Summer is the best time to be in Los Angeles. There are so many festivals, shows, concerts and free events that you could do something different every day. We want to help you have the best summer ever so we’ve compiled a list with 100 Days of Things to do with Kids in LA this Summer starting on June 1st, 2018.
Friday, June 1

**Story Time: Beatrice's Boat**
Fowler Museum at UCLA  
308 Charles E. Young Dr. N., Los Angeles, CA 90024

The Fowler Museum hosts a special story time on the first and third Friday of each month. Story time begins at 11:30 am, and on Friday, June 1st, families will enjoy a reading of Beatrice's Boat, based on the true story of how a young Ugandan girl was able to attend school after her family received a goat. After the reading, a Museum Educator will lead families on an exploration of related artworks.

Saturday, June 2

**Hot Wheels Garage**  
Automobile Driving Museum  
610 Lairport St., El Segundo, CA

The Automobile Driving Museum is hosting its monthly Hot Wheels Garage on Saturday, June 2nd from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Children will see life-size Hot Wheels cars, participate in art projects, enjoy face painting, a balloon artist, racing, games, and more. Admission is free for children 10 and under. Adults are $10 each, children 11-17 are $5. $2 ice cream sundaes, in a 1950’s-themed ice cream parlor, will also be on sale.

Sunday, June 3

**Pacific Islander Festival**  
Aquarium of the Pacific  
100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

The Aquarium of the Pacific invites families to its Pacific Islander Festival happening on Saturday, June 2nd and Sunday, June 3rd (from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm each day). Families will learn about the diverse cultures of the Pacific Islands and enjoy traditional island music, dance, and cultural crafts. There will be games, live entertainment, demonstrations, and more. The Festival is included in general Aquarium admission.

Monday, June 4

**Toddler Storytime**  
Los Feliz Branch Library  
1874 Hillhurst Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90027

On Monday, June 4th at 11:00 am, the Los Feliz Library (a branch of the Los Angeles Public Library System) hosts a special storytime designed for children ages 2-4. Enjoy stories, songs, and directed play.

Tuesday, June 5

**Free Family Night**  
Kidspace Children's Museum  
480 N. Arroyo Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91103

The first Tuesday of each month, from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm, families are invited to visit Kidspace Children's Museum for free! On Tuesday, June 5th, families will learn "how art can support the environment and learn what you can create while being green!" Children will create art out of items that might have otherwise been thrown away, create posters, and learn about plants that help our state conserve water.

Wednesday, June 6

**Summer Movie Express at Regal Theatres**  
several locations including  
Edwards Alhambra Renaissance 14 & IMAX  
1 E. Main St., Alhambra, CA 91801

Regal Theatres invites families to its Summer Movie Express. All summer long, each Tuesday and Wednesday, Regal Theatres plays family-friendly movies for the bargain admission price of $1 per ticket. On Wednesday, June 6th, they're featuring The Iron Giant and Curious George. Check the website to locate a theatre near you and for that theatre's upcoming schedule.

Thursday, June 7

**Kids Club at The Grove**  
189 The Grove Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90036
Each Thursday, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, The Grove invites children and families to participate in its Kids Club. These free weekly presentations feature lots of fun, music, and interactive activities. (Kids Club is offered February through the end of October).

Friday, June 8

Free Family Movie Night – Moana
Redondo Pier
100 Fisherman’s Wharf, Redondo Beach, CA 90277

The Redondo Beach Pier hosts free family movie nights every Friday in June. On June 8th, families will enjoy a showing of Moana. Movies start at dusk (about 8:00 pm) and end about 10:00 pm.

Saturday, June 9

Eat See Hear Outdoor Movie: The Princess Bride
North Hollywood Recreation Center
(enter on Chandler Blvd. just west of Tujunga)

The popular film The Princess Bride will be shown on Friday, June 9th as part of the Eat See Hear Outdoor Movie series. Doors open at 5:30 pm, music begins at 7:00 pm, and the film starts at 8:30 pm. Food trucks will be on site as well. Be sure to bring pillows, cushions, blankets, and low chairs. Tickets are available online.

Sunday, June 10

Shark Sunday
Santa Monica Pier Aquarium
1600 Ocean Front Walk, Santa Monica, CA 90401

Each Sunday, from 3:30 pm to 4:00 pm, the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium hosts Shark Sunday. Families can “feast on a little knowledge while our well and horn sharks show down.” Adults and children 13 and older are $5 each, children 12 and younger are free.

Monday, June 11

Pacific Theatres Monday Morning Mommy Movies
several locations including
Pacific Theatres Glendale 18 at The Americana at Brand
322 Americana Way, Glendale, CA 91210

Pacific Theatres wants to make sure that parents with infants can still get out and watch movies on a big screen. No need to worry about a crying baby during this showing, because you won’t be the only one (though some babies may be crying, and some may even sleep through the whole film). Volume is kept lower and the screening room isn’t as dark. Check with each theatre location to verify the time and movie being shown. On June 11th, Ocean’s 8 is scheduled. (Most movies begin showing at 11:00 am).

Tuesday, June 12

Free Tuesday
The Autry Museum
4700 Western Heritage Way, Los Angeles, CA 90027

The second Tuesday of each month, The Autry Museum invites families to explore its galleries for free. The Autry celebrates the history, art, and culture of the American West. Families will walk through a number of exhibits that help us get a sense of how things have changed (and remained the same) over the years. The Autry is considered to be the only museum of its kind that combines Western history and cultures with Native American perspectives. You’ll find a number of family-friendly activities, including guided scavenger hunts throughout the museum, panning for “gold,” and sitting on top of a mock-up of a horse and pretending to ride along in a western film! The Museum is open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Wednesday, June 13

The Birds of Madrona – A Walk with Bob Shanman
Madrona Marsh Preserve
3201 Plaza Del Amo, Torrance, CA 90503

Bird-watching families will enjoy learning about birds at the Madrona Marsh Preserve. Bob Shanman is a local birding expert and will guide families during this bird walk. The walk is from 8:00 am to 10:00 am. (This event
Is held on the second Wednesday of each month).

Thursday, June 14

Free Admission Day
Santa Monica History Museum
1350 7th St., Santa Monica, Ca 90401

Exhibits at the Santa Monica History Museum are designed to give visitors a sense of Santa Monica's history. There are interactive exhibits, rare artifacts on display, and more. On the second Thursday of each month, the Museum offers free admission to all visitors.

Friday, June 15

Grunion Run
Cabrillo Marine Aquarium
3720 Stephen M. White Dr., San Pedro, CA 90731

Families are invited to experience the grunion run. Grunion are one of a few species of fish that come to shore to lay their eggs on the beach. Learn about these interesting fish and don't forget to dress warmly and bring a flashlight. Tickets are available online. ($5 for adults, $1 for children, students, and seniors). The event begins at 8:00 pm.

Saturday, June 16

Nothin' But Sand Beach Cleanup
Venice Beach Pier
Venice, CA 90292

Families can participate in "Nothin' But Sand" Beach Cleanup on Saturday, June 16th. Cleanups begin at 10:00 am. Come prepared with water. Bags, gloves, water, and snacks will be provided while supplies last. You can sign up online.

Sunday, June 17

Kids Club – Dad's Day Out
South Coast Botanic Garden
26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes, CA 90247

Dads and kids are invited to the South Coast Botanic Garden on Sunday, June 17th from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm for a special dad-centered activity. Families will hike through garden trails, design a memory box, and create burnt wood art. All dads are also invited to receive one complimentary beer at the Craft Beer Station. This special Kids club event is included with general Garden Admission. RSVP is encouraged.

Monday, June 18

Camp Creativity
Michael's
several locations including
11239 Ventura Blvd., Studio City, CA 91604

On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays (through July 27th) from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, children can attend "Camp Creativity" at Michael's. These hands-on activities include crafts and projects related to the week's theme. Sessions are $2 each for ages 3 and up, or $5 each for ages 6 and up.

Tuesday, June 19

Kids Club
Waterside at Marina del Rey
4700 Admiral Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292

Waterside at Marina del Rey hosts a weekly Kids Club each Tuesday from 11:15 am to 12:15 am. Enjoy lots of fun including music, entertainment, and more. Tuesday's schedule includes "Puppets Franklin Haynes."

Wednesday, June 20

The Jim Henson Exhibition: Imagination Unlimited
Skirball Cultural Center
2701 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90049
The Jim Henson Exhibition: Imagination Unlimited will be at the Skirball all summer long until September 2nd. Families will learn about the legendary Jim Henson and his "transformative impact on contemporary culture" and "groundbreaking approach to puppetry." The exhibit features more than 100 objects and twenty-five historic puppets including popular favorites such as Bert and Ernie, Kermit the Frog, and more. Families will also have a chance to design their own puppets in this interactive exhibition. ($12 for adults; $9 for seniors 65 and up; $7 for children 2-12; free for children younger than 2.

Thursday, June 21

Free Admission Day at the Japanese American National Museum (JANM)
100 N. Central Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90012

On the third Thursday of each month, the Japanese American National Museum invites visitors to explore its galleries and exhibits for free. The mission of the Museum is "to promote understanding and appreciation of American's ethnic and cultural diversity by sharing the Japanese American experience." It is in fact the largest museum in the United States that is dedicated to sharing the experience of those with Japanese ancestry. Current exhibits include hapa.me - 15 Years of the Hapa Project. The Museum is open 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm each Thursday.

Friday, June 22

Free Admission Friday
Long Beach Museum of Art
2300 E. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90803

The Long Beach Museum of Art offers free admission all day each Friday. The Long Beach Museum of Art is described as a "community-based organization" that includes a permanent collection as well as changing exhibits. The permanent exhibit includes "more than 3,200 works encompassing 300 years of American and European art in all media." It's a relatively small museum which makes it just the right size for kids.

Saturday, June 23

BLOOM
Griffith Park
5202 Zoo Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90027

"BLOOM is an interactive, pop-art art show with nearly a dozen large-scale installation art pieces, spread out over 100,000 square feet of lush grass in Griffith Park on June 22, 23, and 24." Children will enjoy wandering among a rolling field of pinwheel poppies, make a wish under giant dandelions, and more. All the while, families will also be learning about honeybees and the important work they do. You'll also find edible flowers, hands-on workshops, food trucks, musical performances, and lots more. Advance tickets only. Tickets are available online.

Sunday, June 24

CicLAvia – The Valley
Panorama City, Arleta, Pacoima

CicLAvia returns to the Valley and invites families to participate. If you're not familiar with CicLAvia, it's a no-car event where streets are only open for cyclists, pedestrians, and runners. It's not a race, so families can explore at their own pace. You can enter and exit anywhere along the route. Check the website for information about the route and safety tips.

Monday, June 25

JAM Session: Japanese Folk Dance
Ford Theatres
2580 Cahuenga Blvd. East, Hollywood, CA 90068

Learn about the "beauty and grace of Japanese festival dancing" on Monday, June 25th at 7:00 pm. All JAM Sessions are "free participatory events centered around movement and music." All ages and skill levels are welcome. Be sure to wear comfortable clothes and shoes. Reservations are recommended as space is limited.

Tuesday, June 26

Weekly Story Time at Pottery Barn Kids
several locations including
3200 N. Sepulveda Blvd. D6, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266
Each Tuesday at 11:00 am, Pottery Barn Kids hosts a weekly children's story time. Enjoy a read-aloud, activities, and more. Participants can become a Pottery Barn Kids Book Club member (for free) and then receive a special surprise after attending five story time events.

Wednesday, June 27

Meet a Live Animal
Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County
900 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90007

From 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm, visitors at the Natural History Museum can get an up-close and personal look at a living animal. Museum educators will introduce and discuss different animals (from snakes to tortoises to bugs).

Thursday, June 28

Beach Eats Food Truck Thursdays
Mother's Beach Parking Lot #10
4101 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292

Each Thursday evening from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm throughout the summer, families are invited to enjoy some of the best food trucks around. Families may bring their own beach chairs, enjoy dinner by the ocean, and enjoy live music (from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm).

Friday, June 29

Outdoor Movie: The Muppet Movie
Skirball Cultural Center
2701 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90049

The Skirball invites families to a special outdoor showing of The Muppet Movie on Friday, June 29th. The film starts at 8:30 pm, and doors open at 6:30 pm. Be sure to arrive early to view the exhibition The Jim Henson Exhibition: Imagination Unlimited. Admission is $12 for adults; $9 for children over 12 and full-time students; and $7 for children 2-12. Tickets are available online. (The film is rated G).

Saturday, June 30

Family Drop-In Program: Botanical Art
The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens
1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, CA 91108

On Saturday, June 30th families are invited to participate in “family activities centered around botanical art” at The Huntington. These fun activities are related to the exhibition “Out of the Woods: Celebrating Trees in Public Gardens.” All activities are included in general admission. (Adults are $29; seniors 65 and older are $24; students 12-18 are $24; youth 4-11 are $13; and children younger than 4 are free).

Sunday, July 1

Sensory Sensitive Sundays
Chuck E. Cheese's
several locations including
2706 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90057

On the first Sunday of each month, families who have children with autism and special needs are invited to
visit Chuck E. Cheese's for a special experience. On these days, Chuck E. Cheese's opens two hours early so families will find less noise, less crowds, and dimmed lighting. But children and families will still enjoy food and games and appreciate the trained staff on hand.

Monday, July 2

**Half-Price Mondays**
**Annenberg Community Beach House**
415 Pacific Coast Highway, Santa Monica, CA 90402

Head to the Annenberg Community Beach House each Monday this summer to take advantage of "Half-Price Mondays" (excluding holidays). If you've never been, the Annenberg Community Beach House offers a variety of amenities including a swimming pool, beach volleyball, a playground, a splash pad, beach access, and much more. Regular admission is $10 for adults, $4 for children ages 1-17.

Tuesday, July 3

**Celebrate the 4th of July!**
**Pretend City Children's Museum**
29 Hubble, Irvine, CA 92618

Celebrate Independence Day with special events at Pretend City. From 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, children will enjoy story times, a patriotic dance party, art projects, a parade, and more. The event is included in general admission.

Wednesday, July 4

**Marina del Rey 4th of July Fireworks Show**
**Burton Chace Park**
13650 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey, CA

Many families believe that the Marina del Rey is one of the best places to watch 4th of July fireworks! Make a day of it by exploring the shops, hanging out by the water, enjoying a picnic, and settling in for an amazing show in the sky. Fireworks begin at 9:00 pm.

Thursday, July 5

**Tyke Hike**
**Madrona Marsh Preserve**
3201 Plaza del Amo, Torrance, CA 90505

The Tyke Hike is designed for young visitors (3 months to 6 years) and their caregivers. Go for a walk while listening for birds, looking out for frogs, and learning about nature. The event is free though a $5 donation is highly appreciated. (Tyke Hike is offered the first Thursday of each month and is from 10:00 am to 11:30 am)

Friday, July 6

**Abbot Kinney First Fridays**
Abbot Kinney Blvd. (between Venice Blvd. and Westminster), Venice, CA 90291

On the first Friday of the month, families will enjoy a selection of food trucks on Abbot Kinney. Select shops will remain open late, select restaurants will have special promotions, and be on the lookout for special events in pop-up locations. Most food trucks set up at 4:00 pm and are ready to go at 5:00 pm. The fun is scheduled from 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm each Friday night (though some venues may stay open later).

Saturday, July 7

**Street Food Cinema: E.T.**
**Will Rogers State Historic Park**
1501 Will Rogers State Park Rd., Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

Enjoy the classic film, E.T., at the Will Rogers State Historic Park. Doors open at 6:00 pm, the band performs at 6:30 pm, and then at 8:30 the movie begins. No tickets are available at the door; all tickets must be purchased in advance online. Ticket information is available online.

Sunday, July 8

**Dance Sundays with Debbie Allen and Friends**
The Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts (Promenade Terrace)
Enjoy a fun, free introduction to Salsa at Dance Sundays with Debbie Allen and Friends. This free event will get your heart rate up and is guaranteed to bring some smiles and laughs. The family-friendly dance class is from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Monday, July 9

Butterfly Pavilion
Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County
900 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90007

The annual Butterfly Pavilion is at the Natural History Museum until September 3rd, and you don't want to miss it! Wander around the Pavilion and see hundreds of free-flying butterflies. Look carefully and you may even spot some caterpillars! Tickets are available online.

Tuesday, July 10

Free Admission Day
Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA)
5905 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90036

LACMA offers free general admission to all visitors on the second Tuesday of each month. And remember, NexGen members (free for children 17 and younger) always receive free general admission for themselves and one accompanying adult.

Wednesday, July 11

Kids Yoga on The Green
The Americana at Brand
889 Americana Way, Glendale, CA 91210

Each Wednesday from 11:00 am to 11:45 am, children are invited to Kids Yoga on The Green at The Americana. This free, weekly class is led by Heather Mendoza and is recommended for children 3-6 years of age. Parents are welcome to participate as well.

Thursday, July 12

Free Admission
Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) Grand
250 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90012 and
The Geffen Contemporary at MOCA
152 N. Central Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90012

Each Thursday evening, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, MOCA Grand and The Geffen Contemporary at MOCA offer free admission to all visitors. It's a great way to introduce children to contemporary art and begin the conversation about what defines something as art.

Friday, July 13

Outdoor Movie: Labyrinth
Skirball Cultural Center
2701 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90049

The Skirball invites families to a special outdoor showing of Labyrinth (starring David Bowie and Jennifer Connelly) on Friday, July 13th. The film starts at 8:30 pm, and doors open at 6:30 pm. Be sure to arrive early to view the exhibition The Jim Henson Exhibition: Imagination Unlimited. Admission is $12 for adults; $9 for children over 12 and full-time students; and $7 for children 2-12. Tickets are available online. (The film is rated PG).

Saturday, July 14

38th Annual Lotus Festival
Echo Park Lake
751 Echo Park Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90026

The annual Lotus Festival is happening Saturday, July 14th and Sunday, July 15th from 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm each day. This free event celebrates the arts and cultures of the Asian Pacific Regions. Families will enjoy live entertainment, arts and crafts, a food court, and more.
Orange County Fair
88 Fair Dr., Costa Mesa, CA 92626

The Orange County Fair is a yearly tradition for many families. The Fair begins Friday, July 13th and continues through Sunday, August 12th where you can “free your inner farmer.” Families will enjoy live musical entertainment, shopping, exhibits, animals, rides, food, and more. Check the website for ticket information.

Monday, July 16

Make-It-Monday
Eagle Rock Branch Library
5027 Caspar Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90041

Each Monday this summer (through July 30th) from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm, families are invited to the Eagle Rock Branch Library for its special Make-It-Monday activities. Kids will “make art, investigate science, and get creative.” Check the website for a schedule of themes for each week. On the 16th, kids will be involved with “Shrink-y-Dink Charm Making.”

Tuesday, July 17

Free Admission Day
South Coast Botanic Garden
26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274

The South Coast Botanic Garden offers free admission on the third Tuesday of each month. Families will stroll through 87 acres, viewing “a wide variety of blooming trees, shrubs, and flowers.” You’ll find a section with California Native Plants, a Desert Garden, a Garden for the Senses, a Children’s Garden and Children’s Discovery Garden, a Mediterranean Garden, and much more. The Garden is open from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Wednesday, July 18

V.I.B. Hour
Zimmer Children’s Museum
6505 Wilshire Blvd. #100, Los Angeles, CA 90048

V.I.B. Hour is for “Very Important Babies.” The Zimmer Children’s Museum opens on Wednesdays an hour earlier than it’s usual opening time. V.I.B. is from 9:00 am to 10:00 am and is especially for children under 2. (Admission is $7.50, children under 1 are free).

Thursday, July 19

Silver Lake Picture Show: Mrs. Doubtfire
Sunset Triangle Plaza
1523 Griffith Park Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90026

Throughout the summer, the Silver Lake Picture Show screens movies at the Sunset Triangle Plaza. (Note — not all movies are child-friendly). Mrs. Doubtfire is rated PG-13 and stars Robin Williams dressing as older, British nanny. The event is free and begins at 7:30 pm.

Friday, July 20

Summer Music at The Original Farmers Market
6333 W. Third St., Los Angeles, CA 90036

Friday evenings from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, families can enjoy live musical performances at The Original Farmers Market. These free events are fun for the whole family, and while you’re there you can sample one of the many eateries at The Market. On July 20th, families will enjoy a “Bobby Matos Tribute” featuring Afro-Cuban Jazz.

Saturday, July 21

Street Food Cinema: Grease
Victory Park
2575 Paloma St., Pasadena, CA 91107

It’s the 40th anniversary of Grease, and you can celebrate with an outdoor screening of this popular film at Victory Park as part of Street Food Cinema. Doors open at 5:30 pm, the band performs at 6:30 pm, and then at ©’82 the movie begins. No tickets are available at the door; all tickets must be purchased in advance online.
Sunday, July 22

Concerts on the Green: ARRIVAL from Sweden – The Music of ABBA
Warner Center Park
5800 Topanga Canyon Blvd., Woodland Hills, CA 91367

Fans of ABBA will enjoy ARRIVAL from Sweden. The band has toured close to 55 countries and has appeared on several television and radio shows. On Sunday, the free outdoor concert begins at 5:30 pm with a performance from the Emerging Artist Program, and then at 6:30 pm, ARRIVAL from Sweden will take the stage. Families may bring blankets, low chairs, tarps, and pillows for their comfort.

Monday, July 23
Magic Monday
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 4th St., Santa Monica, CA 90401

Each Monday, the Santa Monica Playhouse hosts "Magic Monday." The show starts at 8:00 pm, with a pre-show in the courtyard at 7:30 pm. Shows are approximately 75 minutes in length and feature "the very best magicians and variety acts from The Magic Castle, America's Got Talent, Penn & Teller: Fool Us" and more. Shows are recommended for ages 8 and up. Tickets are available online and are $40 each.

Tuesday, July 24

Kids Eat Free Tuesday
IKEA Burbank
600 IKEA Way, Burbank, CA 91502

If you’ve got some back-to-school furniture shopping to do, head to IKEA on a Tuesday and take advantage of their restaurant’s special offer. With the purchase of one adult entree, you can receive up to two kids meals for free. (Valid for kids 12 and younger).

Wednesday, July 25

Sunset Walk and Talk
Griffith Observatory
2800 E. Observatory Rd., Los Angeles, CA 90027

Each month, the Observatory offers a "sunset hike led by a Park Ranger and a Museum Guide." Families will hike about half a mile over an hour’s time at a moderate pace. Families will learn about the history of Griffith Park as well as learn about the objects visible in the evening sky. The hike is scheduled from 7:50 pm to 8:50 pm.

Thursday, July 26

Summer Movie Fest: Star Wars: The Last Jedi
California State University Northridge (CSUN)
18111 Nordhoff St., Northridge, CA 91330

As part of their Summer Movie Fest, the CSUN campus invites families to an outdoor viewing of Star Wars: The Last Jedi. Movies start at dusk. Families are invited to bring blankets and short lawn chairs for more comfortable seating. Movies are free; parking is $8.

Friday, July 27

Kids Club
Lakewood Center
500 Lakewood Center, Lakewood, CA 90712

The Lakewood Center Kids Club meets on the fourth Friday of each month at 11:00 am. At this month’s activity, kids will learn about planets, stars, and space travel. Children will make crafts, enjoy face painting, and read related picture books.

Saturday, July 28

Big World Fun: Kim Eung Hwa Korean Dance Company
Ford Theatres
2580 Cahuenga Blvd. East, Hollywood, CA 90068

As part of its Big World Fun Series, families can visit the Ford Theatres on Saturday, July 28th at 10:00 am for a performance by the Kim Eung Hwa Korean Dance Company. Children will be enchanted by the "colorful costumes, vibrant music and elegant dance moves." Performances are one-hour long and are designed for children ages 4 to 12 and their families. Pre-show activities begin at 9:00 am. Admission is $5 for adults, and free for children ages 12 and younger. Advanced reservations recommended.

Sunday, July 29

Annie at the Hollywood Bowl
2301 N. Highland Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90068

The Hollywood Bowl "celebrates one of the longest-running shows in Broadway history - Annie" with performances on Friday, July 27th, Saturday, July 28th, and Sunday, July 29th. Enjoy such classic songs as
“Tomorrow” and “It’s a Hard Knock Life” at this fun, family-friendly performance. Tickets are available online.

Monday, July 30

Comic-Inspired Art Series
North Hollywood Amelia Earhart Regional Library
5211 Tujunga Ave., North Hollywood, CA 91605

A LACMA-affiliated art program is happening at the North Hollywood Amelia Earhart Regional Library at 2:00 pm on July 30th. Participants will learn “superflat techniques,” and study the styles of different artists from LACMA's collection “who incorporate comics or comic-inspired images into their work.” Then, participants can create their own comic book-inspired drawings “by adding characters, text, and visual sound effects as we discuss design elements of the ‘Superflat’ movement.”

Tuesday, July 31

Terrific Tuesdays: Great Arizona Puppet Theater
3 Little Kittens: The Mewistical
Beverly Hills Public Library
Civic Center Plaza
444 N. Roxford Dr., Beverly Hills, CA

The Beverly Hills Library invites families to its Terrific Tuesdays event at 4:00 pm. This week’s show features the Great Arizona Puppet Theater performing “3 Little Kittens: The Mewistical” All events are free.

Wednesday, August 1

Drop-In Summer Family Fun
The Autry Museum
4700 Western Heritage Way, Los Angeles, CA 90027

Families can participate in “Drop-In Summer Family Fun” through August 3rd (on Tuesdays through Fridays, 10:30 am to 2:30 pm). Children can explore the galleries while completing scavenger hunts, learn about the history of the West through interactive carts, have fun with dress-up trunks, and much more. These activities are best for children 5 and older and are included with Museum admission.

Thursday, August 2

JAM Session: Swing Dance
Old Town Newhall Library
24500 Main St., Newhall, CA 91321

All ages and skill levels are welcome to participate in the Swing Dance Jam Session. The event begins at 7:00 pm, is free, and is appropriate for all ages and skill levels. “JAM Sessions are participatory and centered around movement and music.” Wear comfortable clothes and shoes.

Friday, August 3

GOOOOOL! The World Cup’s Greatest Moments
Forest Lawn Museum
Forest Lawn – Glendale
1712 S. Glendale Blvd., Glendale, CA

Soccer fans should check out GOOOOOL! The World Cup’s Greatest Moments opens at the Forest Lawn Museum.
This original art exhibition is supported by the FIFA World Football Museum in Switzerland and features "images, jerseys, soccer balls, medals, tickets, and other soccer objects that reveal the greatest and most controversial moments in soccer history." The exhibition will be on display until September 16th. Admission is free. (The Museum is closed on Mondays, and open 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Tuesday through Sunday).

Saturday, August 4

**Story Time**
Santa Monica Pier Aquarium
1600 Ocean Front Walk, Santa Monica, CA 90401

Each Saturday, from 2:00 pm to 2:30 pm, kids are invited to the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium for an ocean-themed story time. Following the reading, there will be a live animal presentation.

Sunday, August 5

**Discounted Late Nights**
Aquarium of the Pacific
100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

The Aquarium of the Pacific hosts Discounted Late Nights on select evenings throughout the summer. The Aquarium will be open with extended hours, until 8:00 pm, (except for Lorikeet Forest), and admission after 5:00 pm is $14.95 for adults, seniors, and children ages 3-11. Experience the Aquarium in a new way — at night!

Monday, August 6

**Summer Movie Fun**
Cerritos 16
600 Los Cerritos Center, Cerritos, CA 90703

During the summer, 10 family-friendly movies will be shown over the course of 10 weeks. Movies begin at 9:45 am. During the week of August 6-10, the film *Paddington 2* will be shown. Tickets are available now. (The film is rated PG).

Tuesday, August 7

**Movies in the Park: The Incredibles**
Portola Park
301 S. Euclid St., La Habra, CA

The city of La Habra hosts "Movies in the Park" at various La Habra locations. On August 7th (as part of La Habra's Police Department's National Night Out) event, Portola Park is the place for families to enjoy *The Incredibles*. Movies begin at dusk, and refreshments will be available for sale. Families are encouraged to bring their own blankets and/or lawn chairs.

Wednesday, August 8

**Storytime at Vroman's**
695 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91101

Each Wednesday (and Saturday) at 10:00 am, families are invited to story time at Vroman's Bookstore. Founded in 1894, Vroman's Bookstore is the "oldest and largest independent bookstore in Southern California."

Thursday, August 9

**Concerts on Canon**
Beverly Canon Gardens
241 N. Canon Dr., Beverly Hills, CA 90210

The city of Beverly Hills hosts Concerts on Canon each Thursday night. Each night features two 45-minute sets at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm and 7:15 pm to 8:00 pm. On August 9th, enjoy the big band/swing sound of the Eric E. Ensemble.

Friday, August 10

**Arboretum Summer Nights**
Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden
301 N Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA 91007
The L.A. Arboretum hosts live, family-friendly musical performances. Gates open at 5:00 pm, and the concert, featuring local bands, begins at 6:00 pm. Admission is $7 for adults and $4 for children ages 5-12.

Saturday, August 11

*Movies on the Green: Coco*
Warner Ranch Park
5800 Topanga Canyon Blvd., Woodland Hills, CA 91367

Enjoy the 2017-film Coco as part of the Movies on the Green Series. The movie begins at dusk (about 8:00 pm) and ends at about 10:00 pm. Movies are free, though there is a full concession stand on-site. Don't forget to bring blankets, low chairs, and pillows.

Sunday, August 12

*Jazz on the Lawn*
Gandara Park
1819 Stewart St., Santa Monica, CA 90404

The city of Santa Monica hosts Jazz on the Lawn on Sundays in August from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. These free events feature musical performances and dance lessons. Food trucks will be on-site as well.

Monday, August 13

*Roundhouse Aquarium*
(at the end of the Manhattan Beach Pier)

The Roundhouse Aquarium is located at the end of the Manhattan Beach Pier. This facility offers free admission (although donations of $2 each, or $5 per family are suggested) and offers kids the chance to interact with marine life through viewing and touch tanks.

Tuesday, August 14

*Little Owls Reading Nest*
Descanso Gardens
1418 Descanso Dr., La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91011

From 10:30 am to 11:00 am on Tuesdays, children ages 2 and older are invited for a special nature-themed story time in beautiful Descanso Gardens. Story time is free with admission.

Wednesday, August 15

*Summer Music Series at the Point*
Rosecrans and Sepulveda Blvd., El Segundo, CA

The Point hosts a free concert series each Wednesday from July 11 through August 29th. Performances are scheduled from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, and each week a different musical genre is spotlighted. On the 15th, families will enjoy “Jack Dani 90s Rock Review.”

Thursday, August 16

*Canoga Park Summertime ARtrageous Art Walk*
Downtown Canoga Park
intersection of Sherman Way and Topanga Blvd., Canoga Park, CA

On the third Thursday of each month from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm, families can participate in the Canoga Park Summertime ARtrageous Art Walk. The Art Walk features musicians, vendors, artists, and food trucks.

Friday, August 17

*Classic Car Show*
Bob's Big Boy
4211 W. Riverside Dr., Burbank, CA 91505

Attending the Classic Car Show at Bob's is like getting two special events in one. Not only is this restaurant the oldest Big Boy in the United States (it’s been declared a historical landmark), but each Friday you’ll be treated to views of classic cars! The Car Show happens each Friday from 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm.
Saturday, August 18

Public Star Party
Griffith Observatory
2800 E. Observatory Rd., Los Angeles, CA 90027

One Saturday a month, the Griffith Observatory hosts public star parties from 2:00 pm to 9:45 pm. Families will have the chance to use telescopes to view the Sun, Moon, planets, and more. Astronomers will be on hand to answer any questions.

Sunday, August 19

Summer Sounds: The Lady Lucks, All Female Swing Band
Kings Road Park
1000 Kings Rd., West Hollywood, CA 90069

The City of West Hollywood presents its Summer Sounds free outdoor concert series. All shows are first-come, first-served and while RSVP’s aren’t required, they are requested. On the 19th, the Lady Lucks, an all female swing band, will be performing at 5:00 pm.

Monday, August 20

[Pages]: A Bookstore
904 Manhattan Ave., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

This independent book store is a favorite of families living in (or near) Manhattan Beach. They offer a children’s story time each Monday at 10:30 am. And moms will love knowing that this charming book store is owned and operated by four moms!

Tuesday, August 21

Rainforest Adventure Exhibit
Discovery Cube Orange County
2500 N. Main St., Santa Ana, CA 92705

Children of all ages are invited to participate in Rainforest Adventure at the Discovery Cube Orange County. Learn about our tropical rainforests, the challenges facing our planet’s rainforests, and what everyone can do to help. Role play as research assistants, climb a kapok tree, build a model insect, explore a gorilla nest, and much more in this highly interactive exhibit. Admission tickets are available online.

Wednesday, August 22

Wacky Wednesday!
Vermont Square Branch Library
1201 W. 48th St., Los Angeles, CA 90037

Each Wednesday at 4:00 pm, kids can visit the Vermont Square Branch Library for an afternoon of games and activities including ping pong, building blocks, and more.

Thursday, August 23

Redondo Beach Pier concert Series
Redondo Beach Pier
100 Fisherman’s Wharf, Redondo Beach, CA 90277

The Redondo Beach Pier hosts free concerts each Thursday evening throughout the summer from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. These free community events will feature a variety of musical genres each week including blues, country, jazz, salsa, and more.

Friday, August 24

Nat Geo Kids Club
Lakewood Center
500 Lakewood Center Mall, Lakewood, CA 90712

Kids Club meets on the 4th Friday each month at the Lakewood Center. The fun starts at 11:00 am, and each month there is a different theme. Enjoy fun activities at this free monthly event.

Saturday, August 25
Eat See Hear Outdoor Movie: Back to the Future
The Autry Museum
4700 Western Heritage Way, Los Angeles, CA 90027

Enjoy the 80s classic Back to the Future at the Autry Museum as part of the Eat See Hear Series. Doors open at 5:30 pm, music performances begin at 7:00 pm, and the movie starts at 8:30 pm. Food trucks will be on site as well. Be sure to bring pillows, cushions, and blankets. Ticket information is available online. (The film is rated PG-13).

Sunday, August 26

Hermosa Beach Summer Concerts
South side of Hermosa Beach Pier, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254

Each Sunday in August, the city of Hermosa Beach hosts a free concert from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Enjoy live musical performances and a front-row seat to the best show — a glorious sunset!

Monday, August 27

Dinosaurs Around the World
Discovery Cube Los Angeles
11800 Foothill Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 91342

Get ready to get up-close and personal with dinosaurs at the Discovery Cube. Families will "experience the Age of Reptiles through advanced animatronics, fossils, and authentic casts." Take a look at examples of dinosaurs from around the world while learning about geology, geography, and climatology. The exhibit will be at the Discovery Cube until September 3rd.

Tuesday, August 28

The Children's Museum at La Habra
301 S. Euclid St., La Habra, CA 90631

Lindo Mexico gives children the opportunity to learn about our nearest neighboring country. Kids can "visit Abuelita's Kitchen, celebrate Dia de Los Muertos, shop in a colorful Mercado, visit an Aztec Ruin," and much more in this exhibit at The Children's Museum at La Habra. The exhibition continues until December 31st. Admission is $10 each, and children under 2 are free.

Wednesday, August 29

Dreaming the Universe: The Intersection of Science, Fiction, and Southern California
Pasadena Museum of History
470 W. Walnut St., Pasadena, CA 91103

You'll want to be sure to visit this exhibition before it closes on September 2nd. You'll find artifacts, fine and graphic arts, books, costumes, photographs, and more which helps to tell the "history of science fiction in Southern California from the 1930s to the 1980's, and how it interacted with the advances of science, the changes in technology, and shifts in American society." (Admission is $9 per person; children 12 and younger are free).

Thursday, August 30

Play Chalet Storytime
17537 Chatsworth St., Granada Hills, CA 91344

Play Chalet Storytime hosts an interactive storytelling featuring reading, songs, and play. Storytime is scheduled from 11:00 am to 11:30 am and is included in Open Play.

Friday, August 31

John Williams: Maestro of the Movies – 40th Anniversary Celebration!
Hollywood Bowl
2301 N. Highland Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90068

John Williams, “Hollywood’s beloved master of cinematic scores,” celebrates the 40th Anniversary of his Hollywood Bowl debut with a very special concert. Families will enjoy listening to the sounds of some of his biggest movie hits. A selection of movie clips will also be featured on the Bowl's big screen. In addition to John Williams, David Newman will also be conducting the Los Angeles Philharmonic. Tickets are available online for this concert as well as the Saturday and Sunday shows.
September

Saturday, September 1

**Wonder-Full - A Stevie Wonder Celebration**  
Levitt Pavilion Los Angeles  
northwest corner of MacArthur Park, Los Angeles, CA

Levitt Pavilion Los Angeles hosts 50 free summer concerts between June 9th and September 2nd. On Saturday, September 1st from 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm, families will enjoy a “night of remixes, covers, and rhythms celebrating the musical output of R&B icon Stevie Wonder.” Concerts are free; RSVP online.

Sunday, September 2

**Kid’s Yoga at Monica + Andy**  
Santa Monica Place  
395 Santa Monica Pl., Santa Monica, CA 90401

Each Sunday at 11:00 am, children ages 3-5 are invited to participate in a special kid-friendly yoga session. This “fun, light-hearted” class features music and a “relaxing meditation book reading.”

Monday, September 3

**Fiesta Hermosa**  
Downtown Hermosa Beach

Fiesta Hermosa happens twice a year — Saturday, Sunday, and Monday from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm each day on Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends. It is considered the “largest arts and crafts fair in Southern California.” Families can see the works of over 300 artists and crafters, enjoy live musical entertainment, partake of the Food Court, and spend some time at the Kiddie Carnival (featuring rides, a rock climbing wall, pony rides, a petting zoo, face painters, and more).

Tuesday, September 4

**Free Admission Day**  
La Brea Tar Pits Museum  
5801 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90036

On the first Tuesday of each month (except in July and August) and every Tuesday during September, the La Brea Tar Pits Museum offers free admission. Wander through the Museum and feel like you’re walking back in time. On display you’ll find thousands of different fossils from 650 different species, including dire wolves, ancient horses, the Columbian mammoth, coyotes, and more. Be sure to reserve tickets in advance, because these free admission days are extremely popular.

Wednesday, September 5

**Imagined West Studios**  
The Autry Museum  
4700 Western Heritage Way, Los Angeles, CA 90027

The Imagined West Studios is a “kid-friendly movie studio space designed and built by artist Mac Maker.” The space is designed with children ages 2-6 in mind, but is really fun for the entire family. Visitors can act out and film their “own cinematic visions of the American West using creative props on a whimsically themed set.”

Thursday, September 6
Beyond the Nile: Egypt and the Classical World
The Getty Center
Getty Center Dr. and Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles, CA

Beyond the Nile: Egypt and the Classical World "explores the artistic interplay between the three great cultures of Egypt, Greece, and Rome from about 2000 BC to AD 300." The artifacts on display "explores the artistic interplay between these cultures from the Bronze Age to Roman times." The exhibit closes September 9th. Admission is free.

Friday, September 7

Not An Ostrich: And Other Images From America's Library
Annenberg Space for Photography
2000 Avenue of the Stars, Los Angeles, CA 90067

Not An Ostrich: And Other Images From America's Library is an exhibition taken from the over 14 million photos permanently housed at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. The nearly 500 photos on display span the history of photography and include iconic portraits as well as "vivid color portrayals of America." Be sure to ask the front desk for a Family Activity Guide. Admission is free. The exhibit closes September 9th.

Saturday, September 8

2nd Saturday @ The Adobe
Reyes Adobe Historical Site
30400 Rainbow Crest Dr., Agoura Hills, CA 91301

On the second Saturday of each month from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm, the Reyes Adobe Historical Site invites children ages 3-8 to participate in a free arts and crafts activity related to that month's theme. Families are also invited to take advantage of docent-led tours of the site. Pack a picnic lunch and make a day of it! Events are free, but donations are gratefully accepted.

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