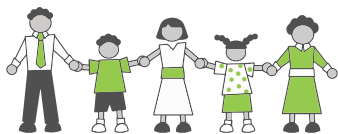




# 2026 Guide to **SUMMER FUN**



**FOSTER & ADOPTIVE CARE COALITION**  
FOR EVERY CHILD... A PLACE TO CALL HOME

# POOLS & WATER ACTIVITIES

Visit [graphics.stltoday.com/maps/pools/](https://graphics.stltoday.com/maps/pools/) for more pools in the area.

## **Arnold Recreation Center**

Address: 1695 Missouri State Rd, Arnold, MO 63010

Features: *Lazy river, large bowl slide, whirlpool*

Residents and non-residents: \$6

## **Manchester Aquatic Center**

Address: 359 Old Meramec Station Rd, Ballwin, MO 63021

Features: *diving board, rock climbing wall, slides*

Non-resident: \$10

Resident child/adult: \$6/\$7

## **Chesterfield Family Aquatic Center**

Address: 16365 Lydia Hill Dr, Chesterfield, MO 63017

Features: *Water slides, lazy river, kids' area, competition pool*

Non-resident: \$11

Resident child/adult: \$6/\$7

## **Des Peres Lodge**

Address: 1050 Des Peres Rd, St Louis, MO 63131

Features: *3 water slides, lazy river, kids' area, indoor wave pool*

Non-resident: \$12

Resident: \$8

## **Bangert Pool**

Address: 275 S New Florissant Rd, Florissant, MO 63031

Features: *Diving boards, rock wall, splash pad*

Non-resident child/adult: \$14/\$16

Resident child/adult: \$5/\$7

## **White Birch Bay Aquatic Center**

Address: 1186 Teson Rd, Hazelwood, MO 63042

Features: *Water playground, two water slides, diving pool*

All children 3 and under: FREE

Non-residents: \$15

Residents: \$7

### **Aquaport in Maryland Heights**

Address: 2344 McKelvey Rd, Maryland Heights, MO 63043

*Features: Numerous water slides, lazy river, kids' area, family fun pool. Children 3 and under are free.*

Non-resident child/adult: \$15/\$20.

Resident child/adult: \$6/\$7

### **Splash Pad Water Play Park**

Address: 301 Obernuefemann Rd, O'Fallon, IL 62269

*Features: Sprinklers and water playground*

FREE

### **O'Fallon Aquatic Center**

Address: 411 East 5th St, O'Fallon, IL 62269

*Features: Vortex pool, slides, spray features*

Non-resident child/adult: \$11/\$13

Resident child/adult: \$8/\$10

### **St Vincent Community Center**

Address: 7335 St. Charles Rock Rd, St Louis, MO 63133

*Features: Open water slide, water play structure, zero entry pool, and lap swimming lanes*

Child (4-12) and senior (65+): \$4

Adult (13-64): \$5

### **North County Recreation Complex Aquatic Center**

Address: 2577 Redman Ave, St Louis, MO 63136

*Features: Tot pool, play structure, family otter slide, diving board, lazy river, drop slide, and water slide*

Child: \$8

Adult (13+): \$10

### **Heman Park Swimming Pool**

Address: 7210 Olive Blvd, St Louis, MO 63130

*Features: Lap pool, water slide, and diving boards*

You must purchase a resident recreation ID card (\$5) or a non-resident recreation ID card (\$7) and the daily admission fee, which is:

Non-resident child/adult: \$7/\$9

Resident child/adult: \$5/\$6

### **Sunset Hills Aquatic Center**

Address: 12512 W Watson Rd, St Louis, MO 63127

*Features: Lap pool, diving boards, zero entry pool, baby pool, and lazy river*

Non-resident: \$11

Resident child/adult: \$8/10

### **Progress Park Pool**

Address: 968 Meyer Rd, Wentzville, MO 63385

*Features: Diving boards, slides, deep diving well*

Non-resident child/adult: \$9/\$11

Resident child/adult: \$6/\$8

# FAIRS & FESTIVALS

## **Fiesta in Florissant**

Date: June 20-21

Time: Saturday: 10 a.m.–10 p.m. and Sunday: 11 a.m.–9 p.m.

Address: 50 St. Francois St., Florissant, MO 63031

Entry fee: FREE

*A two-day celebration of the Hispanic arts and culture including authentic food booths, live Latino bands, children's pavilion, and folkloric dancers.*

## **St. Louis Pridefest**

Date: June 27-28

Time: Saturday: 11 a.m.–6 p.m.; Sunday: Noon-6 p.m., Grand Pride Parade noon Sunday

Address: Downtown St. Louis, 1315 Chestnut St., St. Louis, MO 63103

Entry fee: \$10 per person

*There will be a food court and music. The Grand Pride Parade is at noon on Sunday.*

See [pridestl.org/entertainment](http://pridestl.org/entertainment) and [pridestl.org/faq](http://pridestl.org/faq) for more information.

## **Celebrate St. Louis**

Date: July 3–4

Time: Friday: Gates open 4 p.m., Saturday: Gates open 2 p.m., Drone show at 9:40 p.m. followed by fireworks both evenings

Address: Gateway Arch Grounds, Downtown St. Louis, 63101

Entry fee: FREE

*Celebrate America's 250th birthday with two days of live concerts, family activities, food vendors, a 1,500-drone show, fireworks, and America's Birthday Parade on July 4.*

## **St. Charles Riverfest**

Date: July 3-4

Time: Noon-10 p.m. both days; Riverfest Parade 10 a.m. July 4, Drone Show 9:20 p.m. July 3; Fireworks 9:20 p.m. July 4

Address: 222 S. Riverside Dr., St. Charles, MO 63301

Entry fee: FREE

*Saint Charles Riverfest is the City's premier Fourth of July Festival featuring live music, great food and drinks, children's activities, a carnival, drone show, parade, fireworks, and more.*

## **Let Them Eat Art**

Date: July 10

Time: 5:30–9:30 p.m.

Address: 2731 Sutton, Maplewood, MO 63143

Entry fee: FREE

*Let Them Eat Art is a celebration of the arts and a whimsical tribute to Bastille Day. Enjoy the sights and sounds of Let Them Eat Art, which features live art demonstrations, musical performances, and kids' activities, plus food and drink from Maplewood restaurants. There will be plenty of shopping along the way! Maplewood retailers will have extended hours and offer special event-only promotions.*

## **Family Day Block Party in Grand Center**

Date: July 11

Time: 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Address: 3700 Washington Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63103

Entry fee: FREE

*Families can enjoy free art activities, performances, and hands-on experiences at the Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis, The Sheldon, and the Pulitzer Arts Foundation. Recommended for ages 3–12.*

## **St. Louis/Bridgeton Reptile Show**

Date: July 19

Time: 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Address: 12365 St. Charles Rock Rd, Bridgeton, MO 63044

Entry fee: \$5 per child and \$10 per adult

*Reptile aficionados, this event is your passport to a reptilian wonderland where you can not only admire these remarkable animals but also purchase a scaly friend of your very own!*

## **Taste of St. Louis**

Date: August 14-16

Time: Friday 4–10 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.–10 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m.–6 p.m.

Address: Clayton, MO

Entry fee: FREE

*Food tastings, live music and family-friendly events. Visit [www.thetastestl.com](http://www.thetastestl.com).*

## **Ballwin Days Festival at Vlasis Park**

Date: August 13-16

Time: Thursday 6:30–9:30 p.m.; Friday 5–11:30 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.–11:30 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Address: 300 Park Dr, Ballwin, MO 63011

Entry fee: FREE

*Carnival rides games, crafts, face painting, food & drinks, fireworks, and more! Visit [www.ballwin.mo.us/Schedule-of-Events/](http://www.ballwin.mo.us/Schedule-of-Events/) for more information.*

## **City Fest - O'Fallon, IL**

Date: August 21-22

Time: Friday 4–10 p.m. and Saturday noon–9 p.m.

Address: O'Fallon Community Park, 401 E 5th St, O'Fallon, IL 62269

Entry fee: FREE

*Enjoy food and drinks from local vendors, live music, carnival rides, a car show, parade, and family-friendly entertainment.*

# FREE FAMILY FUN

## **Up-Down STL- Family Day**

Address: 405 N. Euclid, St. Louis, MO 63108

Date: First Sunday of each month

Time: 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

*Arcade games are 25 cents and pizza and drinks are on sale. Anyone under 21 years must leave at 2 p.m.*

## **DIY Kids Workshops at Lowe's**

Address: Lowe's stores around the St. Louis area

Date: Third Saturday of each month

Time: 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

*Free DIY arts & crafts projects for mini-builders. Online registration is required.*

*Go to [lowes.com/diy-projects-and-ideas/workshops](https://www.lowes.com/diy-projects-and-ideas/workshops) to sign up.*

## **The Magic House, St Louis Children's Museum**

Address: 516 S Kirkwood Rd, St Louis, MO 63122

Date: Daily

Time: 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

*Entry is always FREE for foster families with proof of their licensure! The museum has loads of exhibits, hands-on activities, and events for kids and families. On the third Friday of the month, there are free family nights (for 2 adults and up to 4 children) from 5–8 p.m. Space is limited and is first come, first served.*

*Adoptive/guardianship families: Admission is normally \$15 per person, but it is \$3 per person for all if you arrive after 3 p.m. and show proof of residency in St. Louis, Jefferson, Franklin, St. Charles, Warren or Lincoln County.*

## **Chocolate Chocolate Chocolate Factory Tours**

Address: 5025 Pattinson Ave, St. Louis, MO 63110

Date: Weekdays

Time: 9 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

*This 15-20 minute tour will take you to the factory floor where you can see, smell, and taste chocolates, seeing the candy makers hand make the chocolates. Reservations are required for everyone and only 10 people per tour. All visitors must wear a "tour hat" while on the tour.*

## **MADE for Kids**

Address: 5127 Delmar Blvd, St Louis, MO 63108

Date: Daily

House: Monday–Saturday 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m.; Sunday 10:30 a.m.–5 p.m

*Entry is always FREE for foster families with proof of their licensure! MADE for Kids is a hands-on makerspace with interactive activities for kids including Legos, sewing, painting on a digital easel, sculpting a clay creation, building robots and more*

*Adoptive/guardianship families: Admission is \$7.50 for each adult/child.*

## **Inside the Economy Museum at the St Louis Federal Reserve**

Address: One Federal Reserve Bank Plaza, St. Louis, MO, 63102

Date: Weekdays

Hours: 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

*Inside the free Economy® Museum (inside the historic Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis) will immerse you in a one-of-a-kind experience that explains the economy, and your role in it, in a fun and interactive way. Engage in a hands-on journey through nearly 100 exhibits that are brought to life through interactive displays, games, sculptures and videos.*

## **Frisco Train Store**

Address: 24 Front St, Valley Park, MO 63088

Date: Tuesdays–Sundays (closed Mondays)

Hours: Tuesday–Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Sunday noon–5 p.m.

*The store has a large, free indoor play-area where kids can play with wooden trains on a huge 16 foot multi-level train table, kitchen play area, or one of the other demo table.*

## **National Great Rivers Museum**

Address: 1 Locks and Dam Way, Alton, IL 62002

Date: Daily

Time: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

*The Museum's free exhibits and tour highlight the importance of the Mississippi River to the people who have and still live near it and daily use it's resources, as well as the wildlife and their habitats that depend on it. The tour walk goes to the nearby dam.*

## **Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center**

Address: 11715 Cragwood Rd, Kirkwood, MO 63122

Date: Tuesdays–Saturdays (closed Sunday and Monday)

Hours: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

*The area has three trails, all of them paved, and one that offers interpretive signage. The nature center, gift shop, and innovative educational exhibits, including a 3,000 gallon aquarium, offer something year round. MDC naturalists conduct regular programs to help you discover the wonders of nature.*

## **Suson Park Animal Farm**

Address: 6073 Wells Rd, St Louis, MO 63128

Date: Daily

Hours: Park hours 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset; Barn hours 10:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

*This park has a working animal farm, fishing lakes, and a playground. Most breeds of farm animals are represented for urban dwellers to see and enjoy, from draft horses to modern cattle breeds.*

## **Forest Park Playscape**

Located in Forest Park near the World's Fair Pavilion

Date: Daily

Hours: 6 a.m.–10 p.m.

*The Anne O'C. Albrecht Nature Playscape is a free 17-acre experiential play space with natural landscapes that include native and diverse species. Featuring nine distinct activity areas, the free destination includes sand play areas, willow tunnels, stump steppers, boulders and rocks, hand water pumps and much more.*

## **Missouri Botanical Garden Free Admission Days**

Address: 4344 Shaw Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63110

Date: Wednesdays and Saturdays

Time: 7 a.m.–noon

*The entire Garden, including the Children's Garden, is free on Wednesday and Saturday mornings with proof of St. Louis City or County residency, when no holiday or special events are scheduled. Note that the Children's Garden does not open until 9 a.m.*

## **Storytelling at the Missouri History Museum**

Address: 5700 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63112

Date: Fridays

Hours: 10:30–11 a.m.

*Storytelling programs at the Missouri History Museum engage our youngest visitors and their families with songs, movement, traditional and contemporary storybooks, and local history. Recommended for children aged 2–6 and their families.*

## **Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House Free Admission Days**

Address: 15050 Faust Park, Chesterfield, MO 63017

Date: First Tuesday of the month

Hours: 10 a.m.–noon

*Admission to the Butterfly House is free on the first Tuesday of every month with proof of St. Louis City or County residency. Note that strollers are not permitted in the conservatory.*

## **Whitaker Music Festival at the Missouri Botanical Garden**

Address: 4344 Shaw Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63110

Date: Wednesdays, May 28–July 30

Hours: Free admission after 5 p.m.; last entry 8 p.m.

*The open-air Whitaker Music Festival presents free Wednesday evening concerts after 5 p.m. Visitors are welcome to bring their own picnic food and beverages, or purchase on site. Glass is prohibited. Note that the Children's Garden is not open during Whitaker Music Festival.*

# EVENT CALENDARS

## **Kidsoutandabout.com**

[saintlouis.kidsoutandabout.com](http://saintlouis.kidsoutandabout.com)

## **Fun4STLKids**

[fun4stlkids.com/calendar](http://fun4stlkids.com/calendar)

## **Explore St. Louis**

[explorestlouis.com/events](http://explorestlouis.com/events)

## **Do314.com**

[do314.com](http://do314.com)

## **Enjoy Illinois**

[enjoyillinois.com](http://enjoyillinois.com)

## **Discover Downstate Illinois**

[downstateil.org/events](http://downstateil.org/events)

## **STLPR Community Calendar**

[stlpr.org/community-calendar](http://stlpr.org/community-calendar)

## **St. Louis American Local Events Calendar**

[stlamerican.com/calendar](http://stlamerican.com/calendar)

## **First Alert 4 Community Calendar**

[firstalert4.com/community/calendar](http://firstalert4.com/community/calendar)

## **Fox 2 Community Calendar**

[fox2now.com/community-calendar](http://fox2now.com/community-calendar)

## **St. Louis Post-Dispatch Events Calendar**

[stltoday.com/events](http://stltoday.com/events)

## **St. Louis Magazine Events Calendar**

[stlmag.com/events](http://stlmag.com/events)