



# Maranatha Moms - Summer Activity List

Ideas for Fun, Play and Learning in and around the Twin Cities

## FOREST LAKE ACTIVITIES:

- **Forest Lake 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration**  
**Hours:**  
Thursday 7/1 Food: 11am-10pm Carnival: 6-10pm  
Friday 7/2 Food: 11am-10pm Carnival: 4-10pm  
Saturday 7/3 Food: 11am-11pm Carnival: Noon-10pm  
(Saturday Special \$20 wristband for unlimited rides)  
Sunday 7/4 Carnival: Noon-10pm  
**Parade: Saturday, July 3, 2010 10:00am**  
**Fireworks: Sunday, July 4, 2010 Dusk**  
Downtown Forest Lake
- **Arts in the Park** - Lakeside Park, Forest Lake (Broadway and 61)  
Tuesday evenings, June 15 – August 31, 2010  
**2010 Kids Nights:**  
June 22 – 6pm: Dennis Warner: Beads On One String  
July 13 – 6pm: Teddy Bear Band  
August 10 – 6pm: Alphabits  
For the full summer schedule go to: [www.ci.forest-lake.mn.us](http://www.ci.forest-lake.mn.us)



## PARKS AND BEACHES:

- **Goodview Park - Wyoming** (Goodview Avenue in Wyoming)
- **Chisago City Park – Chisago City, MN**  
11031 Stinson Avenue – Chisago City, MN  
Beach, Playground, Fishing
- **Teddy Bear Park – Stillwater**  
207 E. Nelson Street, Stillwater, MN  
Open daily 8am-8pm Check it out at [www.teddybearpark.com](http://www.teddybearpark.com)  
*Equipment and play area geared for toddlers – elementary aged kids!*  
(Check out Nelson's Ice Cream – also on our list for a fun “after park treat!”)
- **Central Park – Roseville**  
2540 Lexington Avenue N. – Roseville, MN
- **Lindstrom Beach Park**  
Located on Lindstrom Lake at the west end of Newell Avenue  
Beach swimming, playground, fishing pier
- **Snail Lake Park – Shoreview**  
4200 Snail Lake Boulevard – Shoreview, MN  
Telephone: 651-777-1707  
Swimming, Hiking, Biking, Playground, Picnic
- **Coon Lake Beach**  
182 Forest Road – East Bethel, MN



## WASHINGTON COUNTY PARKS:

*(Washington County park passes are also good for Anoka County parks)*

### Lake Elmo Park Preserve

1515 Keats Avenue North · Lake Elmo, MN 55042

Phone: 651-430-8370

Park Hours are 7:00 a.m. until one-half hour after sunset.

Washington County Park Permit Required - \$5 daily/\$25 annually

Really nice man made, chlorinated lake with beach. Picnic and play areas. Walking paths. Camping.

[www.co.washington.mn.us/info\\_for\\_residents/parks\\_division/parks\\_and\\_trails/lake\\_elmo\\_park\\_reserve/](http://www.co.washington.mn.us/info_for_residents/parks_division/parks_and_trails/lake_elmo_park_reserve/)

- **Square Lake**

15450 Square Lake Trail North - Stillwater, MN 55082

Phone: 651-430-8370

[www.co.washington.mn.us/info\\_for\\_residents/parks\\_division/parks\\_and\\_trails/square\\_lake\\_park](http://www.co.washington.mn.us/info_for_residents/parks_division/parks_and_trails/square_lake_park)

Hours: 7:00am – ½ hour after dusk daily.

Washington County Park Permit Required - \$5 daily/\$25 annually

- **Big Marine Park Reserve** – *great play area for kids of all ages, beach and fishing.*

17495 Manning Trail North - Marine on Saint Croix, MN 55047

Phone: 651-430-8200

[www.co.washington.mn.us/info\\_for\\_residents/parks\\_division/parks\\_and\\_trails/big\\_marine\\_park\\_reserve](http://www.co.washington.mn.us/info_for_residents/parks_division/parks_and_trails/big_marine_park_reserve)

Hours: 7:00am – ½ hour after dusk daily.

Washington County Park Permit Required - \$5 daily/\$25 annually

- **Washington County Parks – FREE First Tuesday**

The first non-holiday Tuesday of each month is "Free Tuesday". Vehicle permits are not required in any County Park on these days. Enjoy your visit!

## ANOKA COUNTY PARKS:

*(Anoka County park passes are also good for Washington and Carver County parks)*

- **Rice Creek Park**

7401 Main Street - Lino Lakes, MN

<http://www.anokacountyparks.com/qlinks/Parks/RiceCreek/ricecreek.htm>

Anoka County Park Permit Required - \$5 daily/\$25 annually

Beach with water play area, attached to a nice playground. Hiking, Biking, Camping.

Hours: 6:00am-1/2 hour after dusk daily

- **Island Lake Martin-Island-Linwood Lakes Reg. Park**

22480 Martin Lake Rd NW Linwood Township Phone: (763) 757-3920

- **Bunker Hills Regional Park**

CSAH 14 and Foley Boulevard - Coon Rapids, MN

<http://www.anokacountyparks.com/qlinks/Parks/BunkerHills/bunker.htm>

Anoka County Park Permit Required - \$5 daily/\$25 annually

Playground, Bunker Beach Water Park, Biking, Hiking, Golf, Horseback Riding...

## RAMSEY COUNTY PARKS

- **White Bear Lake Beach – CLOSED FOR 2010**

Hwy96 – just east of Hwy 61 in White Bear Lake

Website: [www.co.ramsey.mn.us](http://www.co.ramsey.mn.us)

Check out **Lake Johanna**, **Lake Josephine**, **Long Lake**, **Lake McCarrons**

or **Snail Lake**. They all have lifeguards on duty. **Lake Gervais**, **Lake Owasso** and **Turtle Lake** have unguarded beaches.

Each COUNTY has more parks. Visit their websites for more information!



- **List of all Twin Cities beaches.** Check out this link to the list of all beaches in the Twin Cities and surrounding area put out by the MN DNR.  
[http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/recreation/swimming/tc\\_beaches.pdf](http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/recreation/swimming/tc_beaches.pdf)

### OTHER GREAT LOCAL PARK AREAS WORTH MENTIONING:

- **Chain of Lakes**, Minneapolis - This area encompasses 13.3 miles of trails that follow around Lake Calhoun, Harriet Lake, Lake of the Isles, and the surrounding neighborhoods. It is tremendously scenic place to get active or just sit back and relax. Activities include running, walking, biking, skating, boating, fishing, and sailing.
- **Minnehaha Regional Park**, Minneapolis - Attractions at this large city park include a 50-mile outdoor recreation loop with paved trails to walk or bike, the John H Stevens House Museum, an off-leash dog park, the historic railroad Princess Depot, and of course... the breathtaking 53-foot Minnehaha Falls.
- **French Regional Park**, Plymouth - A popular park for families with kids. It has a swimming beach on Medicine Lake. The fabulous creative play area features a cargo net climbing structure and a separate area for pre-schoolers to play.
- **Elm Creek Park Reserve**, Maple Grove - Features swimming pond with beach area. Huge creative play area complete with climbing, sliding, and swinging equipment for a wide range of age groups.
- **Hyland Park Reserve**, Bloomington – Commonly referred to as “Shoots and Ladders”. This fun and colorful playground includes tube slides, flat slides, and spiral slides ranging from 10 to 50 feet long. Also has platform and hexagonal climbers for hours of enjoyment. A smaller play area with sliding, swinging, and climbing equipment for smaller children or those with handicaps is located in the same area. Also has a small water misting area for kids, so bring towels and wear clothes that can get wet.
- **Lake Minnetonka Regional Park**, Minnetrista - The 20,000 square-foot multi-level play area bearing a nautical theme includes a cargo hold, climbing nets and structures, numerous slides, and two 20-foot slide rides. It is accessible for children of all ages and abilities.
- **Like to Hike – and Explore?? Try Geocaching.** Geocaching uses a handheld GPS to search for hidden locaters throughout a park or specified area. Available at many state, county and local parks. Check out the MN DNR for more information or the MN Geocaching Association. GPS for Geocaching can be rented or purchased at many locations.  
[www.mngca.org](http://www.mngca.org) or <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/geocaching/index.html>
- **And don't forget your STATE PARKS!** [www.dnr.state.mn.us/state\\_parks](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks)  
Lots of amazing hiking trails, geocaching, scenery, beaches, fishing and activities all available, typically, for the cost of entrance or your season pass. Rentals available at many locations too: canoes and boats. Maybe you will consider camping overnight?
  - Just down Hiway 8 in Taylors Fall is **Interstate State Park**. Known for it's scenic view of the St. Croix River. Also check out the glacial potholes – some of the deepest known potholes in the state!
  - William O'Brien State Park is a great place for bird watching and canoeing. Always lots to see and observe in the natural world around us!
  - Head north to **Gooseberry Falls State Park** for hiking, biking, and scenery that is breathtaking. Just a few miles north of Goosberry is **Split Rock Lighthouse**. 2010 brings the 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration of the lighthouse.
  - Just south of us in Afton is the **Afton State Park** also along the St. Croix River. Spend a day fishing, swimming, hiking – and enjoying the scenery!
  - Check out **Fort Snelling State Park** for fishing, hiking, biking and like all state parks, lots of nature and scenery.

## WATER, WATER, WATER:

- **Rush City Aquatic Center**  
305 South Elliot – Rush City, MN  
Phone: 320-358-3074  
Website: [www.rushcity.k12.mn.us/Index.cfm/fuseaction:Schools.Page/PID:19/index.html](http://www.rushcity.k12.mn.us/Index.cfm/fuseaction:Schools.Page/PID:19/index.html)  
**2010 Schedule: June 6 – August 29**  
**Daily Swim Schedule:**  
1:00-2:15 Swim  
2:15-2:25 Break  
2:25-3:30 Swim  
3:30-3:40 Break  
3:40-4:50 Swim  
4:50-5:00 Break  
5:00-6:20 Swim  
**Admission:** Children 8 and under, Seniors 62+ \$4, Youth and Adults 9-61 \$7  
Family Daily Pass: \$20  
Admission after 3pm: Children 8 and under, Seniors 62+ \$3, Youth and Adults 9-61 \$5  
Family Daily Pass: \$14
- **Highland Park Aquatic Center**  
1840 Edgcumbe Road – St. Paul, MN (Montreal and Edgcumbe)  
Phone: 651-695-3773  
**Summer 2010 Schedule:** Saturday, June 12 – Labor Day, September 6  
General Open Swim: Saturday and Sunday: 12:00-6:00pm  
Monday – Friday: 12:00-7:00pm  
**Admission:** Adults \$6.50, Youth 12-16 \$5.00 Children 12 and under \$4.50  
**Family Rate:** \$16.00 (up to 5 members in same household) Each additional \$3  
*Check out <http://www.stpaul.gov/index.aspx?NID=1164> for other water parks/pools/beaches in St. Paul*
- **Battle Creek WATERWORKS Family Aquatic Center**  
2401 Upper Afton Road – Maplewood, MN  
Phone: 651-501-6340 Website: [www.co.ramsey.mn.us/parks/waterpark/index.htm](http://www.co.ramsey.mn.us/parks/waterpark/index.htm)  
**Summer 2010 Schedule:**  
June 12 – August 22  
11:00am-8:00pm daily  
Twilight Hours: 6:00-8:00pm  
**Admission:** Adults and children over 12 months - \$6.50 daily  
Twilight Admission: \$4.50  
Family Punch Card: \$55/10 admissions
- **Bunker Beach Water Park**  
CSAH 14 and Foley Boulevard - Coon Rapids, MN  
[Website: www.bunkerbeach.com/](http://www.bunkerbeach.com/)  
**Summer 2008 Schedule:**  
Daily: 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
**Regular Admission:**  
Guest over 48" - \$14.00 per day  
Guest under 48" or Senior Citizen (age 62 and over) - \$11,00 per day  
Under 1 year of age – FREE  
**Twilight Admission:** (after 4pm)  
Guest over 48" - \$10.00 per day  
Guest under 48" or Senior Citizen (age 62 and over) - \$8.00 per day  
*(Check out [dealsonradio.com](http://dealsonradio.com) for discounted admission tickets.)*
- **Mark Park – Splash Water Park** - Princeton  
11<sup>th</sup> Avenue South and 5<sup>th</sup> Street South, Princeton, MN  
*This is a great outdoor – especially for the younger kids. Check it out online for a picture.*  
[www.princetonmn.org](http://www.princetonmn.org) - look at Splash Water Park  
**Open Daily:** 11am – 6pm  
**Admission:** \$4 each / \$15 family pass

- Cascade Bay Waterpark – Eagan**  
 1360 Civic Center Drive · Eagan, MN 55122  
 Hotline: (651) 675-5577  
<http://www.cityofeagan.com/live/page.asp?menu=8891>  
**2010 Summer Schedule:**  
 June 11-August 29 Daily 11:00am-8:30pm (some exceptions, check website or call to confirm)  
**Admission:** Over 42" \$9, Under 42" & Seniors 62+ \$7, children under 18 mos – FREE  
**Miniature Golf:** \$3 per 9 hole round / \$5 all day unlimited golf
- Tropics Indoor Water Park – Shoreview Community Center**  
*The Waterpark includes "Shark Attack" waterslide, beach boat slide, floating sea creatures, water walk, water volleyball and basketball.*  
 4580 Victoria Street N. – Shoreview, MN 55126 (Off Hwy 96)  
 Phone: 651-409-4701 <http://www.ci.shoreview.mn.us/Tropics/Tropics.html>  
**Hours:** Monday and Wednesday: 4-9pm  
 Tuesday and Thursday: 6-9pm  
 Friday 4-10,  
 Saturday Noon -8:00pm  
 Sunday Noon-6:00pm  
**Admission:** Adults \$8.25, Children 1-17 \$7.25, Family Rate \$29.00  
 Waterpark admission includes admission to the indoor playland for children up to 12.
- Wild Mountain** *Fun for all ages – and you won't stay dry! Wild Adventure Island is geared towards the smaller kids, Big Country is an exciting innertube adventure, the Black Hole for the adventurous ones, the Hydrotube, the Super Chute, The Lazy River and the Wild Mtn. Kiddie Park. (You can bring your own picnic lunch too!)*  
 Wild Mountain – Taylors Falls Recreation (watch for the signs)  
 Phone: 651-465-6315 Website: [www.wildmountain.com](http://www.wildmountain.com)  
**Hours:** Vary by day of week. Check website for complete schedule.  
 Opens at 10am daily and closes between 6-8pm.  
**Admission:**  
**Super Day Pass – includes all wet and dry rides**  
 54" and Up: \$29.95  
 Under 54": \$17.98  
**Unlimited Water Rides**  
 46" and Up: \$15.97  
 Under 46": \$9.39  
**Dry Rides:**  
 3 dry ride pack: \$16.91  
 Or can purchase individually – varies by ride  
*Dry rides include two stretches of 1700 feet of alpine slides and go karts.*  
**Summer Birthday? – Get a FREE Super Day Pass** on your birthday (with identification/proof)
- Waterpark of America -** *The Water Park of America offers lots of features to keep you entertained. Minnesota's only Flow Rider Surf Simulator, the Lake Superior wave pool, America's longest indoor family raft ride, which is ten stories tall and over a mile long, Several body and tube slides, activity pools with hoops, nets and balancing logs, and Fort Snelling play area for smaller children featuring numerous places to climb, slide, and have fun; including a large bucket dumping 500 gallons of water every two and a half minutes.*  
 Located in the Radisson at the Mall of America  
 1700 East American Boulevard, Bloomington, MN  
 Phone: 952-698-8888 Website: [www.waterparkofamerica.com](http://www.waterparkofamerica.com)  
**Hours:** Open daily from 10am-10pm  
**Admission:** Varies by day and time. Check website calendar for rates. Range from \$15.95 (Spectator Only) to \$26.95

- Holiday Inn – Wildwoods Waterpark** – *This waterpark is small enough that your kids can have a little freedom to roam, but with three large water slides (including the Toilet Bowl) – there is plenty of excitement and fun to be had!*  
 9200 Quaday Avenue NE, Otsego, MN  
 Phone: 763-656-4400 Website: [www.hielkriver.com](http://www.hielkriver.com)  
**Summer Hours:** Monday – Thursday: 9am-9pm  
 Friday: 9am – 10pm  
 Saturday: 8am – 10pm  
 Sunday: 8am-9pm  
**Admission:** \$19.95 per person (2 and under – FREE), Just watching: \$5  
 (Check out [dealsonradio.com](http://dealsonradio.com) for discounted admission tickets.)
- Jim Lupient Waterpark** – a City of Minneapolis park  
 Located in Northeast Park. 1520 Johnson Street NE, Minneapolis, MN  
**Phone:** 612-370-3989 Website: [www.minneapolisparcs.org](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org)  
**Hours:** Monday – Friday: 1-8pm  
 Saturday – Sunday: 11am-8pm  
**Admission:** Over 42" - \$6, Under 42" - \$5
- The Depot** – *Young and old, there is something for everyone. 185-foot, three story waterslide, 15,000 square foot interior with four pools, Lifeguards on duty, Splash fountain, Oversized whirlpool, Indoor observation deck – and an indoor game arcade with a redemption center.*  
 225 Third Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN  
 Phone: 612-375-1700 Website: [www.thedepotminneapolis.com](http://www.thedepotminneapolis.com)  
**Hours:** Varies by day of the week – see website for specific hours.  
 Typically: Friday: Noon – 10pm, Saturday: 9am – 10pm, Sunday: 9am-3pm  
**Rates:** \$20 for non-hotel guests. Day passes for non-hotel guests are available on a limited basis. Call The Depot for availability before you venture out!

## NATURE CENTERS:

Admission to the nature centers is FREE unless otherwise noted.

- Wargo Nature Center** – *An outdoor learning center open to the community. Visit the visitors' center and the go outside to hike the trails throughout the park. Near the visitors' center you will find our wild bird feeders, visited by much more than just a variety of birds. You will also see our many gardens; some to attract butterflies, another to increase water quality, and all are beautiful to look at. Of course, here at Wargo, you will always find experienced and friendly naturalists and staff to answer any of your questions.*  
 7701 Main Street · Lino Lakes, MN  
 Phone: 651-429-8007  
 Website: [www.anokacountyparks.com/parks/wargo\\_nature\\_center](http://www.anokacountyparks.com/parks/wargo_nature_center)  
**Hours:** Closed Monday, Tuesday – Thursday: 8-4:30pm  
 Saturday 9-5pm, Sunday Noon – 5pm  
*Canoes, kayaks, snowshoes, and kicksleds are also available to rent at the visitors' center.*
- Warner Nature Center** – *The oldest private nature center in Minnesota, Warner features over 600 acres of undeveloped woodland, marsh, lake, bog and grasslands. Within the Trailside Museum, visitors can experience the Hidden Wonders of Warner, our brand-new interactive, hands-on education exhibits.*  
 The Warner Nature Center is located near historic Marine on St. Croix.  
 15375 Norell Avenue N. · Marine on the St. Croix, MN  
 Phone: 651-433-2427 Website: [www.smm.org/warnernaturecenter](http://www.smm.org/warnernaturecenter)  
**Hours:** Trailside Museum Monday – Friday 8am-4pm  
 website for Public Program Days for additional days and times to visit. Trails are only open for exploring during programming. See

- Tamarack Nature Center** – *Tamarack Nature Center is a 320-acre park preserve located within Bald Eagle-Otter Lakes Regional Park in White Bear Township, MN. Over four miles of woodchipped paths, paved trails and boardwalks provide year-round access to a diverse, natural community that includes red fox, deer, woodcock and other wildlife, as well as ever-changing seasonal foliage. A special dock serves as a scenic overlook onto Tamarack Lake, habitat for heron, turtle, mink and muskrat. The half-mile paved trail circling the restored prairie provides access to the George Mack observation deck overlooking Teal Pond.* 5287 Otter Lake Road · White Bear Township, MN  
 Phone: 651-407-5350 Website: [www.co.ramsey.mn.us/parks/tamarack/index.htm](http://www.co.ramsey.mn.us/parks/tamarack/index.htm)  
**Hours:** Building: Monday – Friday 8-4:30pm Saturday 9-5pm Sunday Noon – 5pm  
 Trail Hours: Daily ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset
- Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge** - *You'll be amazed by the 8,000 sq ft expanse of exhibits in the Wildlife Interpretation and Education Center in Bloomington. The Minnesota Valley Refuge begins at the education center and runs along the Minnesota River for 34 miles. It is a long greenbelt of large marsh areas covering approximately 14,000 acres of land. These lands provide a refuge to many plants, animals, and waterfowl. Visitors can also enjoy many outdoor activities such as canoeing, biking, horseback riding, snowmobiling, hunting, fishing, and observing wildlife.*  
 The Bloomington Visitor Center is located at 3815 American Blvd. East in Bloomington, across from the Airport Hilton Hotel.  
 Phone: 952-854-5900 Website: [www.fws.gov/midwest/minnesotavalley](http://www.fws.gov/midwest/minnesotavalley)  
**Hours:** Tuesday – Sunday 9am-5pm  
**There are also many other locations of nature sites and hiking areas sponsored by the Minnesota Valley NWR and WMD. Check them out on their website – there are lots of great activities and programs available for kid of all ages.**
- Dodge Nature Center** - *The Dodge exists to educate adults and children about the ecological impacts of human development and how communities can act to preserve the area's natural heritage. Barnyard animals provide stimulating opportunities for learning and growth at the Center's forty-acre Model Farm.*  
 Location: 365 Marie Avenue West, West St. Paul  
 Phone: 651-455-4555 Website: [www.dodgenaturecenter.org](http://www.dodgenaturecenter.org) **Hours:**  
 Dodge Nature Center is open to the public from sun-up to sun-down for walking the six miles of trails and viewing native wildlife. The administrative office on the Main Property is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you are visiting during these times, please stop by the office to check in.
- Caponi Art Park and Learning Center** - *A place where the park is art. Located on 60-acres of rolling wooded hills in Eagan, Minnesota, Caponi Art Park and Learning Center is a distinctive cultural center offering free programs and educational experiences in an inviting, natural setting that seamlessly blends art and nature.*  
 1220 Diffley Road, Eagan, MN  
 Phone: 651-454-9412 Website: [www.caponiartpark.org](http://www.caponiartpark.org)  
**Hours:** Tuesday – Sunday 9am-7pm Closed Mondays **Additional Programs:**  
**Summer Performance Series** is a family-friendly program that features a wide variety of music, theater and dance concerts presented against a backdrop of earthworks and majestic oaks in the Theater in the Woods amphitheater. Check website for schedule.  
**Family Fun Tuesdays** is a weekly summer-long children's series that provides families with opportunities to experience a variety of art forms, learn about world cultures and experience new ideas together. The series presents all forms of art from storytelling and puppetry to music and dance in the intimate atmosphere of the Sculpture Garden.  
 Family Fun Tuesdays takes place **Tuesday mornings from 10am - 11am**

- MN Landscape Arboretum** - *Located in Chanhassen, you can enjoy a pleasant escape from urban life without driving too far. The arboretum has a visitor center and contains over 1,000 acres of gardens, prairies, woodlands, rolling hills, and marshes. Hike along the trails in this varying landscape and marvel at the colors of all the annual and perennial plants.* 3675 Arboretum Drive, Chaska MN 55318  
 Phone: 952-443-1400 Website: [www.arboretum.umn.edu](http://www.arboretum.umn.edu)  
**Hours:** Open every day 8am-8pm  
**Admission:** Adults \$9.00, Children 15 and under FREE

## **ANIMAL ADVENTURES:**

- Fawn Doe Rosa – St. Croix Falls**  
 2131 Hwy 8 – St. Croix Falls, WI  
 Phone: 715-483-3772 Website: [www.fawndoerosa.com](http://www.fawndoerosa.com)  
**Summer Hours** (Mid May - Labor Day)  
 Open Daily: Weekdays 10:00am to 5:00pm  
 Weekends/Holidays 10:00am to 6:00pm  
**Admission:** \$7.75+ tax per adult, \$6.75 + tax for children (2-15)  
**Pony Rides:** \$3 per child **Animal Food:** \$1 per bag  
 (Closed Saturday, July 17, 2010)
- Como Park Zoo and Conservatory** - *In addition to all of the animals that are regularly on exhibit, be sure to check out the new polar bear exhibit, Sparky the Seal's show and the Blooming Butterflies exhibit.*  
 1225 Estabrook Drive · Saint Paul, MN 55103  
 24-hour Information: 651-487-8200  
 Customer Service: 651-487-8201 Website: <http://www.comozooconservatory.org/>  
**Open daily:** 10:00am-6:00pm  
**Admission:** FREE, but donation suggestion of \$2 per adult, \$1 per child  
**Also at Como Park:**  
**The Carousel:** May 1 – September 6, 2010  
 Tuesday – Friday 11am-4pm, Saturday – Sunday 11am-6pm  
 Closed on Monday's  
 Tickets \$1.50/person (3 and under must have adult supervision. Adult will need a ticket)  
 FREE Ride Days: June 14, July 19, August 16  
**Comotown** - *Como Town Amusement Park, located adjacent to Como Park Zoo & Conservatory, is a family-fun amusement park for kids ages 2 to 12. Enjoy more than 18 rides and attractions including gall-time favorites and new, interactive rides that can't be found anywhere else in the upper Midwest.*  
**Hours:** Sunday – Thursday 10am-7pm, Friday – Saturday 10am-8pm  
**Ride Pricing:** Rates vary. You can purchase individual tickets, ticket packages or unlimited ride wristbands. For more information on pricing, visit their website.  
[www.comotown.com/tripPlanning/tickets\\_passes/tickets\\_passes.html](http://www.comotown.com/tripPlanning/tickets_passes/tickets_passes.html)  
**Como Park** – Located directly across from Como Zoo and Comotown. This park offers open play space and a great playground set. There are also restrooms, many picnic tables and makes a great addition to a zoo outing.  
**Como Lake** – If you are not too tired from walking the zoo or park, take a stroll around Como Lake with your kids. Distance around the lake is 1.67 miles.
- Minnesota Zoo** - *The Minnesota Zoo is home to more than 2,900 animals representing 504 species, many of which are considered rare, threatened, or endangered. Also check out the IMAX movie theatre.*  
 13000 Zoo Boulevard · Apple Valley, MN 55124  
 Phone: 952.431.9200, 1.800.366.7811 Website: [www.mnzoo.com](http://www.mnzoo.com)  
**Open Daily:** 9:00am-6:00pm  
**Admission:** Zoo Only \$16 per adult, \$10 children 3-12 and seniors 65+, under 3 Free  
 Zoo/Imax Combo \$23 per adult, \$16 children 3-12 and seniors 65+, under 3 Free  
 (AAA Discount available)  
 Parking: \$5 per vehicle

- **Lake Superior Zoo – Duluth, MN** *This cultural resource is home to hundreds of native animals and exotic species. African Lions, Siberian tigers, polar bear, snow leopards, cougars, Alaskan grizzly bear, Kodiak bear, and a wide variety of hoof stock are among the larger animals you will see at our zoo.* Children love to feed and interact with our barnyard friends, especially the llama, donkey and pigmy goat.

72 Avenue West & Grand Avenue, Duluth, MN

Phone: 218-730-4900 Website: [www.lszoo.org](http://www.lszoo.org)

**Open Daily:** 10:00 – 4:00pm FREE Parking

**Admission:** Adults - \$9, Children (3-12) - \$4, Under 3 – FREE



- **Great Lakes Aquarium – Duluth, MN** *The Aquarium models a number of habitats from the Great Lakes and around the world. With exhibits featuring hundreds of species.*

353 Harbor Drive, Duluth, MN (from I-35 take exit 256 B – located on the waterfront.)

Phone: 218-740-FISH Website: [www.glaquarium.org](http://www.glaquarium.org)

**Hours:** Daily 10am-6pm

**Admission:** Adults - \$14.50, Children (3-17) - \$8.50, Under 3 - FREE

## MUSEUMS:

- **Science Museum of Minnesota**

The Science Museum is located at 120 W. Kellogg Boulevard, across from the RiverCentre in downtown St. Paul, Minnesota 55102.

Phone: Website: [www.smm.org](http://www.smm.org)

**Hours:** 9:30am-9:30pm 7 days per week

**Admission: Museum Admission:** \$11.00 adults, \$8.50 children 4-12 and seniors 60+

**Museum + Omnitheater:** \$17.00 adults, \$14.50 children 4-12 and seniors 60+

**Omnitheater Only:** \$8.00 adults, \$7.00 children 4-12 and seniors 60+

**Big Backyard:** Outdoor exhibit area at the museum. Free with admission, however there are a couple of activities that require additional fees. (Open 10am – Dusk)

**Mini-Golf:** \$4.50 adults and seniors, \$3.00 children 4-12

**Panning for Gems and Fossils:** Small Gem bag \$5.00, Large Gem bag (double the small bag) \$8.00, Fossil Bag \$10.00

**Preschool PlayDays:** Every Tuesday from 9:30-Noon the museum hosts preschool aged children for a morning of activities geared towards their activity and learning level!

**Mississippi River Visitor Center:** Be sure to stop at the visitor center located inside at the front of the Science museum. It is FREE and is a fun way to learn all about the history of the Mississippi River, how it is used today for recreational and commercial uses, and be amazed at the beautiful views that change with each season. The park rangers are a great resource for questions and answers too! Museum admission not required.

- **Minnesota Children’s Museum** - *This special Museum in Saint Paul contains event exhibits geared to children. Kids love the interactive play and exhibits. Enjoy animal habitats, group activities, overnight campouts, and more. The Rooftop ArtPark is a favorite playground when weather permits.* 10 West Seventh Street, St. Paul

Phone: 651-225-6000 Website: [www.mcm.org](http://www.mcm.org)

**Summer Hours:** Monday – Thursday, Saturday – Sunday: 9am – 5pm, Friday: 9am-8pm

**Admission:** \$8.95 Ages 1 - 101

**Parking:** \$3/3 hours – diagonally across the street in the parking ramp. Skyways make for safe walking over to the museum. (Be sure to get a parking validation ticket from the museum)

- **Mill City Museum** - *Built into the ruins of what was once the world’s largest flour mill, Mill City Museum is located on the historic Mississippi Riverfront. Here, visitors of all ages learn about the intertwined histories of the flour industry, the river and the city of Minneapolis.*

Located at 704 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Minneapolis, MN

Phone: 612-341-7555 Website: [www.millcitymuseum.org](http://www.millcitymuseum.org)

**Hours:** Tuesday-Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday Noon-5pm,

Also open Mondays in July and August 10am-5pm

**Admission:** \$10 Adults, \$8 Seniors 65+, \$5 Children 5-17

- **Bell Museum of Natural History** - *Exhibits the natural life of our state and region. Really neat hands on exhibits for the kids to touch and feel, even see some live animals or watch a snake being fed.*

The Bell Museum is on the Minneapolis campus of the University of Minnesota at the southwest corner of 17th Ave. (Church St.) and University Ave. S.E. Easy access from either I-35W or I-94. 10 Church Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455.  
 Phone: 612-624-7083 Website: [www.bellmuseum.org](http://www.bellmuseum.org)  
**Hours:** Tuesday through Friday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursdays: Open until 9 p.m.  
 Saturday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday: noon-5 p.m. **Free admission on Sundays**  
 Closed Mondays and some holidays.  
**Admission:** Adult \$5.00, Children 3-16 and seniors \$3.00, Children under 3 – free
- **The Bakken Library and Museum** - *Spark your imagination at The Bakken Museum! Visitors can explore interactive exhibits about electricity and magnetism to discover how natural electricity powers their body, how some fish use electricity to hunt and capture prey, how the development of electricity affected everyday life in the 19th century and more. Make your own discoveries about science in our magnetic play area and electricity party room, and use our Wimshurst generator to create a 60,000 volt spark. This unique museum, founded in 1975 by inventor Earl Bakken, is located in a 1930s Tudor mansion on Lake Calhoun.*

The Bakken Museum is located on the west shore of Lake Calhoun, at the corner of West Calhoun Parkway and 36th Street in Minneapolis. 3537 Zenith Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN.  
 Phone: 612-926-3878 Website: [www.thebakken.org](http://www.thebakken.org)  
**Hours:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
 Thursday 10 a.m.-8 p.m.  
 Closed Sunday, Monday & Major Holidays  
**Admission:** Adults \$7, Children and Seniors \$5, Children younger than 4 – free
- **Walker Art Center – Minneapolis Sculpture Garden** - *Opened in 1927, this was the first public art gallery in the Upper Midwest. It is regarded as one of the foremost museums of contemporary modern art in the world. The Walker Art Center is incredibly innovative in its choice of displays and is not afraid to welcome new artists that show potential. The Walker has proudly discovered several now-famed artists.*

The Walker is located in Minneapolis at 1750 Hennepin Avenue, where Lyndale and Hennepin avenues merge.  
**Schedule:** Tuesday–Sunday, 11 am–5 pm  
 Open late Thursday, 11 am–9 pm  
 Closed Mondays and major holidays  
**Gallery Admission:**  
 \$10 adults, \$8 seniors 65+, \$6 students/teens with id, children 12 and under FREE  
 First Saturday of month – FREE admission to all  
 Target Free Thursday's – FREE admission for all from 5-9pm on Thursday  
**Sculpture Garden:** FREE  
 Open daily 6am – midnight  
**Cowles Conservatory:** FREE  
 Tuesday – Saturday: 10am-8pm, Sunday: 10am-5pm, Closed Monday
- **The Works – A Hands On Museum** - *The Works is a "hands-on, minds-on" museum that makes learning about engineering, science and technology interesting, understandable and fun. Bring your family and enjoy unique exhibits that are designed to delight visitors ages 5 to 12, demystify technology and inspire interest in the way things work. The Works' unique exhibits and hands-on workshops create memorable and fun learning experiences for kids.*

Edina Community Center - Normandale Blvd., Suite 303, Edina, MN  
 Phone: 952-848-4848 Website: [www.theworks.org](http://www.theworks.org)  
**Hours:** Thursday: 3-7pm, Friday: 12-4pm, Saturday: 10am-4pm  
**Admission:** \$5 each person 3 and over

- Minneapolis Institute of Arts** - *The MIA's collection contains eighty thousand objects. The collection includes world-famous works that embody the highest levels of artistic achievement, spanning five thousand years and representing the world's diverse cultures across all continents. The MIA has seven curatorial areas: Africa, Oceania, and the Americas; Architecture, Design, Decorative Arts, Craft, and Sculpture; Asian Art; Paintings and Modern Sculpture; Photographs; Prints and Drawings; and Textiles.*  
 2400 Third Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN  
 Phone: 888-MIA-ARTS Website: [www.artsmia.org](http://www.artsmia.org)  
**Hours:** Tues/Wed/Fri/Sat: 10am-5pm, Sunday: 11am-5pm, Thursday: 10am-9pm  
**Admission:** FREE every day
- Duluth Children's Museum** - *The Duluth Children's Museum has served the upper Midwest nearly 80 years. It is the fifth oldest children's museum in the nation. Not a super big museum – but makes for a fun outing when also combined with The Lake Superior Railroad Museum – also in the same building.*  
 506 West Michigan Street, Duluth, MN  
 Phone: 218-733-7543 Website: [www.duluthchildrensmuseum.org](http://www.duluthchildrensmuseum.org)  
**Hours:** Tuesday – Saturday: 10am-5pm, Sunday: 1pm-5pm, Monday – Closed  
**Admission:** Adults - \$12, Kids (3-13) - \$6, Under 3 - FREE

## HISTORICAL FUN:

- NW Company Fur Post – Pine City** - *Step into the recreated world of 1804, where you can stop at the Ojibwe encampment and learn how the seasonal living of the Ojibwe changed when Europeans arrived. Meet a fur trade clerk who explains the system of barter that moved beaver fur from the hands of Indian hunters onto the heads of fashionable Europeans.*  
 Location: Pine City, 1 ½ miles west of 35 off exit 169 (Pine County Hwy 7)  
 12551 Voyageur Lane, Pine City, MN  
 Phone: 320-629-6356 Website: [www.mnhs.org](http://www.mnhs.org)  
**Summer Hours:** Through Labor Day:  
 Monday through Saturday and holidays: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. ; Sunday: noon to 5 p.m.  
**Admission:** \$8 adults, \$6 senior citizens, and \$5 children ages 6-17. Free for children under age 6 and [MHS members](#).
- Historic Fort Snelling** - *Fort Snelling was not only at the confluence of the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers, but it was also the confluence of peoples. The histories of the people of Minnesota intersect at the fort, and guests can explore these diverse stories within its walls. Explore the lives of the soldiers and civilians who called the fort home, learn about the transformation of the fort throughout its history, hear the silent voices of slaves kept in bondage in a free state, delve into the checkered history of the fort and American Indians, and much more. The Fort's costumed guides demonstrate historic crafts; perform period musket and cannon firings; portray Colonel and Mrs. Snelling, as well as soldiers and civilians; cook period foods; and share the stories of Minnesota's history with guests.*  
 At Hwys 5 and 55 near the airport – St. Paul, MN  
 Phone: 612-726-1171 Website: [www.mnhs.org](http://www.mnhs.org)  
**Hours:** Memorial Day – Labor Day  
 Tuesday – Saturday: 10:00am-5:00pm, Sunday: 12:00noon-5:00pm  
**Admission:** \$10 adults, 8 Seniors, \$5 children 6-17, under 5 FREE
- Oliver H. Kelly Farm** - *Step onto a working 1860s farm. Pick heirloom vegetables from the garden, visit the farmhands and animals at the barn, or churn butter and see what's cooking in the farmhouse. Costumed guides work the fields with oxen and horses. Maranatha School kids have gone here for a field trip and had a GREAT time!*  
 2.5 miles southeast of Elk River on US Hwy 10  
 Phone: 763-441-6896 Website: [www.mnhs.org](http://www.mnhs.org)  
**Hours:** Varies by day – check the website.  
 Sunday 12:00noon-5:00pm, Closed Mondays  
**Admission:** \$8 adults, \$5 children 6-17, under 6 – FREE

- Minnesota History Center** - *An interactive museum with both permanent and changing exhibits, the Minnesota History Center hosts concerts, lectures, family days and other special events throughout the year. The building is also home to the Minnesota Historical Society library and archives, a research destination for schoolchildren, family historians and academics.*  
 345 Kellogg Boulevard W. – St. Paul, MN  
 Phone: 651-259-3000 <http://www.mnhs.org/historycenter/>  
**Hours:** Monday 10:00am-5:00pm  
 Tuesday 10:00am-8:00pm  
 Wednesday – Saturday 10:00am-5:00pm  
 Sunday Noon-5:00pm  
**Admission:** \$10 adults, \$5 children 6-17, children under 6 FREE
- Wabasha Street Caves** –*Featured on The History Channel, these fun, themed tours through history offer a unique experience in a fascinating and mysterious setting. View the sandstone caves in Saint Paul which served as former speakeasies and hideouts of some of the city's notorious gangsters in the past.*  
 215 Wabasha Street S., St. Paul, MN  
 Phone: 651-292-1220 Website: [www.wabashastreetcaves.com](http://www.wabashastreetcaves.com)  
**Historic Cave Tours:**  
 Thursday - 5pm                      Saturday - 11am                      Sunday - 11am  
**Cost:** \$6 Adults, \$5.00 Students, Under 5 FREE  
**Saint Paul Gangster Tour:**  
 Saturdays – Noon (last approximately 2 hours)  
**Cost:** \$23.50 plus tax  
 Other tours available for groups – see website for info.

## TRAINS, TRAINS, TRAINS:

- Osceola Train**  
 Osceola & St. Croix Valley Railway  
 114 Depot Road · Osceola, WI 54020  
 Phone: 715-755-3570 Website: [www.trainride.org](http://www.trainride.org)  
**Hours:** Weekends and Holidays – May – October  
**Rates:** Ticket prices vary – check website for more information.
- Ironhorse Central Railroad Museum** – *1.5 mile train ride on the Bumble Bee train on Friday's and the Diesel Train on Saturday's.*  
 24880 Morgan Ave - Chisago City, Midwest, MN 55013  
 Phone: 651-336-4531 Website: [www.ironhorsecentral.com](http://www.ironhorsecentral.com)  
**2010 Schedule:** June – September  
 Friday and Saturday: 10am-5pm  
**Rates:** Friday's: \$6.00 per adult, Children under 12 & Seniors \$4.00 - runs on the ½ hour  
 Saturday's: \$8.00 per adult, Children under 12 and Seniors \$6.00 - runs on the hour
- Jackson Street Roundhouse** - *The Great Northern Railway's historic Jackson Street Roundhouse, a former steam engine maintenance facility, provides a unique opportunity for kids of all ages to experience railroading in the Twin Cities and Upper Midwest.*  
 193 Pennsylvania Ave. E. - St. Paul, MN 55130  
 Phone: 651-228-0263 Website: [www.mtmuseum.org](http://www.mtmuseum.org)  
**Hours:** Open Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10am-4pm, year-round  
 Caboose rides on Saturdays  
**Rates:**  
 Wednesday: Adults \$7, Seniors 62+ and Students (5-15) \$6, Kid (2-4) \$5, Under 2 FREE  
 Saturday: Adults \$10, Seniors 62+ and Students (5-15) \$8, Kid (2-4) \$5, Under 2 FREE  
*(Price on Saturday includes a transportation ride; either historic caboose or classic bus.)*

- The Duluth Depot** - *Housed in Duluth, Minnesota's Historic Union Depot, the **Lake Superior Railroad Museum** works in conjunction with the North Shore Scenic Railroad to offer one of the richest historic experiences in railroading available anywhere. The collection of railroad equipment is the finest in the midwest, featuring steam, diesel and electric locomotives, passenger cars, freight cars, dining cars and specialty equipment used by logging and mining industries. Many of the exhibits are hands-on (you can actually climb in and on them. They even have a genuine, 1970s-era locomotive simulator where you can be the engineer.*

506 West Michigan Street, Duluth, MN  
 Phone: 218-727-8025 Website: [www.lsrmm.org](http://www.lsrmm.org)  
**Hours:** Daily: 9:30am – 6:00pm  
**Admission:** Adults - \$12, Children 3-13 - \$6.00, Under 3 – FREE  
 (Admission also allows entrance into the Duluth Children's Museum)  
*For an additional fee you can also take a train ride on certain days and times.*
- Minneapolis Light Rail**  
<http://www.metrotransit.org/rail/>  
*Take the kids for an adventurous ride on the Light Rail! Picks up conveniently at the Mall of America – or at other locations towards Minneapolis. Check the website for more info. Go for an out and back ride – or take them to a specific location along the way.*  
**Fares:** Adults \$1.50-\$2.00, Children over 6 \$.50-\$2.00

## INDOOR PLAY AREAS:

- Eagle's Nest** - City of New Brighton  
 803 Old Hwy 8 – New Brighton, MN  
 Phone: 651-683-2100 Website: [www.ci.new-brington.mn.us](http://www.ci.new-brington.mn.us)  
**Hours:** Monday – Saturday: 9:00am – 8:00pm, Sunday: 11:00am – 5:00pm  
**Admission:** \$5 for ages 12 months – 12 years, Adults FREE  
 Twilight Admission (Mon-Fri): After 6pm \$3
- Lookout Ridge** City of Woodbury  
 8595 Central Park Place – Woodbury, MN  
 Phone: 651-735-7645 Website: [www.ci.woodbury.mn.us](http://www.ci.woodbury.mn.us)  
**Summer Hours:** M/W/F 10:00am-5:00pm, T/TH 10:00am-8:00pm  
 Sat 9:00am-5:00pm Sun Closed  
**Admission:** Ages 1 and up \$5.50, Adults FREE
- Pump It Up**  
 Oakdale, MN - 7045 6<sup>th</sup> Street N  
 Phone: 651-735-1556  
 Ham Lake, MN - 13941 Lincoln Street NE, #400  
 Phone: 763-757-9000  
 Burnsville, MN - 1182 E. Cliff Road  
 Phone: 952-707-9386  
 Eden Prairie, MN - 7406 Washington Avenue S.  
 Phone: 952-973-0052  
 Plymouth, MN - 3500 Holly Lane N., Suite 65  
 Phone: 763-553-0340  
 Check individual location for hours and rates.  
[www.pumpitupparty.com](http://www.pumpitupparty.com)
- Adventure Park – Ham Lake**  
 14200 Lincoln Street NE– Ham Lake, MN  
 Phone: 763-331-0265 Website: [www.adventureparkmn.com](http://www.adventureparkmn.com)  
**Hours:** Tuesday – Friday 9:30am-4:00pm, Saturday 9:30am-5:00pm CLOSED - Monday  
**Admission:** (Cash only) Children ages 1 and up - \$6.00 Adults and children under 1 – FREE  
**JUNE 2010 SPECIAL:** Buy a 10 admission punch pass for \$30 by mentioning their website.

- **Tropical Adventure Indoor Playground** – *Located in the Shoreview Community Center, this indoor play area is for children up to age 12.*  
4580 Victoria Street N., Shoreview, MN  
Phone: 651-490-4700  
**Hours:** Monday – Saturday: 8am-8pm  
Sunday: 8am-6pm  
**Admission:** \$4.50 per child ages 1-13  
(Or – if you are up for a full day of adventure, bring your swimming gear and head to the Tropics Indoor Waterpark too!) Indoor playground is FREE with waterpark admission.
- **Edinborough Park**, Edina - *An indoor park with one acre of fun - includes Adventure Peak, the 37 foot high Northwoods adventure that is one of the largest indoor play structures in the country; this padded, netted, and enclosed play center contains over 40 events to keep kids challenged. Kids can get active in the Great Hall, a 60-by-90 foot multipurpose space for kids to play with balls and have fun with other gym activities. Adventure Peak also features great areas for toddlers to explore through climbing, crawling, sliding, and even bouncing in an inflatable air bounce geared just for them.*  
7700 York Avenue South, Edina, MN  
Phone: 952-833-9540 Website: [www.edinboroughpark.com](http://www.edinboroughpark.com)  
**Hours:** Monday – Saturday: 9am-9pm  
Sunday: 9am-6pm  
**Rates:** Children over 1 - \$6 per day

## RACING:

- **Kopellah Speedway (Auto) – Watch the REV!**  
Spend a Friday Night watching Pastor Mike and other members of Maranatha race.  
2014 160<sup>th</sup> Avenue, St. Croix Falls, WI  
Phone: 715-566-0647 Website: [www.kopellahspeedway.net](http://www.kopellahspeedway.net)  
Pits and Stands open at 5pm.  
Racing starts at 7pm.  
**Admission:** Get your tickets on any Sunday morning or in the church office for only \$5/adult.  
Tickets at the Gate: \$12  
Kids 12 and under – FREE
- **Raceway Park (Auto) - Live racing on Friday, Saturday and Sunday's.**  
One Checkered Flag Blvd., Shakopee, MN (just across from Valley Fair)  
Phone: 952-445-2257 Website: [www.goracewaypark.com](http://www.goracewaypark.com)  
**Schedule:** Weekly schedule varies – both time and events. See website.  
**Admission:** Adults (varies by event) \$10-\$15, Juniors (4-12) \$5, Kids Under 4 – FREE  
**Watch your local newspaper inserts** – there are often coupons for a Family Fun Pack admission for only \$20. (Two adults and up to three Juniors)
- **Running Aces Harness Park (Horses) - It is fun to “pick” a horse and compete against each other. With FREE admission – this is a fun way to just get out, meet some horses and see some good racing.**  
15201 Zurich Street NE, Columbus MN  
Phone: 651-925-4600 Website: [www.runningacesharness.com](http://www.runningacesharness.com)  
**Schedule:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday: Racing Starts at 7pm  
Sunday (Family Day) – Racing Starts at 5pm
- **Canterbury Downs (Horses) – It is fun to “pick” a horse and compete against each other. With FREE admission – this is a fun way to just get out, meet some horses and see some good racing.**  
1100 Canterbury Road, Chanhassen  
Phone: 952-446-7223 Website: [www.canterburypark.com](http://www.canterburypark.com)  
**Schedule:** Thursday – Friday: Racing Starts at 7pm  
Saturday – Sunday (Family Day): Racing Starts at 1:30pm

## BOWLING:

- **Bunkies Bowling – on HWY 8**

Located at 29905 Shoquist Lane in Chisago City. (Turn left at the light by Brink's and Bunkie's is on the right)

**Open Bowling:** Daily starting at 11am

**Cost:** \$3.00/game/person

Shoe Rental \$1.50

Phone: 651-257-8047 Website: [www.bunkieson8.com](http://www.bunkieson8.com)

- **Brunswick Bowling**

11351 Ulysses Street N., Blaine, MN

Phone: 763-561-2230 Website: [www.bowlbrunswick.com](http://www.bowlbrunswick.com)

**Hours:**

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Tue.</b>	<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Thu.</b>	<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Sun.</b>
11:00 am	11:00 am	11:00 am	11:00 am	11:00 am	9:00 am	9:00 am
to	to	to	to	to	to	to
11:00 pm	11:00 pm	11:00 pm	11:00 pm	1:00 am	1:00 am	1:00 am

**Rates:** Sign up for the Bonus Zone – with each of your kids birthday – and your kids will receive coupons for one free game of bowling EVERY day during the months of June, July, August.

- **Stars and Strikes**

Located at 5063 273 Street, Wyoming, MN

Phone: 651-462-6000 Website: [www.starsandstrikes.com](http://www.starsandstrikes.com)

Bowling / Arcade / Laser Tag

**Hours:**

Monday through Thursday • Noon-11:00 p.m.

Friday • Noon-1:00 a.m.

Saturday • 10:00 a.m.-1:00 a.m.

Sunday • 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

**Rates:** Sunday – Friday: All you can bowl \$7 plus \$3/shoes adults or \$2/shoes kids

Saturday: All you can bowl \$8 plus \$3/shoes or \$2/shoes kids

Cosmic Bowl Saturday Nights: 10pm-close \$8.00 all you can bowl plus shoes

## ROLLER SKATING:

- **Saints North – Inline and Roller Skating Center**

1818 Gervais Court, Maplewood, MN

Phone: 651-770-3848 Website: [www.saintsnorth.com](http://www.saintsnorth.com)

**Schedule and Admission:**

Wednesdays (June 16-August 18) 12:30-3:30 \$5.00 (includes admission and skates)

Family Fun Friday Nights 7:30-10:30pm \$7.00 (includes admission and skates)

Saturdays 1:00-4:00 \$6.00 (includes admission and skates)

Mini Golf FREE if weather permitting with any admission

- **CheapSkate**

3075 Coon Rapids Blvd. NW, Anoka

Phone: 763-427-8980

**Schedule and Admission:**

Tuesday – Open Skate: 12Noon-4pm - \$5 and 6-9pm - \$2 Skates \$2 regular/\$4 inline

Thursday – Open Skate: 12Noon-4pm - \$5 Skates \$2 regular/\$4 inline

Friday – Family Pizza Night: 6-9pm - \$8 (inclds: all you can eat pizza) Skates \$2 reg/\$4 inline

Saturday – Family Friendly: 1-6pm - \$5 and 6-9pm - \$5 Skates \$2 regular/\$4 inline

Sunday – Family Fun Day: 11am-6pm - \$5 Skates \$2 regular/\$4 inline – or Family Skate

Package: Family of 4 / \$20 includes regular skates

- Wooddale Funzone**  
 2122 Wooddale Drive · Woodbury, MN 55125  
 Phone: 651-735-6214 Website: [www.wooddalefunzone.com](http://www.wooddalefunzone.com)  
 This is a venue that has three different “zones” of activities. **SkateZone, PlayZone, GameZone**  
**Summer Schedule and Admission:** (June 16-August 30)  
 (You can rent skates or inline skates – or you can bring your own)  
 Monday Madness: 6-8pm  
 Skatezone \$1.00 · Skate Rental \$1.00 · Playzone \$3.00  
 Also - \$1.00 deals on food  
 Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 12-3pm and Sunday: 1-4pm  
 1 Zone - \$5.00 · 2 Zones - \$8.00 · 3 Zones - \$10.00  
 Skate or Blade Rental \$3.00  
 Friday Night: 4:30-9:30 and Saturday: 12-4pm  
 1 Zone - \$6.00 · 2 Zones - \$9.00 · 3 Zones - \$11.00  
 Skate or Blade Rental \$3.00

## MOVIES:

- White Bear Township Theatre:**  
 1180 County Road J, White Bear Township, MN  
 This series of carefully selected movies offers a variety of entertainment for children of all ages and interest. The series runs every **Wednesday at 10:00am**. *Pick up your free tickets at Festival Foods anytime after June 1st.*  
 June 16: Shorts  
 June 23: Shrek 2  
 June 30: Hotel For Dogs  
 July 7: MADAGASCAR 2  
 July 14: Paul Blart Mall Cop  
 July 21: Monsters Vs Aliens  
 July 28: Night at Museum: Smithsonian  
 August 4: Ice Age: Dawn Of Dinosaurs  
 August 11: Open Season
- Maplewood Plaza – Movie Theatre**  
 All Seats \$2 – except \$1 Tuesdays  
<http://www.plazamaplewood.com>  
 1847 East Larpenteur  
 Maplewood, MN 55109  
 (651)770-7969
- AMC Movies: \$1 Summer Shows and Kids Combo Concession Pack \$4**  
Coon Rapids – 10051 NW Woodcrest Drive, Coon Rapids, MN  
Roseville – 850 Rosedale Center, Roseville, MN  
Arbor Lakes – 12575 Elm Creek Boulevard, Maple Grove, MN  
**\$1 Movies: 10:00am – every Tuesday throughout the Summer**  
 June 15 – Shrek The Third (PG)  
 June 22 – Imagine That (PG)  
 June 29 – Monsters vs. Aliens (PG)  
 July 6 – Madagacar (PG)  
 July 14 – Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (PG)  
 July 20 – Hotel for Dogs (PG)  
 July 27 – Kung Fu Panda (PG)  
 August 3 – Spiderwick Chronicles (PG)  
 August 10 – “SURPRISE” Title

- FREE Movies: Regal Cinemas - Eagan Stadium 16**  
 2055 Cliff Road, Eagan, MN  
 Phone: 651-452-8329  
 FREE movies are shown at 10:00am on Tuesdays and Wednesdays:

6/8-9	Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius (G) Madagascar (PG)
6/15-16	Pirates Who Don't Do Anything (G) Madagascar 2 (PG)
6/22-23	Muppet From Space (G) Cloudy With A Chance of Meatballs (PG)
7/6-7	Rugrats The Movie (G) Hotel For Dogs (PG)
7/13-14	Wallace and Gromit (G) The Bee Movie (PG)
7/20-21	ARCTIC Tale (G) Aliens In The Attic (PG)
7/27-28	Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Planet 51 (PG)
8/3-4	Doogal (G) Ice Age: Dawn Of The Dinosaurs (PG)
  
- Theatres at Mall of America**  
[www.theatresmoa.com](http://www.theatresmoa.com)  
**FREE Movies** will be available each week during the summer at **10am on Wednesdays and Saturdays**. Arrive early – because seating is limited to the size of the theatre and is on first come first serve basis.

June 5 and 9:	Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory
June 12 and 16:	The King and I
June 19 and 23:	Mrs. Doubtfire
June 26 and 30:	The Princess Bride
July 3 and 7:	E.T.
July 10 and 14:	Big Fat Liar
July 17 and 21:	Planet 51
July 24 and 28:	Cheaper By The Dozen
July 31/August 4:	BIG
August 7 and 11:	The Sound of Music
August 14 and 18:	Little Giants
August 21 and 25:	Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium
August 28/September 1:	Journey to the Center of the Earth
  
- Drive In Movies** – *Make your popcorn, pack your snacks and drinks and head to the drive-in movie! Check out one of two Minnesota drive-in's in the Twin Cities. Definitely a FUN adventure for kids!*

**Vali Hi in Lake Elmo**  
 11260 Hudson Blvd. N, Lake Elmo (East 94 at Manning)  
 Phone: 651-436-7464 Website: [www.valihi.com](http://www.valihi.com)  
**Schedule:** Open every night. Show starts at dusk.  
 Box office opens at 8pm Monday – Thursday  
 Friday and Saturday – 7:30pm, Sunday – 7pm  
**Admission:** \$8 per adult, \$1 per kids 6-12, Under 6 - FREE

**Cottage View Drive-In – Cottage Grove**  
 9338 East Point Douglas Road, Cottage Grove  
 Phone: 651-458-5965 Website: [www.manntheatresmn.com](http://www.manntheatresmn.com)  
**Schedule:** Open every night in the summer. Movies begin at dusk  
**Admission:** Adults \$8, Kids (4-12) \$1, Under 4 - FREE

## MALL OF AMERICA:

*Enjoy a day away from the sun and heat – or take advantage of a rainy day.*

60 East Broadway, Bloomington, MN

Phone: 952-883-8800 Website: [www.mallofamerica.com](http://www.mallofamerica.com)

- **Shopping:** The Mall of America is the largest shopping mall in the US and the main tourist destination in the Midwest. MOA has 7.2 million square feet of space and over 520 stores. MOA also houses other major attractions such as the world's largest underwater aquarium, an indoor amusement park, a movie theater, and several unique features including NASCAR and flight simulator experience stores.
- **Underwater Adventures Aquarium:** Located inside the Mall of America, this is the world's largest underground aquarium and contains over 4,500 sea creatures. You can take a submarine tour and view the award-winning shark encounter from the 300-foot long underground glass tunnel.  
Phone: 952-883-0202 Website: [www.sharky.tv](http://www.sharky.tv)  
**Hours:** Monday – Thursday 9:30am-9:00pm  
Friday – Saturday 9:00am – 9:30pm  
Sunday: 10:00am-7:30pm  
**Admission:** Adults (13+) \$18.99, Kids (3-12) \$13.49, Kids (2 and under) FREE  
Printable coupons available online.
- **Nickelodeon Universe at MOA:** In the tradition of being large, this amusement park is the largest indoor park of its kind in the US. You'll find roller coasters, rides, and fun for the whole family to enjoy.  
Phone: 952-883-8800 Website: [www.nickelodeonuniverse.com](http://www.nickelodeonuniverse.com)  
**Hours:** (Check website to be sure. Some days are 10:30am open)  
Monday – Saturday: 10am-10pm Sunday: 10am-8pm  
**Admission:** Free to walk the park. Prices vary by ride. Tickets can be purchased individually, in packages or daily unlimited wristband. Check website for full pricing information. **FREE Birthday Rides** – Register at their website to receive a FREE Unlimited Ride Wristband on your birthday.
- **The LEGO Store:** This is an amazing store sure to please every LEGO fan. The store is four stories tall and is full of items to play with, admire, and purchase. Benches alongside the Lego play area make this a relaxing place for parents to sit and watch their kids play at one of the Mall's favorite spots. See more than 90 full-size LEGO models, including dinosaurs, astronauts, and the world's largest animated and interactive LEGO clock tower.
- **American Girl Store:** The wonderful stories of American Girl come to life in our shops. While exploring the special worlds devoted to each of the characters, your girl will escape to a place of wonder and inspiration. She can see everything up close and imagine all the fun she'll have.
- **Moose Mountain AdventureGolf:** An 18-hole miniature golf course certain to provide a fun adventure for the entire family. The course features an original, whimsical design with an old-time north woods feel – complete with life size moose, horses and more!  
Phone: 952-883-8777  
**Hours:** Monday – Saturday 10am – 9:30pm  
Sunday 11am – 7pm  
**Rates:** \$8.95 / Adult, \$7.95 / Senior 65+, \$6.95 / Child (4-12), FREE – Under 4
- **Toddler Tuesdays:** Toddler Tuesdays allows a weekly opportunities for families with toddlers to get out, walk the Mall of America a bit, enjoy the special programming geared towards Toddler's (story time, special character appearances, arts and crafts and much more!) – and take advantage of FREE or discounted meals for Toddler's at participating mall restaurants. Check out the link on the Mall of America website for the current schedule and participating merchants.
- **Theaters at Mall of America:** See MOVIE section

## MALL OF AMERICA continued:

- **Magiquest:** Your story, your adventure, your imagination brought to life! Unlike anything you've ever encountered, MagiQuest lets you LIVE the game, not simply play it. Using a Magic Wand that knows you by name and remembers everything you accomplish, you explore a world filled with amazing creatures and characters where you will gain skill and knowledge and rise to untold levels of bravery.  
Phone: 952-854-9922 Website: [www.magiquest.com/mall-of-america-p/](http://www.magiquest.com/mall-of-america-p/)  
**Hours:** Monday – Saturday: 10am – Last admittance 8pm  
Sunday: 11am – Last admittance 6pm  
**Admission:** *(Once you get your wand – it is yours to keep!)*  
**New Magi**  
**Ultimate Value Package**  
Includes: Any Classic Wand, Any Topper, 90 Minute Game Experience  
(A \$9.50 Savings) ..... \$34.99 + tax  
  
**Super Value Package**  
Includes: Any Classic Wand, 75 Minute Game Experience  
(A \$5.00 Savings) ..... \$24.99 + tax  
  
**Magi Guide** (guests without wands)  
Includes: Entry and Ancient Book of Wisdom for all Guests  
without wands ..... \$4.99 + tax  
  
**Returning Magi Special**  
Any Topper and 75 Minute Game Experience..... \$19.99 + tax  
**(Check their website for discount coupons.)**
- **IKEA** – *Directly across the street from the MOA is IKEA. They have an inexpensive snack shop on the main floor and an eatery on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Kids and adult meals alike offer a good value at a good price. There is a play area located at the entrance of the store that offers complimentary child care for one hour while you shop. Take advantage of the FREE supervised care for your children – and peruse IKEA all by yourself!*

## VALLEY FAIR:

*Located in Shakopee, Minnesota, this 85acre park bordering the Minnesota River has over 50 rides, Soak City waterpark and shows to watch throughout the day. From the highest, twisty, upside down, thrill seeking roller coasters, to the family friendly bumper cars and antique cars - there is something for everyone.*

One ValleyFair Drive, Shakopee, MN

Phone: 952-445-6500 Website: [www.valleyfair.com](http://www.valleyfair.com)

**Hours:** Check out their website – because hours vary throughout the summer.

**Admission:** Regular (Ages 3-61 and 48" and taller) - \$38.99

Junior/Senior (3 years and older AND less than 48" in shoes, or 62 and older) – \$17.99

2 years and younger – FREE

Daily Parking - \$10

## MISCELLANEOUS FUN:

- **Franconia Sculpture Park** - *This outdoor sculpture park is a really fun place to take the kids. They can run around, look at some cool "art", have a picnic – and just hang out. Bring a picnic too – there are several picnic tables.*  
29836 St. Croix Trail – Franconia, MN; Corner of Hwy8 and 95 (towards Taylors Falls)  
[www.franconia.org](http://www.franconia.org) Admission: FREE
- **Minneapolis Central Library** - *This state-of-the-art facility is an architectural beauty inside and out. The Library, located in the heart of downtown, was recently completed in 2006 and designed by renowned architect Cesar Pelli. It is home to the largest library collection in the state and has a special area for kids and teens.* 300 Nicolet Mall, Minneapolis, MN  
Phone: 952-847-8000 Website: [www.hclib.org](http://www.hclib.org)  
Check out the website for lots of great classes and activities throughout the summer!



- **Nelson's Ice Cream Parlor** (Home of the HUGE ice cream cones!)  
Hwy36 – to Greeley Street. Go North about ¾ mile. Nelson's is on the right side of the road in a small little building. Worth the drive!!
- **Rent a Boat - in White Bear Lake**  
*Rent canoes, kayaks, fishing boats, pontoon boats*  
**Tally's Dockside**  
4440 Lake Ave. S · White Bear Lake  
651.429.2633 website: [tallysdockside.com](http://tallysdockside.com)  
**Bald Eagle Boat**  
Rental and Bait  
4444 N 129th Street · White Bear Lake  
651.426.0365



- **Saint Paul Saints** – *Enjoy an afternoon evening of professional baseball that is geared towards good old fashioned family fun. Food is affordable, the atmosphere is family friendly – and you can enjoy America's favorite past time.*  
Midway Stadium is located at 1711 Energy Park Drive, St. Paul  
Phone: 651-644-6659 Website: [www.saintsbaserball.com](http://www.saintsbaserball.com)
- **Minnesota Twins / Target Field** – *Check out the new stadium! Tickets to a game may be hard to come by – but take a tour of the field to see what outdoor baseball is all about! Learn about the history of the Twins and baseball in Minnesota, the unique attributes and generations to come.*  
**Tour Schedule:** Monday – Saturday on non-game days only.  
Tours at 9am, 11am, 1pm, 3pm  
**Prices:** Adult- \$15, Seniors 55+ - \$12, Students - \$12, Kids (ages 3-15)- \$7, Under 3 – FREE



- **Minneapolis Farmer's Market** – *open 7 days a week. Fresh produce, fruits, plants, flowers, locally made items, crafts, music and fun!*  
312 East Lyndale Avenue N., Minneapolis, MN  
**Hours: Main Location**  
Weekdays: 6am – 1pm  
Weekends: 6am – 2pm  
The weekends have more vendors and activity.  
**Nicollet Mall:**  
Thursdays: 6am – 6pm
- **St. Paul Farmer's Market** – *The St. Paul Farmer's Market prides itself on the fact that all of the fresh items for sale are locally grown.*  
Website: [www.stpaulfarmersmarket.com](http://www.stpaulfarmersmarket.com)  
Downtown St. Paul – 290 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Hours:** Saturday: 6am-1pm Sunday: 8am-1pm  
Downtown is the main market, but there are other markets open throughout the week at different locations. See website for more info.

- **Paddleford Riverboats** – *Narrated Public Excursions depart from Harriet Island in St. Paul. The historically narrated public sightseeing excursions run 1 1/2 hours. Sights along the way include: the St. Paul High Bridge, Pig's Eye's Cave, Minnesota River mouth, Pike Island, Fort Snelling, and the timeless splendor of the mighty Mississippi River.*  
Phone: 651-227-1100 Website: [www.riverrides.com](http://www.riverrides.com)  
**Schedule:** Runs 7 days a week; Noon and 2pm  
**Rates:** Adults - \$16, Seniors 65+ \$14, Kids 3-12 - \$8, Under 3 – FREE
- Story Time, Book Clubs and Summer Reading Programs at Local Libraries
- Local Farmer's Markets, City Wide celebrations, County Fairs, special Festivals – watch your local newspaper and television stations for upcoming events and local festivals.
- Local orchards and farms for apple, berry, vegetable and fruit picking. Watch the paper or look up locations online.
- Parks in every neighborhood, schools, churches. Stop when you and your kids are in the mood!
- Get out on the local bike paths and walk, bike, roller blade, scooter or skateboard.
- Go downtown St. Paul or Minneapolis and just walk around. Enjoy the sights.
- State Capital grounds are beautiful. Visit the Police Memorial on the front lawn close to 94.
- Garage Sales – kids love them. Give them each a small amount of money and just let them have fun!
- For Mom's with little ones – check out North Branch ECFE Summer Preschool Play days. Different themes each time. <http://www.northbranch.k12.mn.us>
- Do something out of the ordinary – pick up some chicken or a meal-to- go, head to a park and have a picnic.
- Put up a tent and camp in your own backyard. Observe the stars, listen to the sounds of nature.
- Turn a sprinkler on in the yard and run through it with the kids. Get out the squirt guns and really watch them giggle and have fun.
- Blow bubbles – kids of all ages love bubbles!
- Vacation Bible Schools at various churches throughout ours and surrounding communities.
- **Wednesday Night - 252 at Maranatha!** Kindergarten – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. Bring your kids, bring their friends – and spend an evening experiencing God in a fun, kid friendly way! *Be ready to get wet, to play, to have fun, to learn about and worship God!*  
**When:** Wednesday's; June 16 – September 1<sup>st</sup> **Time:** 6:30-8:00pm

*Phone numbers and/or websites have been provided for your convenience. While we did our best to provide the most current information for Summer 2010, you may want to double check schedules, admission fees and parking information before your pack up and head out for the day!!*

## LOCAL LIBRARY:

- **FREE Museum Passes:** Check out any Washington or Ramsey County Library to get museum passes for free. They are first come, first serve. (Chisago County does not participate – but you can use your Chisago Library card at the Forest Lake Library.)
  - **TIP:** If you need more passes than they give you on one card – check out another pass with a different library card. Your kids and spouse can have their own library cards!

<http://www.melsa.org/museumadventurepass/>

**Admit (2) Free:**

- American Swedish Institute
- Bakken Museum
- Bell Museum of Natural History
- Como Park Zoo and Conservatory
- Eloise Butler Wildlife Garden and Bird Sanctuary
- Firefighters Hall & Museum
- Hennepin History Museum
- James J. Hill House
- The Landing – Minnesota River Heritage Park
- Minneapolis Institute of Arts
- Minnesota History Center
- Minnesota Streetcar Museum
- Minnesota Transportation Museum
- Minnesota Zoo
- The Museum of Russian Art
- Walker Art Center and Minneapolis Sculpture Garden
- Weisman Art Museum
- The Works: Hands-On, Minds-On Museum

## **Enjoy State and Local History? Get a membership to the Minnesota Historical Society!**

Your membership will give you FREE or discounted admission to more than 20 historic sites in Minnesota. It also includes benefits at over 100 historical organizations and museums nationwide through the Time Travelers affiliates program.

**Cost:** \$75 per year

Household membership – 2 adults and all children under 18

### **History Museums and Locations in Minnesota:**

Minnesota History Center

Mill City Museum

Historic Fort Snelling

Split Rock Lighthouse

Alexander Ramsey House

Minnehaha Depot

Minnesota State Capital

Northwest Fur Company

And more.... See website for full list!

## **Considering purchasing a Children's or Science Museum Membership?**

Check out the **Duluth Children's Museum**. You can buy a pass through them that will allow you admission to over 150 children's museums nationwide *and* 400 science museums nationwide.

Phone: 218-733-7543 Website: [www.duluthchildrensmuseum.org](http://www.duluthchildrensmuseum.org)

**Cost:** \$130 – *and you can purchase over the phone*

(This is a GREAT deal! If you purchase a membership at the MN Children's Museum (\$89/family membership) – you only get to attend other children's museums. If you purchase a membership at the Science Museum of Minnesota (\$95/family membership) - you only get to visit other science museums. (Though with a MSM membership you get free IMAX tickets – and with the DCM pass you get discounted IMAX tickets.) If you purchase the Discovery Passport at the Duluth Children's Museum – you get BOTH.

## Reciprocal Museums In Minnesota and Wisconsin:

### Children's Museums:

#### **Minnesota:**

Duluth Children's Museum

MN Children's Museum

#### **Wisconsin:**

Above and Beyond Children's Museum – Sheboygan

Betty Brinn Children's Museum – Milwaukee

The Building for Kids – Appleton

Central Wisconsin Children's Museum – Stevens Point

Children's Museum of Eau Claire – Eau Claire

Children's Museum of Fond du Lac – Fond du Lac

Children's Museum of LaCrosse Inc. – LaCrosse

Madison Children's Museum – Madison

Northwoods Children's Museum – Eagle River

### Science Museums:

#### **Minnesota:**

Science Museum of Minnesota

Bell Museum of Natural History

The Bakken Library and Museum

Duluth Children's Museum

Headwater's Science Center – Bemidji

Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County

The Works – A Hands on Museum

#### **Wisconsin:**

Building for Kids – Appleton

Children's Museum of LaCrosse

Discovery Center at Pier Wisconsin – Milwaukee

EAA AirVenture Museum – Oshkosh

Madison Children's Museum - Madison

Milwaukee Public Museum – Milwaukee

Paper Discovery Center – Appleton

Weis Earth Science Museum – Univ. of Wisconsin – Fox Valley

**Also some great museums in the Chicago area!**

If you are a frequent visitor to either – or are traveling this summer, you can certainly get your money's worth in only a few museum stops. You can also check out the list of reciprocal museums on their website. <http://www.duluthchildrensmuseum.org/membership.htm>

# Maranatha Super Mom



"Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all."  
Proverbs 31: 29

Spending time with our kids is one of the most valuable gifts we can give them. God gave them to us to nurture, teach, love – and to enjoy. To our children – the smallest things are heroic. They want us, our attention and our time, more than anything.

You are a Maranatha Super Mom!!

Go out – be adventurous – and enjoy your kids this summer!!