

Summer Opportunities for Kids and Families

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

| Who | What | Where | How | Other Info: |
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| 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 |

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| 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 | Search for a variety of activities occurring in central Arkansas |

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| 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 |

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| | 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**

| Name of Camp | Age Group | Theme/type of camp | Location | Other information | Website |
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| Camp Aldersgate | All | Special needs | Little Rock | | http://www.campaldersgate.net/ |
| Arkansas Educational Television Network (AETN) | Various | | Conway | | http://www.aetn.org/ |
| The Little Gym | 4 months - 12 years | | Little Rock | | http://www.thelittlegym.com/littlerockar/Pages/default.aspx |
| The Wonder Place | 2 - 8 years old | | Little Rock | | http://www.thewonderplace.com/ |
| Arkansas Arts Center | various | | Little Rock | | http://www.arkarts.com/ |
| Lake Nixon | k-5th grade | | Little Rock | | http://www.2bclr.com/about-1/ |

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| Acxiom/UCA Information Technology Summer Camp | 9 th -12 th 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 | 5 th -12 th 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 | 6 th -7 th grade | Music | Little Rock | Free to residents of Pulaski County | http://www.pulaskicountyyouthservices.org/ |

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| 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, 3 rd – 12 th grade | Volley ball skills building camp | Conway | Hosted by University of Central Arkansas (UCA) | http://www.ucavolleyballcamps.com/ |

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| Museum of Discovery | 13-Apr | Cooking, drama and a variety of science themed activities | Little Rock | | http://museumofdiscovery.org/summer%20camps |
| 4H Outdoor School Summer Day Camp | 15-Jul | Recreation/adventure | Ferndale | | http://www.arkansas4hcenter.org/summercamp/ |
| 4H Cloverbud Camp | 9-May | Science themed | Ferndale | Parents must accompany children | http://www.arkansas4hcenter.org/summercamp/ |
| Arkansas Choral Connection, Inc. | 7 th -12 th grade | Choral | Conway | UCA ; partial scholarships available | http://www.acchoircamp.org/ |
| University of Arkansas Summer Design camp | 9 th – 12 th graders | Drawing, designing, building | Garvan Woodland Gardens; Hot Springs | Scholarships available | http://www.garvangardens.org/education/ua_summerdesigncamp_2014.aspx |

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| 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 |

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| 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 | 18-Aug | Faith-based | Searcy | | http://www.campwyldewood.org/ |

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| 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 | 18-Aug | Faith-based | Searcy | Based at Harding University | http://www.harding.edu/tahkodah/campdates.html |
| Camp Bear Track | 15-Jul | Faith-based | Drasco | | http://campbeartrack.com/ |
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| Soccer Camp | 14-Apr | Soccer | Fayetteville | Hosted by U of A Fayetteville | http://www.arkansassocccamps.com/ |

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| Football Camp | 1 st -12 th 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 | 9-Aug | Outdoor adventures/learning about nature | Huntsville | | http://www.arkansas.com/events/details.aspx?id=102978 |
| Camp War Eagle | 17-Jul | 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/ |

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| 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/ |
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| U of A at Fort Smith | 14-May | Different camps - - arts, music, theatre | Fort Smith | | http://uafs.edu/academy/summer-programs-camps |
| Fayetteville Parks and Rec Summer Youth Camps | 15-Dec | 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 | 18-Apr | Various sports-themed camps (soccer, lacrosse, football, volleyball) | Rogers | | http://www.rogersarkansas.com/recreation/youthprograms/summercamp.htm |
| New Life Ranch | 3 rd -12 th grade | Faith-based | Rogers | | http://www.newliferanch.com/ |

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| Northwest Arkansas YMCA Summer Camp | K-6 th | 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/ |

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| Explorers' Nature Camp | 9-Jul | Outdoor adventure/nature exploration | Bull Shoals | | http://www.arkansas.com/events/details.aspx?id=97494 |
| Young Writers' Camp | 15-Oct | 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/ |

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| 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 | 12-Aug | Outdoor adventures/le arning 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 | | | | | |
| Soccer Camp | 12-Apr | Co-ed soccer skills camp | Jonesboro | Hosted by Arkansas State University | http://www.astaredwolves.com/ViewArticle.dbml?ATCLID=205366682 |

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| 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?bylnode=true |
| Southwest AR | | | | | |
| Camp Ozark | All | Various – science, arts, music, sports Faith-based | Mt. Ida | Scholarships available summer camp | http://campozark.com |
| Camp Winnamocka | 15-Jul | Recreation/adventure | Arkadelphia | Privately owned camp | http://www.winnamocka.com/campinfo.html |

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| Henderson State Athletic Camps | ALL | Football and volleyball | Arkadelphia | | http://www.hsusports.com/sports/2012/4/5/GEN_0405124557.aspx?tab=upcomingcamps |
| ODD SQUAD Day Camp | Girls K-5th | Girl Scouts sponsored camp | Nashville | | http://www.girlscoutsdiamonds.org/ |
| ODD SQUAD Day Camp | Girls K-5th | Girl Scouts sponsored camp | Texarkana | | http://www.girlscoutsdiamonds.org/ |

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| Super Summer Camp Arkansas | ALL | Faith-based | Arkadelphia | Super Summer Arkansas is an evangelistic/disciple ship camp sponsored by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, with support from the Cooperative Program.- Located at Ouachita Baptist University | http://www.supersummerarkansas.com/#!/page_spl ash |
| Southeast AR | | | | | |
| Explore Your World Day Camp | 8-Jun | Outdoor adventures, arts and crafts | Star City | | http://www.arkansas.com/events/details.aspx?id=9 9039 |

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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 | Lists different football camps from around the state |
| http://thebestcamps.com/campdirectory.html | Data base for searching summer camps throughout the state, by |

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| 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 |

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
- 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
- The Bernice Garden
- Wild River Country
- Maumelle Park
- Little Rock Zoo
- The Wonder Place
- Murray Park
- Delete Children's Library and Learning Center from My Saves
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- Chenal 9 IMAX Theater

- Playtime Pizza
- Witt Stephens Jr. Central Arkansas Nature Center
- Little Rock Arsenal
- Arkansas Skatium (roller skating and ice skating)
- Arkansas School for the Deaf Historical Museum
- National Cemetery
- Professor Bowl West
- Altitude Trampoline Park
- Jump Zone

Things to do in Northwest Arkansas

- Devil's Den State Park
- Withrow Springs State Park
- Lake Fayetteville
- Veteran's Memorial Park
- Farmers Markets! Fayetteville, Rogers, Bentonville.
- Pea Ridge Battlefield
- Prairie Grove Battlefield Park
- Botanical Gardens of the Ozarks in Fayetteville
- Fayetteville bike trails
- Tanyard Creek trail in Bella Vista
- Terra Studios in Durham
- Modern Mission Outdoor Laser Tag
- The Pinnacle Hills Promenade Mall
- Ozark Bowling Lanes
- Fast Lane Entertainment
- Fun City Pizza
- The Starlight Skatium
- Arcadia Retrocade
- Jump Zone
- Fayetteville Public Library
- The Jones Center for Families in Springdale
- Shiloh Museum of Ozark History in Springdale
- Crystal Bridges Museum
- The Amazeum (opening July 2015)