**Summer Opportunities for Kids and Families**

**A Few Places/Things you Might Want to Check out this Summer:**

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| **Who** | **What** | **Where** | **How** | **Other Info:** |
| Ozark Folk Center | America's only facility that works at preserving the Ozark heritage and sharing it in an entertaining way.  Crafts, music and more activities throughout the year, especially in the summer! | Mountain View | <http://www.ozarkfolkcenter.com/> | State Park |
| Loco Ropes | State-of-the-art treetop adventure park experience.  That’s right - a thrilling high wire adventure rope course with 3  different segments totaling 30+ challenges to test your nerve,  endurance, agility, and strength. | Mountain View | <http://www.locoropes.com/> | Part of Ozark Folk Center State Park |
| Crater of Diamond State Park | Experience a one-of-a-kind adventure hunting for real diamonds. Search over a 37 1/2-acre plowed field, the eroded surface of an ancient volcanic crater that 100 million years ago brought to the surface the diamonds and some of the semi-precious stones lucky visitors find here today. | Murfreesboro | <http://www.craterofdiamondsstatepark.com/> |  |
| Splash Zone | Managed by the City of Jacksonville, Splash Zone offers three pool layout and offers recreation, exercise and fun for all ages at a very affordable price ($5). | Jacksonville | <http://www.cityofjacksonville.net/index.aspx?page=188> |  |
| Petit Jean State Park | Arkansas’s first state park; cabins, camping, beautiful views and hiking trails. | Morrilton | <http://www.petitjeanstatepark.com/> |  |
| Movies in the Park | Free movies playing outdoors in the Riverfront Amphitheater | Little Rock | <http://www.arkansas.com/events/details.aspx?id=99905> |  |

**Websites visit to find out what to do in the summer – free and paid activities**

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| <http://www.library.arkansas.gov/Pages/stateMap.aspx> | Find a public library near you for all kinds of free and fun activities throughout the summer |
| <http://www.arkansasstateparks.com/> | Find a state park near you for lots of summer fun |
| <http://www.familydaysout.com/kids-things-to-do-usa/arkansas> | GREAT search engine for things to do with kids across the state |
| <http://www.cals.org/events/> | Central Arkansas Library – lots of free activities |
| <http://littlerock.about.com/od/toursouthwestarkansas/Tour_Southwest_Arkansas.htm> | Things to do in Southwest Arkansas |
| <http://www.greatriverroad.com/msouth/calendararkansas.htm> | Information on things to do in Northeast Arkansas |
| <http://www.pinebluffcvb.org/things-to-do/museums/> | Things to do in Pine Bluff |
| <http://www.cityofbryant.com/index.aspx?NID=253> | Bryant parks and rec – information on summer programs and other activities for kids and families |
| <http://www.arkansas.com/events/> - | Search all of Arkansas for family friendly events by date and by city |
| <http://www.ci.sherwood.ar.us/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=50&catid=13&Itemid=167> | Sherwood city parks and pools |
| <http://www.bgca.org/whoweare/Pages/FindaClub.aspx> | Locate a Boys and Girls Club near you |
| [www.littlerock.com/calendar](http://www.littlerock.com/calendar) | Search fora variety of activities occurring in central Arkansas |
| <http://www.nwakidsdirectory.com/calendar/> | Lists all kinds of free events going on in Northwest Arkansas |
| <http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g60766-Activities-Little_Rock_Arkansas.html> | Search for activities in Little Rock |
| <http://www.bentonville.org/events.asp?id=11> | Information on all kinds of activities going on in the Northwest Arkansas area |
| <http://www.arkansas.com/things-to-do/101things/> | Free and inexpensive things to do across Arkansas |
| <http://www.littlerocksoiree.com/datebook> | Look up events by city and date. |
| <http://www.littlerock.org/ParksRecreation/parks/> | Little Rock city parks and maps/ |
| <http://www.experiencefayetteville.com/calendar> - | Lists all kinds of things to do in the Fayetteville area |
| <http://www.arkansasstateparks.com/park-finder/default.aspx#.UzBGQU1OWUk> | Search Arkansas’s state parks by city |
| <http://www.littlerock.com/things-to-do/free-things-to-do/> | Free things to do in Little Rock |
| <http://cityguide.sheknows.com/guide/little-rock-ar/summer-activities-in-little-rock-ar> | Summer activities in Little Rock |
| <http://www.activitytree.com/kids-classes-lessons-and-camps/all/arkansas/bentonville/72712/> | Different activities - - lessons and classes - - available for kids in Bentonville |
| <http://www.mytravelguideposts.com/2011/03/things-to-do-in-northwest-arkansas.html> | Things to do in Northwest Arkansas |
| <http://www.littlerocksoiree.com/post/27284/26-cool-things-to-do-in-metro-little-rock> | More on things to do in central AR |
| <http://traveltips.usatoday.com/kids-activities-attractions-bentonville-ar-102831.html> | Kids’ Activities and Attractions in Bentonville |
| <http://www.arkansasbusiness.com/article/96077/20-cool-things-to-do-a-guide-to-activities-attractions-in-northwest-arkansas?page=all> | Things to do in Northwest Arkansas |
| <http://www.theozarktraveler.com/regions/nw-arkansas/especially-kids/> | Free things to do with kids in Northwest Arkansas |
| <http://voices.yahoo.com/free-things-around-bentonville-arkansas-3819574.html> | Free things to do in and around Bentonville |
| <http://nwamotherlode.com/archives/3299> | Fun ideas for Northwest Arkansas families |

**Camps:**

**Central Arkansas**

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| **Name of Camp** | **Age Group** | **Theme/type of camp** | **Location** | **Other information** | **Website** |
| Camp Aldersgate | All | Special needs | Little Rock |  | <http://www.campaldersgate.net/> |
| Acxiom/UCA Information Technology Summer Camp | 9th -12th grade | Information technology – learning more about IT careers | Conway |  | <http://uca.edu/news/acxiomuca-summer-camp-seeks-arkansas-brightest-students-3/> |
| Young Chefs Culinary Camp | 5th-12th grade | Cooking | Little Rock | Hosted by the Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management Institute | <http://www.arkansas.com/events/details.aspx?id=105765> |
| Pulaski County Youth Services Summer Music Program | 6th-7th grade | Music | Little Rock | Free to residents of Pulaski County | <http://www.pulaskicountyyouthservices.org/> |
| City of Little Rock Summer Playground Program | ALL | Recreation, sports, arts and crafts | Little Rock |  | <http://www.littlerock.org/parksrecreation/summer-playground-program/default.aspx> |
| Nike Basketball Camp | Boys, 8-15 | Skill development & basketball training camps | Little Rock & Hot Springs |  | <http://www.elitehoopsbasketball.com/Little-Rock-Arkansas-Basketball-Camps-and-Training-by-Elite-Hoops-and-NIKE-Basketball-Camps> |
| Volley Ball Camp | Girls, 3rd – 12th grade | Volley ball skills building camp | Conway | Hosted by University of Central Arkansas (UCA) | <http://www.ucavolleyballcamps.com/> |
| Museum of Discovery | 4-13 | Cooking, drama and a variety of science themed activities | Little Rock |  | <http://museumofdiscovery.org/summer%20camps> |
| 4H Outdoor School Summer Day Camp | 7-15 | Recreation/adventure | Ferndale |  | <http://www.arkansas4hcenter.org/summercamp/> |
| 4H Cloverbud Camp | 5-9 | Science themed | Ferndale | Parents must accompany children | <http://www.arkansas4hcenter.org/summercamp/> |
| Arkansas Choral Connection, Inc. | 7th-12th grade | Choral | Conway | UCA ; partial scholarships available | <http://www.accchoircamp.org/> |
| University of Arkansas Summer Design camp | 9th – 12th graders | Drawing, designing, building | Garvan Woodland Gardens; Hot Springs | Scholarships available | <http://www.garvangardens.org/education/ua_summerdesigncamp_2014.aspx> |
| University of Arkansas at Little Rock College of Engineering and Information Technology Summer Outreach programs | Middle school-high school | Engineering, Science | Little Rock | Scholarships available | <http://ualr.edu/eit/additonal-info/outreach/> |
| Boy Scouts of America Camp Rockefeller | ALL |  | Damascus |  | <http://www.camprockefeller.org/> |
| Girl Scout Camps | Girls of all ages | For members of girls scouts |  | Pine Bluff, Jonesboro, Texarkana, Fayetteville, Fort Smith | <http://www.girlscoutsdiamonds.org/JoinToday/CampProperties/SummerCamp.aspx> |
| Camp Tanako | ALL | Faith-based | Hot Springs | Camps for the whole family also offered | <http://www.tanako.org/> |
| Arkansas Kids Camp | ALL | Faith-based | Hot Springs | Hosted by Arkansas Assemblies of God | <http://www.araog.org/Departments/Discipleship_Ministries/Arkansas-Kids-Camp.aspx> |
| Camp Mitchell | ALL | Faith-based | Morrilton | Partial scholarships available | <http://episcopalarkansas.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/06/RRB-General-Information-and-Registration-Forms.pdf> |
| Camp Wyldewood | 8-18 | Faith-based | Searcy |  | <http://www.campwyldewood.org/> |
| Camp Mitchell | Middle – High School | Faith-based | Morrilton | Sponsored by Episcopal Arkansas | <http://episcopalarkansas.org/our-ministries/camp-mitchell/> |
| Ferncliff | ALL | Faith-based | Ferndale |  | <http://www.ferncliff.org/programs/summer-camp/> |
| Camp Tahkodah | 8-18 | Faith-based | Searcy | Based at Harding University | <http://www.harding.edu/tahkodah/campdates.html> |
| Camp Bear Track | 7-15 | Faith-based | Drasco |  | <http://campbeartrack.com/> |

**Northwest Arkansas**

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| Soccer Camp | 4-14 | Soccer | Fayetteville | Hosted by U of A Fayetteville | <http://www.arkansassoccercamps.com/> |
| Football Camp | 1st -12th grade | Football | Fayetteville | U of A Fayetteville | <http://www.razorbacksfootballcamps.com/> |
| Camp Orr | ALL |  | Fort Smith | Sponsored by Boy Scouts of America | <http://www.westarkbsa.org/Camping/CampOrr/> |
| Fledgling Naturalist Camp | 8-9 | Outdoor adventures/learning about nature | Huntsville |  | <http://www.arkansas.com/events/details.aspx?id=102978> |
| Camp War Eagle | 7-17 | Faith-based , sports, adventure and recreation | Beaver Lake – Northwest Arkansas | Open to boys and girls from Benton, Washington, Carroll and Madison counties. | <http://www.campwareagle.org/> |
| Camp Siloam | ALL | Faith-based | Siloam Springs | Camp Siloam is a Christian camp for children, youth and families funded, in part, by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Churches sign up for a session and individuals can then sign up to attend the session with that church group. | <http://www.campsiloam.com/CampSiloam/> |
| U of A at Fort Smith | 5-14 | Different camps - - arts, music, theatre | Fort Smith |  | <http://uafs.edu/academy/summer-programs-camps> |
| Fayetteville Parks and Rec Summer Youth Camps | 12-15 | Recreation, sports, arts and crafts | Fayetteville |  | <http://www.accessfayetteville.org/government/parks_and_recreation/recreation_programs_and_events/Summer_Camps.cfm> |
| Rogers Community School Recreation Department | 4-18 | Various sports-themed camps (soccer, lacrosse, football, volleyball) | Rogers |  | <http://www.rogersarkansas.com/recreation/youthprograms/summercamp.htm> |
| New Life Ranch | 3rd-12th grade | Faith-based | Rogers |  | <http://www.newliferanch.com/> |
| Northwest Arkansas YMCA Summer Camp | K-6th | Children will participate in different activities like sports, water activities, science, crafts and cooking while building life skills such as leadership, healthy interactions, sportsmanship and camp unity. | Rogers |  | <http://www.tristatefamilyymca.org/NWA/y-programs/day-camp> |
| Arkansas Tech Band Camp | Middle school – high school | Band | Russellville |  | <http://www.atu.edu/bandcamp/> |
| Explorers’ Nature Camp | 7-9 | Outdoor adventure/nature exploration | Bull Shoals |  | <http://www.arkansas.com/events/details.aspx?id=97494> |
| Young Writers’ Camp | 10-15 | Nature writing camp | Huntsville | Scholarships may be available | <http://www.onsc.us/> |
| Ozark River Odyssey | 14-17 | Canoeing/camping along the buffalo river. | Huntsville | The Ozark Natural Science Center has many other camps going on this summer. | <http://www.onsc.us/> |
| Environmental Education and the Arts Camp | 10-15 | Nature and Art . | Huntsville |  | <http://www.onsc.us/> |
| U of A Gymnastics Camp | 7 years and up | Gymnastics camp | Fayetteville | Hosted by the U of A | <http://www.arkansasrazorbacks.com/ViewArticle.dbml?ATCLID=69856> |
| Forest Fun Day Camp | 8-12 | Outdoor adventures/learning about nature | Russellville |  | <http://www.arkansas.com/events/details.aspx?id=98600> |
| Family Camp | ALL | Nature-based camp for the entire family | Huntsville |  | <http://www.arkansas.com/events/details.aspx?id=102984> |

**Northeast Arkansas**

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| Soccer Camp | 4-12 | Co-ed soccer skills camp | Jonesboro | Hosted by Arkansas State University | <http://www.astateredwolves.com/ViewArticle.dbml?ATCLID=205366682> |
| Arkansas State Summer Camp Academy | ALL | Different camps for all kinds of interests (fashion, academics, art, music) | Jonesboro | Sponsored by ASU | <http://wt-dc-prod.astate.edu/contentAsset/raw-data/3df0b042-2ea4-4f20-aeb2-0485aa6793af/fileAsset?byInode=true> |

**Southwest AR**

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| Camp Ozark | All | Various – science, arts, music, sports  Faith-based | Mt. Ida | Scholarships available summer camp | <http://campozark.com> |
| Camp Winnamocka | 7-15 | Recreation/adventure | Arkadelphia | Privately owned camp | <http://www.winnamocka.com/campinfo.html> |
| Henderson State Athletic Camps | ALL | Football and volleyball | Arkadelphia |  | <http://www.hsusports.com/sports/2012/4/5/GEN_0405124557.aspx?tab=upcomingcamps> |
| Super Summer Camp Arkansas | ALL | Faith-based | Arkadelphia | Super Summer Arkansas is an evangelistic/discipleship camp sponsored by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, with support from the Cooperative Program.- Located at Ouachita Baptist University | <http://www.supersummerarkansas.com/#!/page_splash> |

**Southeast AR**

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| Explore Your World Day Camp | 6-8 | Outdoor adventures, arts and crafts | Star City |  | <http://www.arkansas.com/events/details.aspx?id=99039> |

**Other Camp Resources:**

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| <http://www.savvykidsofarkansas.com/savvyblog/2014-savvy-kids-summer-camp-guide/> | Lists other camps/activities and great experiences for kids in the Central Arkansas Area |
| <http://www.camppage.com/arkansas.htm> | Search engine to look up camps across the state |
| <http://football.epicsports.com/2014-football-summer-camps.html> l | Lists different football camps from around the state |
| <http://thebestcamps.com/campdirectory.html> | Data base for searching summer camps throughout the state, by theme |
| <http://www.mysummercamps.com/camps/arkansas-summer-camps.html?campType=&location=Arkansas%2C+United+States&countries=All_countries&regions=All_locations&miles=20&ages=&gender>= | Camp Resource guide/search engine |

* [Playtime Pizza](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g60766-d4476396-Reviews-Playtime_Pizza-Little_Rock_Arkansas.html)
* [http://c1.tacdn.com/img2/x.gif](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g60766-d4476396-Reviews-Playtime_Pizza-Little_Rock_Arkansas.html)[Witt Stephens Jr. Central Arkansas Nature Center](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g60766-d4504060-Reviews-Witt_Stephens_Jr_Central_Arkansas_Nature_Center-Little_Rock_Arkansas.html)
* [Little Rock Arsenal](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g60766-d108499-Reviews-Little_Rock_Arsenal-Little_Rock_Arkansas.html)
* [Arkansas Skatium](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g60766-d3475825-Reviews-Arkansas_Skatium-Little_Rock_Arkansas.html) (roller skating and ice skating)
* [Arkansas School for the Deaf Historical Museum](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g60766-d591283-Reviews-Arkansas_School_for_the_Deaf_Historical_Museum-Little_Rock_Arkansas.html)
* [National Cemetery](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g60766-d561791-Reviews-National_Cemetery-Little_Rock_Arkansas.html)
* [Professor Bowl West](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g60766-d3475828-Reviews-Professor_Bowl_West-Little_Rock_Arkansas.html)
* Altitude Trampoline Park
* Jump Zone
* War Memorial Park splash park

**Things to do / see in Little Rock:**

* Central High Museum and Visitor Center
* William J. Clinton Presidential Library
* Arkansas Reparatory Theater
* Big Dam Bridge
* Old State House Museum
* ESSE Purse Museum
* Heifer Village (Heifer International)
* The Arkansas River Trail
* Riverfront Park
* http://c1.tacdn.com/img2/x.gif Museum Of Discovery
* Two Rivers Park
* Old State House
* Arkansas State Capitol
* MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History from My Saves
* Mosaic Templars Cultural Center
* Mount Holly Cemetery -Home to the burial sites of some of the state's most famous citizens.
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* [Arkansas Arts Center](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g60766-d314030-Reviews-Arkansas_Arts_Center-Little_Rock_Arkansas.html)
* The Bernice Garden
* Wild River Country
* [Maumelle Park](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g60766-d103221-Reviews-Maumelle_Park-Little_Rock_Arkansas.html)
* Little Rock Zoo
* [The Wonder Place](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g60766-d4680963-Reviews-The_Wonder_Place-Little_Rock_Arkansas.html)
* [http://c1.tacdn.com/img2/x.gif](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g60766-d4680963-Reviews-The_Wonder_Place-Little_Rock_Arkansas.html)[Murray Park](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g60766-d591289-Reviews-Murray_Park-Little_Rock_Arkansas.html)
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* [Children's Library and Learning Center](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g60766-d4170604-Reviews-Children_s_Library_and_Learning_Center-Little_Rock_Arkansas.html)
* [http://c1.tacdn.com/img2/x.gif](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g60766-d4170604-Reviews-Children_s_Library_and_Learning_Center-Little_Rock_Arkansas.html)[Chenal 9 IMAX Theater](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g60766-d4008022-Reviews-Chenal_9_IMAX_Theater-Little_Rock_Arkansas.html)
* [http://c1.tacdn.com/img2/x.gif](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g60766-d4008022-Reviews-Chenal_9_IMAX_Theater-Little_Rock_Arkansas.html)[H.U. Lee International Gate and Garden](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g60766-d3492281-Reviews-H_U_Lee_International_Gate_and_Garden-Little_Rock_Arkansas.html)
* Pinnacle Mountain State Park
* [Wildwood Park](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g60766-d581025-Reviews-Wildwood_Park-Little_Rock_Arkansas.html)
* Peabody Park Splash park

**Events to look for:**

* Riverfest - May 23rd-25th
* The Great War Memorial Balloon Race - Jul 11 thru Jul 13 • $5 for adults, ages 12 and under are free
* Juneteenth at the Mosaic Cultural Center, June 14th – Free

**Things to do in Northwest Arkansas**

[Devil’s Den State Park](http://www.arkansasstateparks.com/devilsden/)

[Withrow Springs State Park](http://www.arkansasstateparks.com/withrowsprings/)

[Lake Fayetteville](http://www.accessfayetteville.org/government/parks_and_recreation/parks/lake_fayetteville.cfm)

Veteran’s Memorial Park

Farmers Markets! [Fayetteville](http://www.fayettevillefarmersmarket.com/), Rogers, [Bentonville](http://www.localharvest.org/farmers-markets/M29772).

[Pea Ridge Battlefield](http://www.nps.gov/peri/index.htm)

[Prairie Grove Battlefield Park](http://www.arkansasstateparks.com/prairiegrovebattlefield/)

[Botanical Gardens of the Ozarks in Fayetteville](http://www.bgozarks.org/)

[Fayetteville bike trails](http://www.accessfayetteville.org/government/parks_and_recreation/trails_and_greenways/)

[Tanyard Creek trail in Bella Vista](http://nwamotherlode.com/archives/3299)

[Terra Studios in Durham](http://www.terrastudios.com/)

[Modern Mission Outdoor Laser Tag](http://modernmission.com/)

[The Pinnacle Hills Promenade Mall](http://www.pinnaclehillspromenade.com/)

Ozark Bowling Lanes

[Fast Lane Entertainment](http://www.fastlanebowl.com/)

[Fun City Pizza](http://funcitypizza.com/)

[The Starlight Skatium](http://starlightskatium.com/)

[Arcadia Retrocade](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Arkadia-Retrocade/293619130743490)

[Jump Zone](http://jumpzoneparty.com/Jump_Zone_Inflatable_Party_Locations.php)

Fayetteville Public Library

The Jones Center for Families in Springdale

Shiloh Museum of Ozark History in Springdale

[Crystal Bridges Museum](http://www.crystalbridges.org/)