

Suburban Life

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IT'S NOT UNCOMMON for children to complain that "There's nothing to do" during the summer.

Parents don't have to despair, however. There's plenty to choose from in the metropolitan area to keep youngsters occupied. Many low-cost or free activities are offered even closer to home.

Information's subject to change, so making a phone call before heading out is a good idea.

● **DETROIT ZOO**
The Detroit Zoo is at 8450 W. 10 Mile, at Woodward in Royal Oak. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily (through Oct. 31), 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays and holidays (through Sept. 2).

A number of special activities are planned, including Hudson's Dad's Day 9:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, June 16. There will be a buffet brunch, entertainment, giveaways for dads and special activities. Ticket price (including zoo admission for the day) is \$10 for dads, \$5 for friends of dads. To order tickets, call 1-800-282-2450.

A Summer Safari ("Chimp Chat") for children ages 5-9 will be held 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, June 19. Children will learn about the zoo and its inhabitants. Another Summer Safari ("Monkey Business & Horse Play") for children ages 5-9 will be held 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, June 26. For registration information, call (313) 541-5717.

Children's free days will begin Monday, July 8. Children age 12 and younger will be admitted free of charge when accompanied by a paying adult. This will continue Monday through the last Monday in August.

A Summer Safari ("Hunters & Hunted") for children ages 10-12 will be held 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, July 10. For registration information, call (313) 541-5717. Several other Summer Safaris for children of different ages will be held later in the summer.

Zoo admission price is \$5.75 for those age 13 and older, \$3.50 for senior citizens (age 62 and older), \$2.50 for children ages 2-12, free for children under age 2. Group rates are available (advance reservations required). For information, call (313) 399-7001.

There is no charge for parking on the zoo grounds. The miniature railroad operates, free of charge, through Labor Day. For information, call (313) 398-0900 (tape) or (313) 398-0903.

● **HENRY FORD MUSEUM**
Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village are at Oakwood Boulevard and Village Road in Dearborn, west of the Southfield Freeway (I-75) and south of Michigan Avenue (U.S. 12). Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Daily activities at Greenfield Village include: craft demonstrations; games on the green (traditional 19th-century children's activities), and games at the Connecticut Salt Box House (traditional 18th-century activities, including children's chores). Children's activities will be part of each special weekend, including the Motor Muster Saturday and Sunday, June 15-16. Autos from the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s will cruise through the village. Youngsters will be able to test their knowledge of cars, bikes and trucks with a questionnaire for kids.

Other upcoming special weekends are Pageant of Power, Saturday and Sunday, June 29-30. Colonial Life, a recreation of 18th-century family life, Thursday through Sunday, July 4-7. A Taste of History, featuring foods from the past, Saturday and Sunday, July 27-28. A Celebration of Emancipation, telling the story of African-American history and the road to freedom, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 10-11.

Fun-filled activities are planned at Henry Ford Museum. Each day the Activities Center, children will be able to ride a high-wheel bicycle, work on an "assembly line" and become a printer's apprentice. In the New Additions exhibit (through Sept. 2), kids will enjoy seeing the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile. The newly-restored addition to the transportation collections took to the road in 1952 to promote Oscar Mayer wieners.

The Americans on Vacation exhibit (through Sept. 2) includes a "Pack Your Bag" game for kids. Children will also be able to look through Viewmasters, pose for pictures in a cut-out form and fill out a post card for the museum's collection.

Separate admission price for the museum and village is \$10.50 for adults, \$9.50 for senior citizens (age 62 and older), \$5.25 for children ages 5-12, free for children age 4 and younger. Combined admission tickets are available, as are annual passes for unlimited visits. For information, call (313) 271-1620.

● **INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE**
The Cranbrook Institute of Science



Children's Summer Activities

is at 500 Lone Pine in Bloomfield Hills. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

A grand opening for the new "Destination: Space" exhibit is set for Saturday and Sunday, July 13-14. During the weekend, visitors will have an opportunity to win special prizes. They will also get the first look at the "Destination: Space" art exhibit, cosponsored by the Observer & Eccentric, newspapers, SelectCare and WXYZ-TV.

The space exhibit will include the Spaceflight Academy where participants will undergo training necessary to venture into space. The spaceship Explorer will feature specialized zero-gravity equipment and robotic probes, designed to demonstrate how astronauts live and work in outer space.

Ongoing activities, including planetarium shows and laser shows, add to the fun at Cranbrook. Children's classes will also be offered this summer, including "Fun With Fish" for ages 4-6, 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 18, 20, 25 and 27; "Turtles, Snakes and Frogs" for ages 5-6, 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 18, 20, 25 and 27; "The Lives of Bees" for ages 6-7, 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 18, 20, 25 and 27; "In the Pond" for ages 4-5, 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 9, 11, 16 and 18; "Field Botany for Kids" for ages 3-6, 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 9, 11, 16 and 18; and "Fun With Plants and Flowers" for ages 6-7, 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 9, 11, 16 and 18. Class size is limited. Price is \$19 for members, \$21 for non-members. For registration information, call (313) 645-3230.

Cranbrook Institute of Science admission price is \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens (age 65 and older), \$3 for children ages 3-17, free for children under age 3. For information, call (313) 645-3230.

The museum houses many exhibits designed to help visitors learn about science, art and other cultures. Classes and workshops, weekend demonstrations and special events will be offered throughout the summer.

In honor of Father's Day, all fathers visiting the museum will be ad-

mitted free of charge 1-5 p.m. Sunday, June 16.

Weekend demonstrations in June will focus on sinking and floating. Participants will experiment by making a boat out of clay and filling it with marbles. Demonstrations will be 1 and 3 p.m. Saturdays, 2 and 4 p.m. Sundays.

The museum will offer summer preschool classes (ages 4-5) integrating science with art and culture. Classes, featuring a different topic each week, will meet 10 a.m. to noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Mack School. Enrollment is limited, and advance registration is required. For information, call (313) 995-5439.

Museum admission price is \$2 for children, students and senior citizens, \$3 for adults, \$7.50 for a family. For information, call (313) 995-5439.

● **LIVING SCIENCE**
The Living Science Foundation will offer summer day camps. LSF headquarters are at 40400 Grand River, Suite F, between Haggerty and Meadowbrook in Novi (48375).

Camps will be offered at a number of sites in June, July and August. Sites will include Mercy Center in Farmington Hills, the Rochester-Avon Recreation Authority in Rochester, LSF headquarters in Novi, Academy of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills and others.

Camps will also be offered in cooperation with the Northville Public Schools, Plymouth-Canton Community Education, Troy Adult and Community Education, Walled Lake Community Education, and at Oak-

land Community College-Highland Lakes Campus in Highland Lakes. Camps will include hands-on activities to help children learn about science. Camps to be offered include: Science Sampler; Gross Anatomy; Air & Space 1 and II; Marine Biology; Preschool Discovery; Science & Nature; Discovery Day-at-a-Time; and others. For information, call (313) 478-1999.

● **FUN AT JCC**
The Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit is at 6600 W. Maple, at Drake in West Bloomfield. The Child Development Center will offer summer enrichment classes. Participants will explore such interests as cooking, crafts, creative play, music, science and stories.

Session I will be June 9 through July 12 (no class July 4) and Session II July 14 through Aug. 16. Classes will include "Parent/Toddler" for children 21-36 months old; "Parent/Toddler" for children 17-21 months old; "My Special Class" for children ages 3-5; "Sessions and Pans" for children ages 3-5; and "S is for Science" for children ages 3-5. For registration information, call (313) 661-1000.

Day camp programs will also be offered. Camp days will include sports, swimming, nature study, arts and crafts, drama, songs and fun. Space is limited. Sessions are scheduled for June 24 through July 18 and July 22 through Aug. 16.

A two-day day camp is offered (Tuesdays and Thursdays) for 2½-year-olds JCC camp divisions in-

clude a full day camp for kindergartners (fall 1991) through fifth graders, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, or as a three-day option on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for kindergartners and first graders, a half-day camp for preschoolers and kindergartners, three or five half-day sessions, 9:30 a.m. to noon or 1-3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

There will also be a "Casper's Choice" for students in fourth through ninth grades. Participants will choose one morning activity and one afternoon activity per session. Activities will include softball, gymnastics, video film production, computers, performing arts, basketball, tennis, fine arts and dance.

Other special camp programs will be offered this summer through the JCC, including programs for teens. For information, call (313) 661-1000.

● **ART INSTITUTE**
Youth theatre performances have ended for the season at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward in Detroit, but there's still plenty to see.

Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Individual galleries operate on a staggered schedule, with some open 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and others 1:30-5:30 p.m. The Woodward and Farnsworth doors are open all day, as are the Rivera Court and some other areas. The museum shop and Kresge Court Cafe have maintained regular hours.

DIA visitors are now required to pay something to enter the museum, with recommended amounts of \$4 for adults, \$1 for students and children. For information, call (313) 833-7900.

● **DETROIT HISTORICAL**
The Detroit Historical Museum is at 5401 Woodward, at Kirby in Detroit. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday.

An exhibit on "Sleepwear: A Bedtime Story" will continue through March 1992. The Booth-Wilkinson Costume gallery exhibition examines the revolution in sleeping attire and lifestyles in the past 100 years.

A storytelling session for children ages 3-8 will be held 1-2 p.m. Saturday, June 15. Children will listen to bedtime stories and can arrive in their pajamas if they'd like. Admission is free. For registration information, call Lori Naples, (313) 833-1419.

For general information, call (313) 833-1805.

Closer to Home

SUMMER READING Clubs have gotten under way at both Farmington and Farmington Branch Libraries, but it's not too late for the latecomers to catch up.

The clubs offer programs for both readers and pre-readers, and weekly programs on a drop-in basis for preschools and kindergartners; for those in grades 1-3; and those in grade 4 and up. The dates for each program are posted in the libraries.

The fun extends through Aug. 1 and winds up with Readers Parties for all club members.

Theme for the summer readers is "Read on the Wild Side."

● **BOWLING**
Thursday, June 13: Adult and Children Bumper Bowling for children from 3-7 years begins at 7 p.m. in Drakeshire Lanes, and continues for eight weeks. Pay as you play, \$6 per week. Adult and Child Bowling for 9-13 year olds begins at 7 p.m. in Drakeshire Lanes and continues for eight weeks. Pay as you play, \$12 per week. Price includes 9-99 shoes, pizza party and trophy. Registrations and inquiries taken by The Community Center, 477-8404.

● **APPALACHIAN FOLKLORE**
Friday, June 14: Appalachian Folklore and Music with Jeff Robbins who keeps his audience's attention with an array of mountain instruments and songs, stories and a sit-down square dance, at 7 p.m. on the grounds of The Community Center, 24705 Farmington Road. Admission is \$4 or \$15 for a family at the gate. Grounds open at 6 p.m. for family picnics.

● **ADVENTURE DAYS**
Monday, June 17: "Adventure Days" is a mix of crafts, games and hands-on activities related to the theme of the day, from 1-4 p.m. in The Community Center. Adventure Days theme for June 17 and 21 is Dinosaurs. Log Cabin Day is June 24 or 28, and so on it goes through Aug. 14. Fees run from \$8-13. For registration and information, call the center, 477-8404.

● **AUTHOR, AUTHOR**
Monday through Friday, June 17-28: "Author, Author," class for third to fifth graders who use a word processor while composing poems, stories and newspaper articles from 9 to 10:30 a.m. or from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. in Farmington Community School, 30415 Shawasssee. Fee is \$55. Registration taken by the school, 489-3333.

● **TEEN CENTER**
Monday, June 17: Volleyball, basketball, video games, pool, ping-pong and field trips are offered in Summer Activities Center, in William Graves Elementary School, 29040 Shawasssee, for 12-16 year olds. Center hours are 3-9 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Wednesday is field trip day. Membership fee is \$2, good until Oct. 1.

● **BEING A WINNER**
Monday through Friday, June 17-28: "Being a Winner," communication and listening skills introduced to kindergartners to 2nd graders at 9 a.m. for 2nd to 4th graders at 10 a.m. and for 3rd to 5th graders at 11 a.m. in Farmington Community School, 30415 Shawasssee. Fee is \$38. Registration taken by the school, 489-3333.

● **MATH PENTATHLON**
Monday through Friday, June 17-28: Math Pentathlon, a fun class that promotes active problem-solving and critical thinking skills, for 3rd to 5th graders at 9 a.m. or 10 a.m. in Farmington Community School, 30415 Shawasssee. Fee is \$38. Registration taken by the school, 489-3333.

● **SCIENCE BOOSTERS**
Monday through Friday, June 17-28: Science Boosters for kindergartners through 3rd graders who study ecology, energy, geology, plants and animals using art and science skills at 9 a.m. or 10 a.m. in Farmington Community School, 30415 Shawasssee. Fee is \$35. Registration taken by the school, 489-3333.

● **YOUNG ASTRONAUTS**
Monday through Friday, June 17-28: "Young Astronauts," space

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