

INDY'S CHILD 100 THINGS TO DO THIS SUMMER IN INDY

Warm weather, the promise of longer days and plenty of opportunity to explore Indianapolis: **THE 100 DAYS OF SUMMER** are here! And to help YOU plan, we asked theCityMoms about their favorite local summer activities. Some are free, some on the weekends - all come with the promise of fun.

THINGS TO DO ANY DAY OF THE MONTH

- Visit your favorite splash pad.
- Ride the monorail downtown – catch it at Methodist Hospital and ride the loop.
- Eat ice cream at your favorite spot.
- Take the family downtown for First Friday Food Truck Festival.
- Go for a balloon ride at Conner Prairie.
- Try the free family swim sessions at Goldfish Swim School of Carmel or Fishers.
- Finally take the fam for an Indy Eleven game.
- Sign up for a summer reading program at your local library.
- Snag a Popsicle from Nicey Treat in Broad Ripple Village.
- Try a mini horseback riding lesson at Natural Valley Ranch of Brownsburg.
- Plan a day of swimming at your favorite local pool.
- Touch a truck... at a local Touch-A-Truck festival.
- Spend a rainy day inside at the Museum of Miniature Houses.
- Take a walk on the canal.
- Feed the ducks in Broad Ripple {Good Earth Natural Foods has duck-friendly food for purchase!}.
- Volunteer as a family. So many options to choose from but find one your entire family is passionate about!
- Enjoy a little Shakespeare in Garfield Park.
- Reel in a catch at one of these family-friendly fishing programs.
- Cheer for the Indianapolis Indians from your view on the lawn {bonus: Kids Eat Free on Sundays!}
- Enjoy watching a film in the Indianapolis Museum Of Art Summer Nights Series.
- Relax in the Lazy River at the Monon Community Center waterpark.
- Creek stomp at Marrott Park or your other favorite spot.
- Paddleboat the downtown canal.
- Go for storytime at your favorite bookstore or special spot.
- Try the free Mother Goose on the Loose toddler storytime at Indianapolis Public Library branches.
- Visit your favorite Indy-area Farmers Market. Repeat weekly.
- Hike the trails at Fort Harrison State Park.
- Enjoy the outdoor patio at Urban Chalkboard while kids play inside. Supervised.
- Have a water balloon fight outside with friends.
- Take the family to one of Symphony on the Prairie's summer events.
- See a movie at an area drive-in theatre like Tibbs in SW Indianapolis or The Skyline of Shelbyville.
- Picnic at your favorite spot in town.
- Join the Three Sisters Kids Garden Club at Strawtown Koteewi Park.
- Grab a coffee at SoHo Café + Gallery of Carmel then hit the Monon for a walk.
- Pop in to meet the koalas at the Indianapolis Zoo.
- Try something a little different: Order a plate of s'mores at BRICS of Broad Ripple.
- Play on the green scene in The Curve Children's Area at Central Indianapolis Public Library.
- Take the kids bowling. For free.
- Catch a \$1 movie at local Regal Cinemas.
- Spend some time at your favorite outdoor pool.
- Keep an eye on the fun Slide In The City, and cross your fingers that they arrive in Indianapolis soon!
- Dare yourself {and kids ages 12+} to scale the high ropes course at Butler University.
- Cool down with a family ice skate.
- Indulge in a craft donut.
- Head to the Children's Museum on the first Thursday of the month for Target Free Family Nights.
- Visit the new Holliday Park Nature Center, Habitat Hall.
- Jam out at the weekly Kids Rhythm Club at Bongo Boy Music School. Parents are invited too!
- Head downtown to trial the Indiana Pacers bikeshare.
- Drive-in for some sweet potato fries and other greasy faves at Mug N Bun.
- Round up your sports enthusiasts for a spin through the NCAA Hall Of Champions.
- Go for a mini golf game.
- Try an archery lesson at Koteewi Archery Range, the newest Hamilton County Parks location.
- Preview the new Freedom Springs Aquatics splash park in Greenwood.
- Explore a new town: Franklin.
- Explore a new town: Noblesville.
- Explore a new town: Zionsville.
- Climb play structures at the Recreation Unlimited Play Zone.
- See the dolphin show at the Indianapolis Zoo.
- Eat lunch at City Market in downtown Indy.
- Enjoy Wet Wednesdays at Splash Island Plainfield.
- Hit the drums at the Rhythm Discovery Center.
- Take a road trip to Hunter's Honey Farm.
- Head over to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame Museum
- Check out The Indiana State Police Museum, a secret eastside favorite.
- Set up a tour with friends at a local fire station.
- Set up a tour at a local airport with friends.
- Climb to the top of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument on the downtown Circle.
- Take the fam for a round of Duckpin bowling in Fountain Square.
- Soak up the view from the highest point in Crown Hill Cemetery {and leave pennies at Whitcomb Riley's graveside for Riley Hospital!}.
- Do a self-guided tour of Traders Point Creamery. Then indulge in ice cream afterward.
- Participate in the Kids Summer Lunch Bunch, a program providing free sack lunches, books and exercise to kids in the summer months.
- Enjoy the weekly Kids Concerts from Carmel Clay Parks, alternating between River Heritage and West Parks.
- Take the plunge and try ziplining with Go Ape! at Eagle Creek Park {ages 10+}.
- Eat a slice of sugar cream pie together at Locally Grown Gardens.
- Visit Darrin's Coffee Co. of Zionsville on Wednesdays and stay to hear Mr. Daniel play.
- Pop a tent for a backyard campout.
- Build sandcastles and splash around at Saxony Lake and Beach of Fishers.
- Head to a fest, feast or festival near you.
- Try a train ride with Indiana Transportation Museum... weekends in June
- Visit a new restaurant during Chowdown Midtown... June 2nd-15th
- Have the Family Learn To Fish at a FREE workshop at Monon Community Center... June 6th.
- Take a hike at your favorite park on National Trails Day... June 6th
- Shop the Woodruff Place Flea Market... June 6th and 7th.
- Indulge in strawberry shortcake at Strawberry Festival On The Circle... June 11th.
- Visit the Indy public library book sale and stock up on titles for summer reading... June 19th-27th
- Enjoy a monsoon of fun at Fishers Parks and Recreation's Monsoon Madness... June 20th
- Look at chalk drawings or let the kids create a chalk mural at the Hamilton Town Center Chalk Festival... June 20th
- Shade yourself in the Family Zone during the annual Monumental Yoga event... June 21st
- Hit the National Guard Association Of Indiana Car Show downtown at the War Memorial... June 27th

ONLY IN JULY

- Watch the downtown Indy fireworks from the high hill in the Holy Cross neighborhood
- Enjoy a 4th of July parade in your neighborhood {Fishers, Carmel & Greenwood all have them!}
- Savor your sweet tooth at the Ice Cream Social on the Circle... July 10th.
- Dive in for some 'we'll need a shower after this' fun at the annual Fishers Mud Day... July 11th
- Head to the Speedway and watch all the Brickyard haulers arrive... July 23rd {estimated}

ONLY IN AUGUST

- Get up early for the hot air balloon launch celebrating the first day of the Indiana State Fair... August 7th
- Take the family out to the Indiana State Fair. Repeat... August 7th-23rd
- Snuggle into sleeping bags for the annual Perseid meteor shower... estimated August 9th-14th {peak night is August 11th}
- Splish splash at the Carmel Clay Parks' Preschool Splash Bash... August 21st
- Check for Indianapolis Colts events to celebrate the start of the 2015 season... all month

ONLY IN JUNE

- Go strawberry picking during prime season... begins early June.



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