, music, prizes and games. Find more family-friendly volunteer opportunities and events at choa.org.

● MedShare

Help sort surplus medical supplies and equipment that will go to communities in need around the world. Kids ages 8 and older can volunteer with a parent; teens 14 and older can volunteer on their own. medshare.org

● Community Assistance Center

Volunteers ages 15 years and older can help out at CAC's food pantry, thrift shop or donation center. You can also donate school supplies to their Give Kids Tools for School program through July 31. ourcac.org

● FurKids

Volunteers of all ages are welcome at this animal shelter. Kids can organize a supply drive, help with the cat shelter and read to cats. Ages 16-18 years old can volunteer at the thrift store. furkids.org

● Hands On Atlanta

Volunteer as a family team to tackle some of Atlanta's most urgent needs, like painting buildings or beautifying parks or gardens. There are also volunteer opportunities for teens only. handsonatlanta.org

● Pebble Tossers

Search an age-appropriate directory of free, current volunteer opportunities for kids. The site also includes suggestions for projects kids can do themselves. pebbletossers.org



Community Assistance Center



Pebble Tossers

SUMMER Fun Guide

PLAY ON

Playgrounds are always a great way for kids to burn off energy without spending a dime, and these spots are worth the drive.

- **Chastain Park.** Atlanta. chastainparkconservancy.org
- **Woodruff Park.** Atlanta. atlantadowntown.com
- **Shirley Clarke Franklin Park.** Atlanta. beltline.org
- **Murphey Candler Park.** Brookhaven. brookhavenga.gov
- **Lee Street Park.** Jonesboro. jonesboroga.com
- **Logan Farm Park.** Acworth. acworth-ga.gov
- **Poole's Mill Park.** Ball Ground. parks.forsythco.com
- **Alexander Park.** Lawrenceville. gwinnettcountry.com
- **Picnic Park.** Peachtree City. peachtree-city.org



Alexander Park

- **The Downtown Playground.** Woodstock. woodstock.recdesk.com
- **Ocee Park.** Johns Creek. johnscreekgov.com
- **Morgan Falls Overlook Park.** Sandy Springs. sandyspringsga.gov

- **Chuck Camp Park.** Smyrna. smyrnaga.gov
- **Pirkle Park.** Sugar Hill. cityofsugarhill.com

For more playgrounds, check out atlantaparent.com.

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Not-to-Miss June Events

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IT'S BACK! Decatur Beach Party

Downtown Decatur / June 13, 4-10 p.m.
Bask in the glow of summer with a pop-up beach, live music, games, boardwalk fare and frozen treats.
101 E. Court Sq., Decatur. 678-615-0915.
Free admission. visitdecaturga.com

● Family Fun Safety Days

Cobb County Safety Village
June 4, 17 and July 9, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Learn safety practices while touring Sparky's House, playing games, viewing emergency vehicles up close and more.
1220 Al Bishop Dr., Marietta. 770-852-3294.
\$5; family pass, \$20; ages 2 and younger, free. cobbcounty.org/safety-village

● Summerfest

Virginia-Highland
June 6, 6-9 p.m.; June 7, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. and June 8, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
Celebrate 40 years of fine art, live entertainment and family fun with this annual festival featuring an artist market, music, a children's area and more. Virginia Ave., Atlanta. Free admission. vahi.org

● Tour Through Time

The Southern Museum of Civil War & Locomotive History
June 7, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Living historians will bring exhibits alive with performances, a music display, historic textile techniques and more.
2829 Cherokee St. NW, Kennesaw. 770-427-2117. \$10; ages 3-17, \$5; ages 2 and younger, free. southernmuseum.org

● A Turtles Shell-ebration

Fernbank Museum
June 7, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Kick off the grand opening of the "Turtles" exhibit with a day full of activities and crafts, meeting live turtles and more.
767 Clifton Rd., Atlanta. 404-929-6300. \$27.95; ages 3-12, \$25.95; ages 2 and younger, free. fernbankmuseum.org

● Model Railroad Days

Southeastern Railway Museum
June 7, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and June 8, noon-5 p.m.
See different scaled models of railroads, enjoy treats, go on a train ride and more.
3595 Buford Hwy., Duluth. 770-476-2013. \$19; ages 2-12, \$13; ages 1 and younger, free. train-museum.org

● JuneFest

Atlanta Botanical Garden, Gainesville
June 7, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Enjoy the great outdoors at this festival with beekeepers, insect experts, face painting, the "Forest Forms: Woodland Wonders" exhibit, music and more. 1911 Sweetbay Dr., Gainesville. 404-888-4760. \$14.95; ages 3-12, \$12.95; ages 2 and younger, free. atlantabtg.org



Butterfly Festival, Chattahoochee Nature Center

● Butterfly Festival

Chattahoochee Nature Center
June 7, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and June 8, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Flutter into fun with live butterflies, pollinator experts, the Migration Game, live entertainment and more. 9135 Willeo Rd., Roswell. 770-992-2055. \$25; ages 2 and younger, free. chattnaturecenter.org

● Summer at the Rock

Stone Mountain Park
June 7-July 27. See website for schedule.
Go on an outdoor adventure, cool off with a Water Works show, search for treasure at Campfire Cottage, watch the nightly Music Across America Drone & Light Show, and more. 1000 Robert E. Lee Blvd., Stone Mountain. 478-478-6686. \$39.99; ages 3-11, \$36.99; ages 2 and younger, free. stonemountainpark.com

● Neighborhood Block Party

Zoo Atlanta / June 8, 3:30-7:30 p.m.
This wild celebration honors community with Keeper Talks, animal exploration, family-friendly activities and more. 800 Cherokee Ave. SE, Atlanta. 404-624-9453. \$19.95; ages 3-11, \$14.95; ages 2 and younger, free. zooatlanta.org



Summer at the Rock

● ATL Kids Summer Fest

Starr Park Amphitheatre / June 14, noon-6 p.m.
This summer concert specifically for kids features talented kid artists, vendors, engaging activities and more. Registration required. 5031 Park Ave., Forest Park. Free admission. atlkidsummer.com

● SCOOPY-DOO! Mansion Mayhem

Children's Museum of Atlanta / Through Sept. 7
This immersive experience uses your problem-solving skills to solve a mystery as you move through the house. 275 Centennial Olympic Park Dr. NW, Atlanta. 404-659-5437. \$17.95-\$19.95. childrensmuseumatlanta.org

● RockFest

Tellus Science Museum
June 14-15, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Experience geology-themed activities to explore rocks, minerals and jewels. 100 Tellus Dr., Cartersville. 770-606-5700. \$20; ages 3-17, \$16; ages 2 and younger, free. tellusmuseum.org

● Atlanta Streets Alive

Peachtree Street / June 22, 2-6 p.m.
Part of an international open streets movement, walk, bike, skate, dance and play at this car-free celebration of Atlanta's community. 15th St. and Upper Alabama St., Atlanta. Free admission. atlantastreetsalive.org

BEYOND ATLANTA

● Monster Jam

Akins Ford Arena / June 20-22.
See website for schedule.
Watch these huge trucks compete, go behind-the-scenes with the Pit Crew, participate in giveaways and more. At the Pit Party, see the trucks up close, meet your favorite drivers and crews, and enjoy family-friendly activities. 300 N. Thomas St., Athens. 720-468-0611. \$33+; Pit Pass, \$25; ages 1 and younger, free. monsterjam.com



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Juneteenth

Short for June Nineteenth, this holiday commemorates the end of slavery in the United States. Celebrate Juneteenth at these local events.

● Juneteenth Weekend Celebration

Marietta Square / June 13, 6-11 p.m.;
June 14, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and June 15, 2-6 p.m.
Celebrate all weekend long with a block party,
cultural festival and Father's Day salute.
99 S. Park Sq. NE, Marietta. 770-425-5757.
Free admission. cobbnaacp.org

● Freedom & Legacy

OneStop Centerville / June 14, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Honor the significance of Juneteenth with
history explorations, fun, games, art and more.
3025 Bethany Church Rd., Snellville. 678-277-0228.
Free admission. gwinnettcounty.com

● Juneteenth Celebration

Town at Trilith / June 14, 6-10 p.m.
Immerse yourself in history and culture with live
music, vendor booths, art, food trucks and more.
590 Heatherden Ave., Fayetteville. 678-519-1008.
Free admission. trilith.com

● Juneteenth Atlanta Parade & Music Festival

Piedmont Park / June 14-15
This high-spirited celebration features two
entertainment stages, local and international
vendors, mouthwatering cuisine, cultural
activities, a car show and a parade. The parade
starts at noon on Saturday. 1322 Monroe Dr.,
Atlanta. 404-587-5457. Free admission.
juneteenthatl.com

● Juneteenth

Atlanta History Center / June 15, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Honor Juneteenth with a celebration of the
enduring power of Black craftsmanship and artistry.
130 W. Paces Ferry Rd. NW, Atlanta. 404-814-4000.
Free admission. atlantahistorycenter.com

● Juneteenth Celebration

Cultural Arts & Community Center
June 19, 10-10:50 a.m.
Delve into rich African American performances,
traditions and more to honor the legacy of
Juneteenth. 10 College St. NW, Norcross.
770-448-2122. Free admission. norcrossga.net



Juneteenth Celebration, City Springs

● Juneteenth

William Root House / June 19, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Learn about the history and significance
of this holiday with guided museum tours,
crafts, living history demonstrations,
storytelling and more. 80 N. Marietta Pkwy.
NW, Marietta. 770-426-4982. Free admission.
williamroothouse.com

● Juneteenth Celebration

High Museum of Art / June 19, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Reflect on themes related to the holiday by
creating art, enjoying performances and
exploring exhibits. 1280 Peachtree St. NE,
Atlanta. 404-733-5034. Free admission.
high.org



Juneteenth Celebration, Town at Trilith

● Juneteenth Celebration

City Springs / June 19, 5 p.m.
This event is an exuberant tribute to freedom
and liberty. 1 Galambos Way, Sandy Springs.
770-730-5600. Free admission. sandyspringsga.gov

● Juneteenth Freedom Day

Lee Street Park / June 19, 5-10 p.m.
This vibrant party will include live entertainment,
cultural performances, food vendors and more.
73 Lee St., Jonesboro. 770-478-3800. Free
admission. jonesboroga.com

● Juneteenth Celebration

The Plaza / June 21, 4-9 p.m.
Enjoy games, historical trivia, a raffle giveaway and
vendors at this event created by the Black Women's
Association of Sugar Hill. 5039 W. Broad St., Sugar
Hill. 678-562-5321. Free admission. cityofsugarhill.com

● Juneteenth Celebration

Newtown Park / June 21, 5-9 p.m.
Celebrate with the City of Johns Creek with food,
activities, performances and more. 3150 Old
Alabama Rd., Johns Creek. 678-512-3200. Free
admission. johnscreekga.gov

● Concert on the Green: A Juneteenth Celebration

Logan Farm Park / June 21, 5-10 p.m.
Enjoy live music by Bogey and the Viceroy as you
celebrate freedom and community. 4405 Cherokee
St., Acworth. 770-974-8813. Free admission.
acworthtourism.org

Father's Day Events

Celebrate dad with these special events and deals.

● Father's Day All About Dads Market

Love Official ATL / June 7, noon-5 p.m.

Celebrate dads with vendors, entertainment, a DJ, food trucks, raffle and a free Kidz Zone. 2030 Powers Ferry Rd. SE, Atlanta. Free admission. eventeny.com/company/extremedreamsevents

● Father's Day Weekend

The Fringe / June 14-16, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

Dads play free mini golf for a friendly competition. 5100 Commerce Pkwy., Roswell. 770-518-0977. \$9-\$13.50; ages 3-12, \$6-\$9; ages 2 and younger, free. a51fun.com

● The Rock and Roll Playhouse Father's Day Celebration

Terminal West / June 15, noon

This family concert series allows kids and parents to bond over music from The Grateful Dead. 887 W. Marietta St. NW, Atlanta. 404-876-5566. \$22; ages 11 months and younger, free. terminalwestatl.com

● Father's Day Admission Special

Chattahoochee Nature Center / June 15, noon-5 p.m.

Dads and grandads can get in free to enjoy on-site programs, the Wildlife Walk and more. 9135 Willeo Rd., Roswell. 770-992-2055. \$20; ages 13-18, \$16; ages 3-12, \$14; ages 2 and younger, free. chattnaturecenter.org

● Father's Day Band Benefit Concert

Woodstock Arts Event Green / June 15, 3-8 p.m.

Enjoy an afternoon of music and memories with live music, great food and beverages and fun. This benefit helps music therapy for children with special needs. 111 Elm St., Woodstock. \$15-\$200. theduetproject.org

● Father's Day Weenie Roast

Pullman Yards / June 15, 1-7 p.m.

Bring your dad, grandfather or special friend for food, games, a dad pageant, live performances and more. 225 Rogers St., Atlanta. Free admission. pullmanyards.com

● Father's Day Family Food Fest Atlanta

The Foundry At Puritan Mill / June 15, 3-6 p.m.

Enjoy a multicultural food tasting celebration, music, kids' activities and chef demonstrations. 916 Joseph E. Lowery Blvd. NW, Atlanta. 404-275-4042. \$15-\$40. familyfoodfestatl.org



Father's Day Family Food Fest Atlanta

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A Spotlight on Shows

Check out a summer performance.

● How I Became a Pirate

Woodstock Arts Theatre / June 4-18. See website for showtimes. Young Jeremy Jacob is digging in the sand when he's recruited by Captain Braid Beard and his mates to help them find the perfect spot for buried treasure. 8534 Main St., Woodstock. 678-494-4251. \$17-\$20. woodstockarts.org

● Young John Lewis

The Balzer Theater at Herren's / June 4-29. See website for showtimes. This hip hop musical examines the early life of Congressman John Lewis as he journeys from student activist to major leader in the Civil Rights Movement. Recommended for ages 10 and older. 84 Luckie St. NW, Atlanta. 678-528-1500. \$20-\$55. theatricaloutfit.org

● Tuck Everlasting

ACT1 Theater / June 6-22. Fri.-Sat. 7:30 p.m. and Sun. 2 p.m. Young Winnie Foster yearns for a life of adventure, and she finds it with the magical and mysterious Tuck family. 180 Academy St., Alpharetta. 770-663-8989. \$22.13-\$27.38. act1theater.org

● Beauty and the Beast

Broadway on Bankhead
/ June 7, 14, 21 and 28 and July 5, 12 and 19, 7:30 p.m.
Starring a cast of rising young performers, this fairytale comes to life as a musical. 1986 Joseph E. Boone Blvd., Atlanta. 770-282-7302. \$30-\$100. broadwayonbankheadtheater.com

● Tempest JR.

Aurora Theatre / June 11, 10 and 11:30 a.m.
Introduce your little ones to the world of Shakespeare with this hilarious performance featuring magic, shipwrecks and puppets. 128 E. Pike St., Lawrenceville. 678-226-6222. \$7. auroratheatre.com

● Roswell Summer Puppet Series

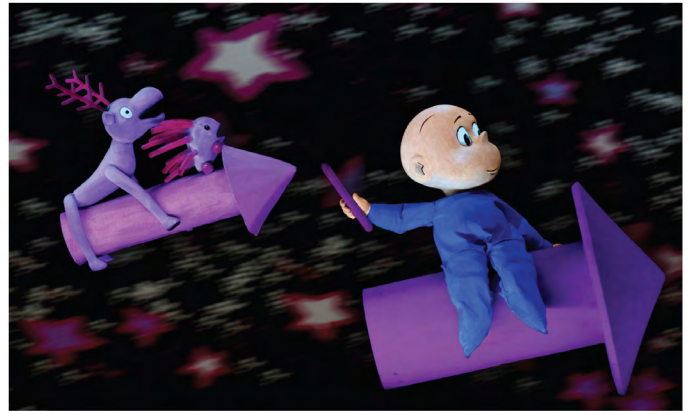
Roswell Cultural Arts Center / June 12-July 19. See website for showtimes.
Watch puppets perform five different shows this summer season. 950 Forrest St., Roswell. 770-594-6120. \$7; puppet pass, \$28. roswellcac.showare.com

● A Year With Frog and Toad

Lionheart Theatre
July 17-18, 7:30 p.m.; July 19, 11 a.m., 2 and 7:30 p.m. and July 20, 2 p.m.
Based on the books by Arnold Lobel, follow two best friends, the cheerful Frog and the grumpy Toad, as they hop, sing and dance their way through a year of adventure. 10 College St. NW, Norcross. 404-919-4022. \$12. lionhearttheatre.org

● Rhythm & Thread

Alliance Theatre / June 22-July 12. See websites for showtimes. As Cassie helps her grandparents move, she finds a collection of quilts, and she, Gigi and Pops share stories and adventures as they explore the collection. 1280 Peachtree St. NE, Atlanta. 404-733-4600. \$12.50; ages 6-17, \$5; ages 5 and younger, free. alliancetheatre.org



Harold and the Purple Crayon

● Harold and the Purple Crayon

Center for Puppetry Arts / June 24-Aug. 3. See website for showtimes. With his trusty crayon in hand, Harold brings to life a world powered by his imagination in this whimsical adventure. 1404 Spring St. NW at 18th, Atlanta. 404-873-3391. \$20-\$30; ages 12 and younger, \$15-\$24. puppet.org

● In the Lab

Aurora Theatre / June 25, 10 and 11:30 a.m.
Strap on your goggles with Big Thinkers' Science Exploration to watch amazing experiments. 128 E. Pike St., Lawrenceville. 678-226-6222. \$7. auroratheatre.com

● The Wiggles: Bouncing Balls Tour!

Cobb Energy Centre / June 25, 6 p.m.
Experience the fun of an interactive and engaging live show with The Wiggles' signature mix of creativity, entertainment and education as you sing and dance. 2800 Cobb Galleria Pkwy., Atlanta. 770-916-2852. \$41.25+. cobbenergycentre.com

● KIDZ BOP Live Certified BOP Tour

Ameris Bank Amphitheatre / June 28, 6 p.m.
Sing and dance along to the biggest hits at this pop concert experience for kids and their grown-ups. 2200 Encore Pkwy., Alpharetta. 404-733-5010. \$32-\$178+. kidzbop.com/tour

● Milo Imagines the World

Alliance Theatre / June 25-July 27. See website for showtimes.
In this musical, Milo, a curious boy with a vivid imagination and a sketchpad full of dreams, shows the audience there is beauty in unexpected places. 1280 Peachtree St. NE, Atlanta. 404-733-4600. \$20; ages 18 and younger, \$10. alliancetheatre.org



Milo Imagines the World

● NINJA KIDZ Live On Stage: Infinite Possibilities

Atlanta Symphony Hall / June 29, 3 p.m.
This live action adventure show will need audience participation to defeat the imposters who are threatening to infiltrate the stage. 1280 Peachtree St. NE, Atlanta. 404-733-4800. \$29.50+. aso.org

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Chick-fil-A Peachtree Junior

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Lenox Square / July 3, 8:45 a.m.
Race in a timed Mile for kids ages 6-14 or a 50-meter Dash for ages 6 and younger, and enjoy plenty of fun activities for the family. Registration required. 3393 Peachtree Rd. NE, Atlanta. 404-231-9064. Free admission. atlantatrackclub.org

● Repticon

Gwinnett County Fairground
July 12, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and July 13, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
See tons of exotic animals, and learn more about how they're cared for. 2405 Sugarloaf Pkwy., Lawrenceville. 863-268-4273. \$12-\$20; ages 5-12, \$7; ages 4 and younger, free. repticon.com

● Breakfast with Butterflies

Chattahoochee Nature Center
July 13, 20 and 27, 10 a.m.-noon
Enjoy exclusive access to the Butterfly Encounter, as well as a light breakfast. For ages 4 and older. Reservation required. 9135 Willetto Rd., Roswell. 770-992-2055. \$30. chattnaturecenter.org

● Children's Book Festival

Pittsburgh Yards / July 19, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Celebrate your love of children's books at this outdoor festival with storytelling, performances and meeting local authors. 352 University Ave., Atlanta. Free admission. thehappyblackparent.com

● Coca-Cola Film Series

Fox Theatre / July 25, 7:30 p.m. and July 27, 4 p.m. Join a special screening of "Star Wars: A New Hope" and a sing-a-long of "The Sound of Music." 660 Peachtree St. NE, Atlanta. 404-881-2100. \$12-\$38.50. foxtheatre.org



Atlanta Ice Cream Festival

● Atlanta African Dance & Drum Festival

Tri-Cities High School
July 25-27. See website for schedule.
Learn dances from across Africa, watch performances, take a drum class and more. 2575 Harris St., East Point. \$20-\$245. aaddf.org

● Atlanta Ice Cream Festival

Piedmont Park / July 26, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Taste delicious desserts, discover food and non-food vendors, listen to live music, explore wellness activities and more. 10th St. and Charles Allen Dr., Atlanta. Free admission. atlantaicecreamfestival.com

● Southeast Homeschool Expo

Cobb Galleria Centre
July 31-Aug. 2. See website for schedule.
Learn more about homeschooling with education resources, materials, speakers and workshops. Kids will enjoy fun and activities in their own KidsZone. 2 Galleria Pkwy. SE, Atlanta. 800-285-6340. \$20-\$55; KidsZone, \$70-\$160. southeasthomeschoolexpo.com

SUMMER Fun Guide

Stars and Stripes

Celebrate the Fourth of July at these incredible events featuring fireworks, live music and more.



Fourth in the Park, Marietta Square

Everyone Loves a Parade

Independence Day Parade. Downtown Newnan. July 4, 9 a.m. A patriotic, hometown parade starts at Veteran's Memorial Park and ends at Greenville Street Park. 30 Temple Ave., Newnan. 678-673-5436. Free admission. newnanga.gov

Dunwoody Fourth of July Parade. Dunwoody Village. July 4, 9 a.m. Celebration features marching bands, floats, clowns and animal units who will march from Mount Vernon Road and Jett Ferry Road to Dunwoody Village. Dunwoody Village Pkwy., Dunwoody. Free admission. dunwoodyga.org

Peachtree City July Fourth Parade & Fireworks. Village on the Green. July 4, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Fourth of July parade begins at 9 a.m. on Peachtree Parkway, and fireworks begin at dark over Lake Peachtree. S. Peachtree Pkwy., Peachtree City. 770-631-2542. Free admission. peachtree-city.org

July Fourth Spectacular! Woodstock. July 4, 10 a.m. Parade begins at 10 a.m. at Woodstock Elementary. Festival starts at 11 a.m. at The Park at City Center. Fireworks begin at dusk behind Lowe's shopping center at Hwy. 92 and I-595. 230 Rope Mill Rd., Woodstock. 770-592-6000. Free admission. woodstockga.gov

Douglasville Independence Day Parade. Downtown Douglasville. July 4, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. This parade will travel along Church Street. After the parade, enjoy activities at Douglasville Town Green, and at dusk, watch fireworks. Church St., Douglasville. 770-920-3000. Free admission. douglasvillega.gov

Fourth in the Park. Marietta Square. July 4, 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m. A parade, free concerts, an arts and crafts show, food, a kid's zone and fireworks. The Let Freedom Ring Parade begins at Roswell Street Baptist Church and ends at N. Marietta Pkwy. 50 N. Park Sq., Marietta. 770-794-5606. Free admission. mariettaga.gov

Fireworks, Fun and More

Fantastic Fourth Celebration. Memorial Lawn at Stone Mountain Park. July 1-7. See website for schedule. Enjoy the Music Across America Light Show followed by a patriotic fireworks finale. Reservations encouraged. 1000 Robert E. Lee Blvd., Stone Mountain. 800-401-2407. \$39.99; ages 3-11, \$36.99; ages 2 and younger, free; Light Show Only Ticket, \$5-\$15; parking, \$20. stonemountainpark.com

Prelude to the Fourth. Lawrenceville Lawn. July 2, 5-10 p.m. This evening of fun includes music, food trucks and fireworks. 210 Luckie St., Lawrenceville. 678-407-6653. Free admission. lawrencevillega.org

Red, White & Boom! Lillian Webb Park. July 3, 5-10 p.m. Fireworks, delicious food, face painting, live music and more. 5 College St. NW, Norcross. 770-448-2122. Free admission. norcrossga.net

Independence Day Celebration. Newtown Park. July 3, 6-10 p.m. Listen to live music, enjoy activities, taste food and watch fireworks. 3150 Old Alabama Rd., Johns Creek. 678-512-3200. Free admission. johnscreekgga.gov



Red, White and BOOM! Olde Town Conyers



Dunwoody Fourth of July Parade

Sparkle in the Park. Lilburn City Park. July 3, 6-10 p.m. Live music, food vendors and a fireworks spectacular. 76 Main St. NW, Lilburn. 770-921-2210. Free admission. cityoflilburn.com

Kennesaw's Salute to America. Downtown Kennesaw and Depot Park. July 3, 6-10 p.m. Pre-Fourth celebration with street entertainment, two stages of live music, food vendors and fireworks at 9:30 p.m. 2829 Cherokee St., Kennesaw. 770-422-9714. Free admission. kennesaw-ga.gov/salutetoamerica

Red, White and BOOM! Olde Town Conyers. July 3, 6-10 p.m. Celebrate the nation's independence with food trucks, activities for kids, live music, fireworks and more. 949 S. Main St., Conyers. 770-602-2606. Free admission. conyersga.com

Sparks in the Park. E. E. Robinson Park. July 3, 6:30-9 p.m. Fireworks, food trucks, drinks, vendors and live entertainment. 865 Level Creek Rd., Sugar Hill. 770-945-6716. Free admission. cityofsugarhill.com

Cumming Fourth of July Celebration. Cumming Fairgrounds. July 4, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Festivities begin with a parade, followed by food, vendors, children's activities and fireworks at 9:30 p.m. 235 Castleberry Rd., Cumming. 770-781-3491. Free admission. cummingfair.squarespace.com

City of Cartersville Fourth of July Celebration. Dellinger Park. July 4, 4-10 p.m. Entertainment, fireworks, a children's area, food and more. 100 Pine Grove Rd., Cartersville. 770-423-1330. Free admission; parking, \$10. jrmmanagement.com

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July Fourth Concert and Fireworks. Cauble Park. July 4, 4-10 p.m. Food vendors, live music in the afternoon and fireworks at 9:30 p.m. 4425 Beach St., Acworth. 770-974-8813. Free admission. acworthtourism.org

Star Spangled Snellville. Snellville Towne Green. July 4, 4-10 p.m. Celebrate Independence Day, along with a fireworks display at 9:30 p.m. 2342 Oak Rd. SW, Snellville. 770-310-0429. Free admission. experiencesnellville.com

July Fourth Fireworks. Wills Park. July 4, 5-10 p.m. Pack a picnic, blanket and chairs to watch a display of fireworks at 9:15 p.m. 11925 Wills Rd., Alpharetta. 678-297-6000. Free admission. alpharetta.ga.us



July Fourth Fireworks, Wills Park

Stars & Stripes – July Fourth Fireworks Celebration. City Green. July 4, 6 p.m. Celebrate America at this family-friendly gathering. 1 Galambos Way, Sandy Springs. 770-730-5600. Free admission. visitsandysprings.org

Fourth of July Celebration. Roswell Area Park. July 4, 6-10 p.m. Live music, entertainment, food trucks and fireworks at sunset. 10495 Woodstock Rd., Roswell. 770-641-3727. Free admission. roswell365.com

Fourth of July Celebration, Cruise-In and Fireworks. Thurman Springs Park. July 4, 6-10 p.m. The festival includes music, food, vendors and more, as well as fireworks at 9:30 p.m. 4485 Pineview Dr., Powder Springs. 770-943-1666. Free admission. cityofpowdersprings.org

Star Spangled Nights. Six Flags Over Georgia. July 4-5. Experience a fireworks display synchronized to patriotic music. 275 Riverside Pkwy. SW, Austell. 770-739-3400. \$49+; ages 2 and younger, free. sixflags.com/overgeorgia

Beyond Atlanta

July Fourth Fireworks! Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds. July 4, 3 p.m. Festivities include a fireworks extravaganza to celebrate America's birthday. 1311 Music Hall Rd., Hiawassee. 706-896-4191. Free admission. georgiamountainfairgrounds.com

July Fourth Star Spangled Beach Party. Robin Lake Beach. July 4-5. See website for schedule. This bash at Callaway Gardens includes beach activities, mini golf, water activities and the nightly Fireworks Extravaganza. Fireworks start at 9:15 p.m. 17800 U.S. Hwy. 27, Pine Mountain. 844-512-3826. \$35.99; ages 3-11, \$26.99; ages 2 and younger, free. callawaygardens.com



Zip into Summer!

NEW! Lakeside Zip Line Adventure Course at Stone Mountain Park

New to Stone Mountain Park's Adventure Outpost, this treetop experience features six thrilling zip lines, including two that soar over Stone Mountain Lake. The course also has 14 aerial obstacles for testing your agility, bravery and balance. Also at the Adventure Outpost, rent kayaks, paddleboards or hydro bikes, or go on a lake tour for a beautiful way to view the lake. 1000 Robert E. Lee Blvd., Stone Mountain. 478-478-6686. \$39.99+; parking, \$20. stonemountainpark.com

Zip Lining Spots Around Metro Atlanta

Take to the skies and enjoy a mid-air adventure.

● Treetop Quest

Treetop Quest has four zip line courses for a variety of ages and abilities. There are more challenging courses for ages 7 and older, while the Chickpea Course is designed for kids ages 4-6. Navigate ladders, suspension bridges and other obstacles as you travel from one zip line to another. Swing through each course as many times as you want during your visit. Treetop Quest Gwinnett has one additional level and Spider Quest, a harness-free obstacle course. Dunwoody: 2341 Peeler Rd.; 770-365-0356. Buford: 2020 Clean Water Dr.; 404-277-6113. \$59; ages 7-11, \$44; ages 4-6, \$25. treetopquest.com



Treetop Trail at Zoo Atlanta

● Treetop Trail at Zoo Atlanta

Experience the Zoo from the perspective of a tree-dweller! Navigate a series of rope ladders, bridges, nets and tightropes on a two-level challenge, and learn about tree-dwelling animals' lifestyles and adaptations. Kids under 48" can visit the Treetop Tykes Trail to zig, zag, climb, walk and balance on a scaled down course. 800 Cherokee Ave. SE, Atlanta. 404-624-9453. \$9.95-\$14.95; admission, \$21.45-\$29.70; ages 3-11, \$17.20-\$23.70. zooatlanta.org

● Treetop Adventure Ziplines at Callaway Gardens

This adventure has three courses spanning more than 3,000 feet horizontally and soaring up to 70 feet from the forest floor. The zip lines are interspersed with challenges like suspension bridges, swinging beams and netting. The courses are based on height, and the minimum age to participate is 5. 17617 US-27, Pine Mountain. 800-225-5292. \$15-\$65; admission, \$29.99; ages 3-11, \$24.99. callawaygardens.com

Know Before You Go:

- Be prepared! Most places require reservations; check websites for details. Age and weight requirements also apply and vary by company.
- You'll be asked to sign a waiver before participating.
- Many operations require closed-toe shoes and may have restrictions on carrying a camera.
- Make sure you secure any loose items, and long hair should be tied back.

● Screaming Eagle Adventures

Screaming Eagle Adventures operates three zip line parks in Georgia.

● Historic Banning Mills

The first four levels of the World's Longest Zip Line Canopy Tour are built in a progression increasing in length, speed and height as you explore the beauty of Snake Creek Gorge. Family-friendly Forest or Woodland Tours feature nine zip lines, two sky bridges and a tower. The difficulty increases with the Flight Pattern and Flight Pattern Plus levels. You can also book an Extreme or Two-Day Rush Tour. For ages 4 and older, check out Crazy Squirrel Village for an aerial course with two different tiers. 205 Horseshoe Dam Rd., Whitesburg. 770-834-9149. \$29-\$199. historicbanningmills.com

● Unicoi State Park

Get an amazing view of the North Georgia mountains! The Level 1 tour includes six zip lines and four suspension bridges as you explore the tree canopy. Move on to Level 2 and 3 to enjoy views over and around the Lake at Unicoi with more zip lines, bridges and challenges. 1788 Hwy. 356 Helen. 706-878-4740. \$49-\$144. unicoizipline.com

● Amicalola Falls State Park

Find beautiful lake views, wildlife and more at this 829-acre park. Designed for beginners, Level 1 has a suspension bridge and four zip lines. Level 2 takes riders on nine zip lines ranging from 20-100 feet in the air. On Level 3, see areas of the park that aren't open to the public and soar 200 feet over the Amicalola Gorge Valley. 418 Amicalola Falls Lodge Rd., Dawsonville. 706-265-1233. \$29-\$129. amicalolazipline.com

SUMMER Fun Guide

On the Hunt: Scavenger Hunts to Try

Scavenger hunts are a fun way to keep the kids busy in the summer. Search for hidden items and explore the city.



Tiny Doors ATL

● Clue Town Books

Clue Town Books are a series of walkable hunts to lead your family searching around Atlanta with clues. Hunters use landmarks to solve puzzles and the solutions reveal how to get to the next checkpoint. Choose from Emory University, Piedmont Park and more. Purchase a book and find a list of local retailers online. \$8.50-\$18; cluetownbooks.com



Clue Town Books

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● Tiny Doors ATL

These miniature doors are handcrafted and painted to go along with their locations, and some even include tiny figurines and pets. Find Tiny Doors of Atlanta at Krog Street Tunnel, Old Fourth Ward Skatepark, King of Pops and more. tinydoorsatl.com

● The Secret Doors of Decatur

Secret Doors can be found at the Decatur Visitor Center, Wylde Center and more. Artists have hand painted or decorated these doors and placed many at well-known Decatur landmarks. Solve riddles online to find the location of each door! decaturartsalliance.org/public-art/secret-doors

● Scavenger Hunt Atlanta

Sign up for one of Scavenger Hunt Atlanta's adventures, which are custom designed for each family or group—no two are the same. Past examples include the City Scavenger Hunt and the ATL Mad Dash, which includes the use of MARTA stations. Prices start at \$59. scavengerhuntatl.com

● The Urban Adventure Quest

The Urban Adventure Quest website offers another option to hunt around downtown Atlanta starting at Centennial Olympic Park. After purchasing, downloading and creating a profile, follow clues from your phone, complete challenges and earn points. \$49/team; urbanadventurequest.com

● Let's Roam

Download the Let's Roam app and purchase tickets for a 2-hour excursion around Atlanta. Gather a team of one to 30 players; each person will have an interactive role in the hunt, with photo challenges, local trivia and riddles. Earn points by completing the activities. \$12.99/player; scavengerhunt.com

● Fairy Village at Halcyon

This walk, located off the Greenway in Forsyth County, features small homes for fairies and gnomes, and locals are allowed to add their own creations or pieces of nature to it. visithalcyon.com



Fairy Village at Halcyon

The Scoop on the Best Cool Treats

Cool off at these shops offering delicious ice cream, snow cones, popsicles or gelato.

Ice Cream and Gelato

● Big Softie

Try soft serve made from local Georgia dairy and organic cane sugar, and toppings and waffle cones are made from sister company, Little Tart Bakeshop. Choose from regular and vegan ice cream options and toppings like honeycomb, pink praline, cookie crumble and more. Two Atlanta locations, bigsoftieatl.com

● Butter and Cream

This fan-favorite boasts handcrafted small-batch ice cream and frozen desserts. Flavors include OG Goodness (brown sugar ice cream with butter cake) and Midnight Snacks (cream cheese ice cream with cookies, brownies, cake pieces and a dulce de leche swirl). Decatur, Roswell and Norcross, butterandcream.com

● Cereal and Cream

This specialty shop started as a food truck, but now has a brick and mortar location. Build your own dream dessert with your choice of ice cream, cereals and candy, or try a combo like Buckhead, with white chocolate chips, honey, granola, whipped cream and vanilla wafers. Atlanta, cerealncream.com

● Cremalosa American Gelato

You'll find small-batch, made-from-scratch gelato at this Decatur shop. Try their traditional Italian flavors or originals like Banana Pudding, Mango Lassi and Nutella. "Boozy" milkshakes and adult beverages make a fun grownup treat. Decatur, cremalosa.com



Voga Italian Gelato

● Frosty Caboose

The "train-watching capital of Atlanta" in Chamblee boasts 36 flavors, including sugar- and gluten-free options. Kid favorites include Superman, Birthday Cake and Cookies and Cream. Adults love their Mint Chocolate Chip and Chunky Salted Caramel. Chamblee, frostycaboose.com

● Handel's

Flavors at this fun shop are made daily; choose from cones, sundaes, shakes, take-home pints or a Handel pop on a stick. A rotation of 48 flavors includes Caramel Pretzel Crunch, Cotton Candy, Lemon Bar and Blue Monster, along with fruity sherbets and sorbets. Atlanta and Cumming, handelsicecream.com



Butter and Cream

● Honeysuckle Gelato

Enjoy creamy gelato and sorbet flavors, such as Salted Caramel Brownie, Red Velvet and Lemon Raspberry Crumble. Other treats include cookies, gelato sandwiches, slushies, floats and milkshakes. Atlanta, Ponce City Market, Brookhaven and Fayetteville, honeysucklegelato.com

● Jake's Ice Cream

The old-school ice cream parlor atmosphere is the cherry on top of this flavor-packed ice cream shop. Kid favorites: Max's Magic Kisses, a blue sweet cream base with white chocolate chips and marshmallows. Slap Yo Mama is made with chocolate sauce, chocolate chips and Oreo cookies. Hapeville plus select shops in Atlanta, jakesicecream.com

● Jeni's Ice Creams

Jeni's artisan ice creams are hand-crafted using whole ingredients: crave-worthy flavors include Brown Butter Almond Brittle and Darkest Chocolate. Kids love Skillet Cinnamon Roll for its breakfast-like taste. Multiple locations, jeniis.com

● Morelli's Ice Cream

Morelli's offers an ever-changing list of flavors, from Brooklyn Cheesecake to Krispy Kreamier. Kid favorites include vanilla with rainbow sprinkles; adults crave the Salted Caramel. Three Atlanta locations, morellisicecream.com

● Rock Salt Milk Bar

With locations in both Newnan and Peachtree City, this delightful shop offers seasonal flavors like Blueberry Lemon Lavender and Snickerdoodle, along with signature favorites such as Brittle 'n Salt and Caramelized Banana. Newnan and Peachtree City, rocksaltmilkbar.com

● Southern Custard

This dense, rich, creamy dessert is frozen with a special technique to give it a perfect smoothness. Try Orange Cream, Coffee Oreo, Chocolate Covered Banana, or Key Lime Pie. Check online for the flavor of the day. Brookhaven, southerncustard.com

● Sub Zero Nitrogen Ice Cream

This unique ice cream is frozen using only liquid nitrogen, making it a really cool and cold treat. They have traditional and fun flavors like Cake Batter, Cinnamon, Maple and White Chocolate, or you can add mix-ins to make your own delicious combinations. Atlanta and Sandy Springs, subzeroicecream.com

● Sweet Stack

This dessert bar features a menu of handcrafted ice creams, cookie and doughnut sandwiches for a decadent treat. Try Cuban Coffee Cream, flavored with espresso, or The Real MVP with peanut butter ice cream, chocolate ice cream and chocolate chips. Atlanta, sweet-stack.com

● Voga Italian Gelato

This Inman Park shop offers up gelato, milkshakes, and affogato, along with specialty desserts and Italian coffees. Gelato flavors include Wild Berry, White Chocolate, Fresh Peach and Nutella; sorbet and vegan flavors are also available. Atlanta, vogagelato.com

● Where's the Scoop?

This rolled ice cream shop offers custom creations like Mango Tango (mango ice cream with strawberries and topped with blueberries, coconut flakes, and raspberry drizzle) and Salty Sailor (vanilla ice cream with pretzels and topped with more pretzels, M&Ms, whipped cream, and sea salt caramel). Alpharetta, wheresthescoop.com

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Popbar

Snow Cones and Frozen Pops

● Big Easy Sno-Balls

The classic New Orleans treat is taken to a new level at Big Easy. Try custom creations like Key Lime Pie, with condensed milk, whipped cream and graham cracker crumbs. Favorite kids' flavors include Cotton Candy Dream and Hawaiian Fruit Punch. Atlanta and Woodstock, bigeasysnoballs.com

● Jeremiah's Italian Ice

Create your own dessert with Italian ice, soft serve ice cream and a layer-in. Pre-created "Flavorites" include Frosted Animal Cracker with cotton candy, cookie butter, vanilla and rainbow sprinkles, or choose your own combination from dozens of flavors. Multiple locations, jeremiahsice.com

● King of Pops

This favorite Atlanta frozen treat can be found around town at festivals, restaurants, grocery stores or at their shops in Ponce City Market and Colony Square. Try Cookies 'n Cream, Banana Puddin' or Strawberry Lemonade. Produce is sourced from their own farm and flavors change depending on the season. Multiple locations, kingofpops.com

● Mocha Pops

This dessert combines two great things—coffee and popsicles with mocha and Cuban wake-up. No problem if coffee isn't your thing! They also have Lemon Zest, Banana Pudding, Brownie, Cherry Mascarpone, Strawberry Shortcake and more. Atlanta, mochapops.com

● Pelican's SnoBalls

Fluffy "snow" topped with your choice of over 100 flavors — kids' favorites signature mixes include Super Hero and Rainbow. Adults love Georgia Peach and Cherry Margarita. Multiple locations, pelicanssnoballs.com

● Popbar

This delicious shop specializes in gelato, sorbet or yogurt on a stick with more than 60 flavors, including Green Tea, Birthday Cake and Cookie Butter. You can also order a popWich, a popsicle between two cookies, or a wafflePop, a Belgian-style waffle on a stick. Alpharetta, pop-bar.com

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50 Wonderful Places to Visit in Georgia

This summer, take the time to enjoy all our state has to offer! From exotic animals to water play to historic museums, Georgia offers tons of family fun.



North Georgia

- **Anna Ruby Falls.** Helen. Located in the Chatahoochee-Oconee National Forest, this is a rare double waterfall. An easy 0.8-mile round-trip paved trail leads to viewing areas at the base of the falls. helen.ga.org

- **Atlanta Safari Park.** Commerce. Animals roam free on this 156-acre park, situated in the foothills of the Appalachians. You'll see everything from llamas to ostriches on the two-mile Drive-Thru Safari, and feed giraffes, visit the aviary, and stop by the petting area. atlantasafaripark.com

- **BabyLand General Hospital.** Cleveland. Tour the birthplace of the Cabbage Patch Kids, where Mother Cabbage lives beneath the branches of the Magic Crystal Tree. Find your perfect match to take home. cabbagepatchkids.com

- **Blue Ridge Scenic Railway.** Blue Ridge. Travel the old-fashioned way with a nostalgic journey through the Appalachian foothills of North Georgia. Take a two- or four-hour, 26-mile round-trip journey along the Toccoa River. brscenic.com
- **Brasstown Bald.** Hiwassee. The highest point in the state, Brasstown Bald boasts incredible views. The observation deck offers a 360-degree view, where you might see four states and the skyline of Atlanta. fs.usda.gov

- **Cloudland Canyon State Park.** Rising Fawn. One of Georgia's most scenic parks, explore deep canyons, sandstone cliffs, wild caves, waterfalls, creeks, woodland and wildlife. The Overlook Trail offers a family-friendly hike, and the park also has disc golf, a fishing pond and picnic areas. gastateparks.org/cloudlandcanyon

- **Consolidated Gold Mining Company.** Dahlonega. Join a real gold mining experience with this underground adventure. Go on a tour, dig to find gems, or try your hand at panning for gold. consolidatedgoldmine.com

- **Dahlonega Gold Museum.** Dahlonega. Visit the site of America's first major gold rush, where more than \$6 million in gold was coined, and see rare coins and artifacts. gastateparks.org/dahlonegagoldmuseum



Consolidated Gold Mining Company

- **Lake Blue Ridge.** Blue Ridge. Much of this lake's shoreline is part of the Chatahoochee-Oconee National Forest. The Day Use Area offers a nice view of the lake, a boat ramp, trails and a wheelchair-accessible picnic area. The Morganton Point Area has a lakefront beach, boat ramp and kayak and paddleboard rentals. blueridgemountaintains.com

Blue Ridge Scenic Railway



- **Lake Hartwell Wildlife Safari.** Hartwell. Located about 90 minutes from Atlanta, this park has bison, ostriches, camels, buffaloes, wilddebbees, parakeets and more. After the drive-through, visit the Safari Walkabout, Tortoise Lane, Petting Zoo and Budgie Experience. lakehartwellsafari.com
- **Lake Winnepesaukee Amusement Park.** Rossville. This year, the park is celebrating 100 years of entertaining. Try the family, kiddie or thrill rides, and the five-acre SOAKya Water Park features a Crazy River, waterslides, play areas and more. lakewinnie.com
- **Minnehaha Falls.** Tallulah Falls. This multi-tiered waterfall cascades at the end of the 4-mile Minnehaha Trails, for an especially kid-friendly hike. explorebun.com
- **North Georgia Wildlife & Safari Park.** Cleveland. Visit the Wildlife Park to see wolves, kangaroos, sloths, lemurs and more, while the Safari Drive Thru includes viewing camels, zebras and bison from the comfort of your car. Add-on experiences include a behind-the-scenes look or meeting or feeding certain animals. northgeorgiazoo.com
- **Paradise Garden.** Summerville. This display features self-taught artist Howard Finster's works, including tools, curiosities, paintings and more, along with the captivating Mirror House. paradisegardenfoundation.org

● **Rock City.** Lookout Mountain. Kids will love Fairyland Caverns and Mother's Goose Village, depicting scenes from fairy tales and childhood stories. On a clear day, you can spot seven different states at Seven States Flag Court. seerockcity.com

● **The Rock Garden.** Calhoun. Explore this folk art-inspired garden with miniature buildings crafted from tiny stones, pebbles, shells, glass and more. A one-mile trail leads up a small hill for a fantastic view of the creek. calhounsdachurch.com/the-rock-garden

● **State Botanical Garden of Georgia.** Athens. The Alice H. Richards Children's Garden includes themed gardens, edible landscapes, hands-on garden plots, a treehouse and more. Explore the beautiful grounds with nature trails, plants, flowers and butterflies. botgarden.uga.edu

● **Tallulah Gorge State Park.** Tallulah Falls. This spectacular canyon is two miles long and nearly 1,000 feet deep. Hike rim trails to several overlooks for views of the river and waterfalls, and a paved path follows an old railroad bed for a stroller-friendly walk. gastateparks.org/tallulahgorge

● **Toccoa River Swinging Bridge.** Blue Ridge. At 270 feet long, this is the longest swinging bridge east of the Mississippi. Hike the Benton MacKaye Trail, or paddle along the Toccoa River Canoe Trail. blueridgemountains.com

● **Tunnel Hill Heritage Center and Museum.** Tunnel Hill. Explore railroad and Civil War history at the site of the Western & Atlantic Railroad Tunnel, the first major railroad tunnel in the South. See where the Civil War's "Great Locomotive Chase" came through in 1862. civilwarrrailroadtunnel.com



Rock City

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Lane Southern Orchards

Central Georgia

● **Augusta Canal National Heritage Area.** Augusta. Float through history on a guided tour on a replica canal cargo boat. Built in 1845, you'll see 18th-century textile mills and canal-side structures leading to the heyday of the Industrial Revolution. augustacanal.com

● **The Center for Wildlife Education and The Lamar Q Ball, Jr. Raptor Center.** Statesboro. Get up close to reptiles, eagles and more. Learn about native species, Georgia's habitats and birds of prey, and walk the Children's Discovery Trail to see snake skins, turtle shells, the kid's eagle nest and a wingspan display. georgiasouthern.edu/academics/wildlife

● **Coca-Cola Space Science Center.** Columbus. This out-of-this-world center features sky tours and planetarium shows in the Omnisphere Theater, a collection of NASA Space Shuttle artifacts, interactive piloting and driving exhibits and more. ccssc.org

● **Columbus Botanical Garden.** Columbus. Walk through this greenspace with a historic farmhouse and gin house, gardens, a one-mile trail, interactive games for families and more. In July, visit for the "Enchanted Garden" exhibit featuring fairy and creature homes. columbusbotanicalgarden.com

● **High Falls Water Park.** Jackson. Slip and slide into summer at this water park with a pirate ship play area, huge waterslides, a family pool and lounge chairs with umbrellas for relaxing. highfallswaterparkga.com

● **Lake Sinclair.** Milledgeville. Lake Sinclair encompasses 15,300 acres of winding coves and open water. Rent a boat or jet ski, go fishing, enjoy beach play and more. visitmilledgeville.org

● **Lane Southern Orchards.** Fort Valley. This 11,000-acre orchard has grown peaches and pecans since 1908. Along with fresh produce, shop jellies, syrups, pastries and more, and enjoy Southern cuisine at The PeachTree Café. Kids will love the farm-themed playground featuring real tractors. lanesouthernorchards.com

● **Museum of Arts and Sciences.** Macon. Exhibits explore art, science, the humanities, animals and more. View a planetarium show, and learn about wildlife with Live Animal Shows. masmacon.org

● **Museum of Aviation.** Warner Robins. Take a flight through history at this hands-on, interactive experience. View aircraft from WWII fighters to modern jets, and discover heroic pilots with the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame. museumofaviation.org

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- **National Infantry Museum & Soldier Center.** Columbus. See a collection of artifacts from the last 240 years of American military history. Watch a film or documentary on the Giant Screen Theater, and visit the virtual reality center for an interactive journey. nationalinfantrymuseum.org
- **Ocmulgee Mounds National Historic Park.** Macon. Learn more about history at this prehistoric American Indian site with park trails, a museum and more. nps.gov/ocmu
- **Pasaquan.** Buena Vista. Created by artist Eddie Owens Martin, this fascinating seven-acre art environment boasts six structures with intricate mandala murals and walls elaborately painted in African, Mexican and Native American symbols. columbusstate.edu/pasaquan
- **Providence Canyon State Park.** Lumpkin. Walk the rim trail to view scenic pink, orange, red and purple canyons. Visit in July or August to see the rare Plumleaf Azalea, which grows only in this region. gastateparks.org/providencecanyon
- **Rigby's Water World.** Warner Robins. Plan a day trip for water-based attractions, including lazy rivers, a kid-friendly splash zone and water playground Paradise Island. Rigby's Entertainment Complex has roller skating, go karts, mini golf, arcade games and laser tag. rigbyswaterworld.com
- **Tubman African American Museum.** Macon. Discover the rich heritage and contributions of African American culture with exhibits focused on arts, history and more. tubmanmuseum.com
- **Wild Animal Safari.** Pine Mountain. Go on a drive-thru safari to see more than 400 animals, and the Walkabout Adventure Zoo features exciting animal exhibits and a petting zoo. For more fun, book an animal encounter. animalsafari.com



Rigby's Water World



Georgia Museum of Agriculture



Okefenokee Swamp Park and Okefenokee Adventures

South Georgia

- **Andersonville National Historic Site.** Andersonville. Almost 13,000 Union soldiers died on these grounds, and the site pays tribute to them. The National Prisoner of War Museum serves as a memorial to all American prisoners of war. nps.gov/ande
- **Chehaw Park & Zoo.** Albany. Home to more than 70 species, see cheetahs, black rhinos, bears, alligators and more. Relax under the shaded structures while your kids burn off energy at the Play & Splash Park. chehaw.org
- **Flint RiverQuarium Environmental Education Center.** Albany. View fish, turtles, alligators and other creatures at the 22-foot-deep Blue Hole Spring. View freshwater and saltwater tanks, visit the Cypress Creek Aviary, learn about water management practices and more. flintriverquarium.com
- **Georgia Museum of Agriculture.** Tifton. Explore the agrarian and cultural traditions of the 19th century with hands-on learning. Visit the historic village, view the steam train, see a blacksmith operating hand forge and more. gma.abac.edu
- **Okefenokee Swamp Park and Okefenokee Adventures.** Waycross and Folkston. Georgia is home to some incredible ecosystems, including this swamp, which is considered the headwaters of the Suwannee and St. Marys Rivers. Habitats provide for threatened and endangered species. Explore the area with a boat or train tour. okeswamp.org
- **Wild Adventures.** Valdosta. Spend all day on a wild adventure at this theme park, waterpark and animal park all in one. Check out the rides for unlimited thrills, visit Splash Island Water Park for a chilling good time on a hot day, and view goats, snakes, turtles, birds and more. wildadventures.com

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FAMILY TIME

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EXPLORE Braselton

Family adventures begin in Braselton. Make memories as you explore family- and pet-friendly destinations. Here are four great excursions to rediscover family time.



Watch movies under the stars.

June 14 and July 12
Grab a blanket and dinner downtown and watch a free family-friendly movie on the Braselton Town Green.



Celebrate 4th of July in Braselton.

Bring the family to Downtown Braselton to celebrate Independence Day with a community parade, concert on the Town Green, kid-friendly activities, food trucks, local dining and shopping. Fireworks begin at dark.



Experience the true taste of homegrown flavors.

Every Friday in May–September, visit the weekly farmers market for fresh produce, eggs, meats and artisanal baked and canned goods.



Take a Museum and Trolley Tour.

Tour historical and iconic area attractions aboard the Braselton Trolley. Tours begin at The Mill, the newly renovated museum, market and welcome center.



Coastal Georgia

- **Coastal Heritage Society.** Savannah. This collection of six museums explores history, art and more with historic railcars, musket firing demonstrations, an outdoor maze, historical interpreters, a glimpse into Gullah-Geechee culture and more. chsgeorgia.org
- **Cumberland Island.** St. Marys. Ride the ferry to Cumberland Island and explore 17 miles of undeveloped beaches, go on a guided tour, and see historic sites and ruins. On the mainland, the Cumberland Island National Seashore Museum has historical items and exhibits, the Waterfront Park has a playground for kids, and the Aquatic Center features a waterslide, a lazy river and a splash pad. nps.gov/cuis
- **Georgia Sea Turtle Center.** Jekyll Island. This sea turtle education and rehabilitation facility offers learning about sea turtles with interactive exhibits and experiences. jekyllisland.com
- **St. Marys Submarine Museum.** St. Marys. Explore a fascinating collection of pictures, war patrol reports, artifacts, uniforms and exhibits, with about 99% of all WWII submarine combat war patrol reports housed here. stmaryssubmuseum.com
- **St. Simons Island Lighthouse.** St. Simons Island. Climb 129 steps to the top of this lighthouse to see as far as Jekyll Island, Brunswick and the south end of the island. The St. Simons Lighthouse Museum is located in the Keeper's Dwelling and features the history of Coastal Georgia with artifacts, photographs and interactive experiences. coastalgeorgiahistory.org



Georgia Sea Turtle Center

- **Summer Waves Water Park.** Jekyll Island. This refreshing spot has tons of ways to cool off, from lazy laps around Turtle Creek to thrilling dives down Pirate's Passage. jekyllisland.com
- **Tybee Island Light Station and Museum.** Tybee Island. Visit Georgia's oldest and tallest lighthouse. Go on a self-guided walking tour to explore Black history and Fort Screven. tybeelighthouse.org
- **Tybee Island Marine Science Center.** Tybee Island. Experience marine science and nature-based programs with exhibits on the beach, in the marsh or in the Open-Air Classroom. The Coastal Galleries feature live animals, interactive stations, life-size animal replicas, fossils and a pirate ship-themed playground. tybeemarinescience.org

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- **Wild Mustang Ranch.** Lyons. The three-bedroom lodge at this wild mustang sanctuary offers a chance to relax and recharge in a beautiful setting. wildmustang-us.com
- **Historic Banning Mills.** Whitesburg. Choose from a variety of adventure lodging options at this scenic resort, from single- and double-decker tree houses to a cabin with a stunning overlook view of Snake Creek Gorge. historicbanningmills.com
- **Little Raccoon Key.** Jekyll Island. Stay on your own private island with this vacation that includes a solar-powered luxury canvas tent. littleraccoonkey.com
- **Georgia Safari Conservation Park.** Madison. Enjoy a true safari experience and see animals roaming the savanna when you stay in a luxury safari tent or giraffe suite. georgiasafari.com
- **Unicoi State Park & Lodge.** Helen. Bring your hammock or a sleeping bag for a night under the stars at Squirrels Nest covered camping platform. This site also has rustic barrel cabins and glamping options. unicoilodge.com
- **Harry Potter Adventures.** Chickamauga. Be immersed in the world of Harry Potter by staying in a themed "Dorm Room" guest suite, "Gamekeeper Hut" cabin or "The Burrow" home. airbnb.com
- **White Oak Pastures.** Bluffton. Experience life on a real working farm, where you can stay in an agritourism cabin. Enjoy the scenery, explore the farm, and dine at The Farmers Table restaurant. whiteoakpastures.com



Harry Potter Adventures, Chickamauga

- **Southern Belle Houseboat.** Bainbridge. Enjoy the scenery of Lake Seminole, fish from the back porch or just relax in this cozy houseboat that sleeps up to six people. vrbo.com
- **Southern Cross Guest Ranch.** Madison. At this all-inclusive, 225-acre dude ranch, guests can help care for the horses, ride the trails, fish, swim or relax in a luxury suite. southcross.com
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Where: 1182 Golden Ave., Dahlonega. 706-867-7116. canoegeorgia.com

Cost: \$9

● Cool River Tubing

This tubing company sits right in the German-inspired town of Helen. Along with tubing, their Aerial Adventure Park offers zip lines, aerial adventure courses and a climbing wall.

Where: 590 Edelweiss Strasse, Helen. 706-878-2665. coolrivertubing.com

Cost: \$14-\$18; Cool River Adventures, \$15-\$85

● Toccoa River Tubing

Take a relaxing 1.5-mile trip on the Toccoa River that is nestled in the scenic Blue Ridge area of the beautiful North Georgia Mountains.

Where: 340 Toccoa Ave., McCaysville. 706-492-5280. toccoatubing.com

Cost: \$14

● Euharlee Creek Outfitters

Float along in a tube up the Etowah River to end up near the historic Euharlee Bridge, or go for a longer trip from Euharlee Creek to Etowah River.

Where: 102 Covered Bridge Rd. SW, Euharlee. 770-607-1846. euharleecreekoutfitters.com

Cost: \$15-\$25

● Helen Tubing

This family attraction offers a 2.5-hour tube ride from Highway 75 North to Brucken Strasse.

Where: 9917 Hwy. 75 N, Helen. 706-878-7465. helentubing.com

Cost: \$14



Cool River Tubing

● Nantahala Outdoor Center

Plan an outdoor adventure with whitewater rafting, tubing, zip lining and more. Head to Clayton for a 5-6 hour rafting trip, or float down the Chattahoochee River in a tube. Kayak, canoe and paddleboard rentals also available.

Where: 5450 Interstate N. Pkwy., Atlanta and 203 Azalea Dr., Roswell. 828-785-5082. noc.com

Cost: \$30-\$155

● Southeastern Expeditions

The beginner rafting trip includes incredible scenery and stretches of whitewater for an overall relaxing trip along the Chattooga River.

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■ The Best Local Food, Pure and Simple

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FOR MORE INFO:

- **Rabun County**
explorerabun.com
- **White County**
helenga.org
- **Braselton**
explorebraselton.com/spirits
- **Gordon County**
exploreghordoncounty.com
- **Athens**
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● CJ Orchards

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● Cool Springs Blueberry Farm

Starting in mid-June, blueberries will be available for u-pick or pre-pick. Browse the gift shop with arts and crafts from local artisans. 5975 Smith Mill Rd., Gainesville. 770-535-7350. coolspringsblueberryfarm.com

● DJ's U-Pick Blueberry Farm

This farm offers u-pick by the pound in June and July as you peruse the blueberry fields full of gorgeous bushes. 1839 Prospect Rd., Lawrenceville. 678-687-2602. facebook.com/djsupickblueberries

● Fitzgerald Fruit Farms

This farm harvests blueberries, blackberries and peaches, and they sell other fresh produce, homemade goods, wine and ice cream. 3355 Imlac Rd., Woodbury. 706-553-2795. fitzgeraldfruitfarms.com

● Mercier Orchards

Head to Blue Ridge for u-pick blueberries and blackberries, and in July, you can also pick your own veggies. Take in the beauty of this 300-acre farm with a tractor ride, and stop by the market for food and treats. 8660 Blue Ridge Dr., Blue Ridge. 706-632-3411. mercier-orchards.com

● Oakhurst Farm

Head outside of metro Atlanta to this farm with blueberries, veggies, blackberries, flowers and more. 19710 GA Hwy. 219, West Point. 706-615-2081. oakhurstfarms.com

● Southern Belle Farm

Pick your own blueberries, blackberries and peaches at this farm. You can also shop the market for pre-picked produce, and at an extra cost, enjoy farm-themed play with the cow train, jumping pillow, Belle's Animal Barn and more. 1658 Turner Church Rd., McDonough. 770-288-2582. southernbellefarm.com

● Tuckaway Blueberry Farm

This family-owned and operated blueberry farm has more than 500 rabbit eye blueberry bushes. 3560 Claude Brewer Rd., Loganville. 770-560-5922. tuckawayblueberryfarm.com

● Whitley Farms

Whitley Farms is a veteran- and family-owned farm with blueberries, u-pick flowers, fresh produce, homemade desserts and more. Your family will also love watching the friendly bulls. 901 Bob Smith Rd., Sharpsburg. whitley-farms-berries.square.site

Sheet Pan Blueberry Pancakes

1/4 cup canola oil, divided
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
2 tbsp granulated sugar
2 tsp baking powder
1 tsp baking soda
1/4 tsp salt
1 1/3 cups buttermilk
2 eggs
1 tsp lemon zest
2 cups fresh blueberries, divided
Maple syrup

Preheat oven to 425° F. Grease 13- x 9-inch baking sheet with 2 tbsp oil; set aside.

In large bowl, whisk together flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt.

In separate bowl, whisk together buttermilk, eggs and lemon zest; stir in remaining oil. Whisk buttermilk mixture into flour mixture just until combined (do not overmix; a few lumps are OK). Let stand for 10 minutes.

Pour batter into prepared pan. Sprinkle 1 cup blueberries over top; bake for 10 to 12 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cut and serve pancakes with remaining blueberries and maple syrup following a few moments of cooling. *Source: blueberrycouncil.org*

Variations: For a lighter take, serve pancakes with 1 cup plain Greek yogurt or 1 cup of ricotta cheese with 1/4 cup honey.

Notes: If desired, substitute milk mixed with 1 tbsp lemon juice for buttermilk. Let stand for 15 minutes before using.





Your family won't miss a minute of fun this summer when you visit these partners.

- ☐ **Alliance Theatre**
alliancetheatre.org
- ☐ **Atlanta Botanical Garden**
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- ☐ **Atlanta Braves**
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- ☐ **Aurora Cineplex and The Fringe Mini Golf**
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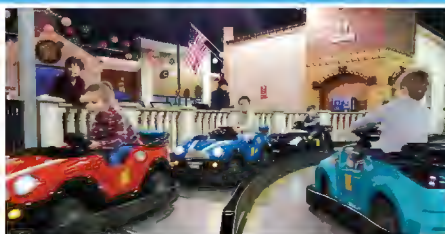
- ☐ **Chick fil-A College Football Hall of Fame**
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- ☐ **City of Acworth**
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chambleerocks.net
- ☐ **City of Norcross**
aplacetoimagine.com
- ☐ **Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation**
gwinnettparks.com
- ☐ **LEGO Discovery Center**
legodiscoverycenter.com/atlanta
- ☐ **Ready Set FUN!**
readyssetfun.com
- ☐ **Roswell Cultural Arts Center**
roswellcac.com
- ☐ **Sloomoo Institute**
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- ☐ **Stars & Strikes**
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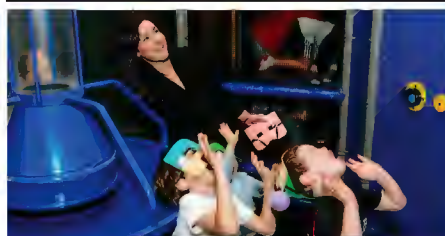
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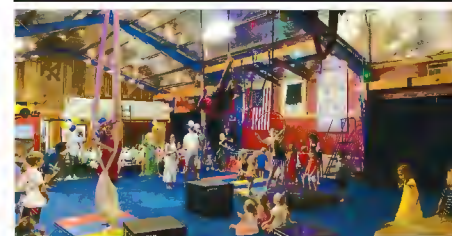
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