

JUNE

SUNDAY

1 How many books will your kiddo read this summer? Libraries in Washington County kick off their summer reading program. Wccls.org/srp ★ R



8 Watch the annual dragon boat races. Held on the Willamette River near Hawthorne Bridge, more than 60 teams will compete. Rosefestival.org/events/2025/dragon-boat-race ★



15 Celebrate the coolest guy you know: Dad. Local events include the free Father's Day Clark County Car Show, farm-to-plate picnic at Topaz Farm or a Father's Day Cruise on the Willamette.



22 In a city known for its wacky races, the annual Milk Carton Boat Race is a beloved summertime tradition. Watch participants at the Casting Pond in Westmoreland Park. Royalrosarians.com/page/2025-milk-carton-boat-race



29 Roll, stroll or walk through car-free streets in the Cully neighborhood for the second installment of the Portland Sunday Parkways event. Portland.gov/sunday-parkways/2025 ★



MONDAY

2 Get out of the house and visit, feed and interact with more than 80 farm animals at Frog Pond Farm in Wilsonville. Plus, don't miss the bounce house, playground and more. Admission is \$12. Thefrogpondfarm.com R



9 Let your little explore in a fun, safe environment during the biweekly Tree Time Preschool Walks at Hoyt Arboretum. (Held on Mondays and Saturdays.) Hoytarboretum.org C R

16 Cultivate your kid's habit of reading for fun – but there's also fun prizes! – this summer. Summer reading begins at libraries throughout Multnomah County. Multcolib.org/summer-reading ★ R



23 PP&R's Free Lunch + Play kicks off today. Now through August 22, kids and teens 18 and younger can get free lunch, Monday through Friday, at 23 city parks (and at two apartment complexes without nearby parks). Portland.gov/parks/arts-culture/summer-free-all/free-lunch ★ R

30 Visit The Pumpkin Patch on Sauvie Island for u-pick strawberries! thepumpkinpatch.com



TUESDAY

3 Artist Larry Yes is bringing his Free Art in the Park talent to Pioneer Courthouse Square on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 am-1:30 pm for communal painting (now through July 31). Bonus: Get there early for free art supplies! Thesquarepdx.org ★ R



17 Visit Pioneer Courthouse Square downtown on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 1 pm for Noon Tunes. Local and regional artists will fill the square with lively music. Thesquarepdx.org ★ R



24 Come learn animation with visual and musical artist Quandre using Procreate Dream. This workshop, from 5:30-7:30 pm at Holgate Library, is open to all skill levels. Multcolib.org/events-classes/animation-workshop-quandre-7 ★

WEDNESDAY

4 If your kiddo not only loves parades, but also wants to be in them, sign them up for the Rose Festival Junior Parade. Held from 1-3 pm in Hollywood. Rosefestival.org/events/2025/juniorporade ★

Any Wiggles fans? This lively band takes the stage at the Keller tonight. Tickets start at \$25.

11 Children ages 2 to 15 can register for two free games of bowling – every day! – all summer long thanks to Kids Bowl Free. Kidsbowlfree.com ★ R

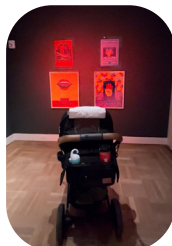


18 Oregon Zoo members can visit after hours tonight, from 5-8:30 pm during the special member's night. Oregonzoo.org/events/member-night

25 Make friends and dance during the all-ages Mount Tabor Dance Community meetup at Cathedral Park from 6-9 pm. Facebook.com/tabordance ★

THURSDAY

5 Families get in free at the Portland Art Museum today for the monthly Free First Thursday event. Pro tip: Kids 17 and younger always get in free! Portlandartmuseum.org ★ R



12 Belt it out during Pedalpalooza's Mariah Carey Ride in Southeast with a flat ride less than 5 miles long. There will be dance breaks, too. Shift2bikes.org/bike-summer-calendar ★

It's the last day of school for PPS students!



19 In honor of the Juneteenth holiday, support a BIPOC-owned business, or admire art made by BIPOC artists. Pdxparent.com/pdx-bipoc-businesses and Pdxparent.com/bipoc-made-art

26 Comedian and musician Louie Foxx will perform a show all about the rainbow during Reading is Magic! at Northwest Library from 10:30-11:30 am. Multcolib.org/events-classes/reading-magic-louie-foxx-1 ★



FRIDAY

6 All aboard! Get up close and personal with some impressive military ships docked for Rose Festival Fleet Week (through June 8). Tours are free! Rosefestival.org/events/2025/fleetweek ★

13 Celebrate Native culture during the annual Delta Park Powwow in East Delta Park in North Portland. Don't forget to eat the delicious fry bread! (Now through June 15.) Free admission. ★



20 Go up, up and away during the Tigard Festival of Balloons. There's also carnival rides, activities, food and vendor booths, and more. Tigardballoon.org



27 Decorate the Midsummer pole, make flower crowns, listen to live music and eat Nordic treats during the Oregon Midsummer Festival at Nordic Northwest. Kids ages 5 and under are free. Adult admission is \$19. Oregonmidsummer.com



SATURDAY

7 Downtown, don't miss the annual Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade. Rosefestival.org/events/2025/grand-floral-parade ★

Visit The Reser in Beaverton for its Shine the Light family-friendly community event. There will be art on display, activities, special performances and more. Thereser.org/event/shine-the-light ★



14 Portland Parks & Recreation's splash pads turn on! Portland.gov/parks/recreation/splash ★ R



21 Join us! Today is the **PDX Parent Family Festival!** Held at Topaz Farm, this free event features games, local kindie performances, vendors and more! Pdxparent.com/family-festival ★



28 Your kiddo will have a doggone good time watching the Border Collie International Performing Canine Team at Midland Library from 2-3 pm. They'll do frisbee tricks, dancing and more. Multcolib.org/events-classes/border-collie-international-performing-canine-team-2 ★

In Eliot, don't miss the Good in the Hood neighborhood festival. Goodinthehood.org ★



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6 Catch the last day of the **Waterfront Blues Festival** at Tom McCall Waterfront Park. **Pro tip:** Kids 12 and younger get in free! Waterfrontbluesfest.com

7 Today is World Chocolate Day. (Tbh, that's every day for us.) Treat everyone to a tasty, locally made chocolate bar from Creo, Ranger or Woodblock Chocolates.



8 Keep cool in front of the big screen during Regal's Summer Movie Express. Tickets for kids are only \$1! Regmovies.com/promotions/summer-movie-express **C R**



9 Your little will love the Preschool Rides at Oaks Amusement Park (held Tuesday and Wednesday mornings). Admission is \$13.50 for children 6 and younger and free for one adult joining their kiddo. **R**

10 Watch **Guardians of the Galaxy** at Elizabeth Caruthers Park at 7:30 pm. **★**

11 Keep your summer reading game strong by perusing the shelves of local bookstores like Green Bean Books, Sunrise Books or Books With Pictures.

12 The Mississippi Street Fair is today from 10 am-9 pm. This North Portland event has everything from tasty food and locally made goods, to live music and kid-friendly activities. Free admission. Mississippiave.org/streetfair **★**



13 Catch the second day of PP&R's East Portland Summer Arts Festival. Portland.gov/parks/arts-culture/summer-free-all-cultural-events **★**



14 Today is the perfect day to splash around in one of the city's seven outdoor swimming pools. Portland.gov/parks/recreation/pools **C R**



15 It's getting hot! Visit one of these 11 playgrounds – with shade. Pdxparent.com/portland-parks-with-shade **★**

16 Watch as talented singers perform during Opera a la Cart at Pioneer Courthouse Square from noon to 1 pm. Thesquarepdx.org **★ R**



17 Take a dip at Blue Lake Regional Park, it's Metro Free Parking Day! And don't forget the life jackets! **★**

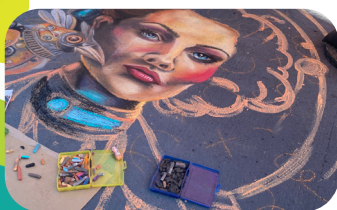
18 It's the first day of the Cathedral Park Jazz Festival. Jazzoregon.org **★**



19 Junior military-history enthusiasts will love getting up close and personal with armored vehicles at Tank Day at the Oregon Military Museum. 10 am-4 pm. Pdxparent.com/event-single/tank-day **★**



20 It's a busy day! Hit La Strada dei Pastelli in Hillsboro for amazing sidewalk chalk art. 10 am-6 pm. Or dance with a rainbow flag at the Portland Pride Parade in downtown at 11 am. Free admission to both. **★**



21 Head to Hawthorne Boulevard to check out the new pedestrian plaza on 37th Avenue. Grab a doughnut from Mochinut or peruse the stuffy selection at Kids at Heart.



22 Feel the magic at Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District's Enchanted Family Day at Beaverton's Roxbury Park from 10 am to noon. Thprd.org/events/summer-neighborhood-events **★**



23 Yes, you can mountain bike in the city! Take the kids to the 25-acre Gateway Green off-road, bike/pedestrian trails in outer Northeast. Portland.gov/parks/gateway-green **★**

24 Enjoy an outdoor summer concert in Bethany Village. 6-9 pm. **★ R**



25 Out, damned spot! Catch an Original Practice Shakespeare Festival performance of Macbeth at Laurelhurst Park. 7 pm. Opsfest.org **★ R**



26 Join up with glam merfolk at the Portlandia Mermaid Parade & Festival. Noon to 4 pm at the Japanese Historical Plaza along Tom McCall Waterfront Park. Portlandiamermaidparade.com **★**



27 Bicyclists and walkers take over streets in East Portland for Portland Sunday Parkways. Be sure to stop for a play break at the inclusive playground at Gateway Discovery Park! Portland.gov/sunday-parkways **★ R**



28 Psst! Mill Park has a new playground and splash pad. And kids can get free lunch weekdays from noon to 12:45 pm. **★ R**



29 It's International Tiger Day, the perfect day to visit the tigers at the Oregon Zoo!



30 Head to Oregon City for a free kids' concert by Nathalia at Library Park from 10:30-11:30 am. **★**

31 Space out with Dinosaur O'Dell at the North Portland Library. He'll sing songs about the solar system, eclipses and more! 2-3 pm. **★**



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1 You'll find pop-up art galleries, vendors, family activities, live music and dance performances, and food carts at the Vancouver Arts & Music Festival July 31 to August 3 at Esther Short Park. Free admission. Vancouverartsandmusicfestival.com ★

2 Get an up-close look at bull dozers, fire engines, tow trucks and more at the annual Big Truck Day at Conestoga Recreation & Aquatic Center in Beaverton. 9:30 am-1 pm. Thprd.org/big-truck-day ★



3 Soak up science at a discount at OMSI's \$5 Sunday. (Or \$12 if you want to see Jurassic World by Brickman, too!) Omsi.edu/events/5-day ☿ R



4 Roll along the waterfront in a surrey or bike from Kerr Bikes. Your rental helps support Albertina Kerr's important work with people with developmental disabilities and mental health challenges. Albertinakerr.org/support-our-work/kerr-bikes



5 Make new friends at the Family Picnic at Spring Garden Park. It's a BYO picnic and a chance to hang and play with other families. Mnapdx.org/events ★ R

6 It's National Rootbeer Float Day, make some with the kids! ☿



7 It's hard to know whether Portlanders love books or goats more. Your kids don't have to choose at a storytime with dwarf goats at Kenton Library. 11 am-noon. ★



8 On the big screen, Lindsay Lohan and Jamie Lee Curtis switch bodies again in *Freakier Friday* released today.



9 Listen to music and smell the roses at PP&R's Washington Park Summer Festival starting at 6 pm in the Rose Garden Amphitheater. ★



10 Join the bikes taking over the bridges at the Providence Bridge Pedal. The 3-mile ride for kids 12 and younger is free for young riders – and everyone accompanying them! Register at providence.org/lp/bridge-pedal. ★



11 Sing along with Red Yarn and his critter puppets at the Bethany Library at 10 am. ★



12 Shop as the sun is going down at the Hillsboro Tuesday Night Market from 5-8 pm in downtown Hillsboro. Tuesdaymarketplace.org R



13 Find a list of local swimming holes at pdxparent.com/where-to-swim-pdx. Just make sure the kids have life jackets! ★

14 Groove along at the World Music Family Dance Party with Eli Rosenblatt at Holgate Library from 2-3 pm. ★



15 Spread out a picnic blanket and watch *Moana 2* at 7:30 pm at Mt. Scott Park. ★

16 There's nothing quite like the spectacle of the PDX Adult Soapbox Derby. Cheer for the speedy (and not-so-speedy) contraptions as they zoom down Mt. Tabor Park. 10 am-4 pm, free admission. Soapboxracer.org ★



17 Ride the (mini) rails at the Molalla Train Park, 11 am-4 pm. It's free to ride, but you might want to give a small donation or buy some snacks to support the volunteer-run park. Open on Sundays. Shadydell.org ★ R



18 Celebrate your furry friends during National Dog Month. Check out our list of parks that are good for kids and dogs at Pdxparent.com/pdx-playgrounds-with-dog-parks. ★



19 Cool off at a matinee at the Academy Theater. It's \$6.50 for shows before 2:30 pm. ☿



20 Grab plums, melons, blackberries and more at North Portland's Kenton Farmers Market. 3-7 pm. R

21 It's outdoor concert season at Topaz Farm. Horsefeathers is playing an all-ages show tonight. Be sure to get farm-made ice cream! Topazfarm.com



22 Venture up to Brush Prairie, Wash. for the Alderbrook Park Friday Night Cruise-in to spy classic cars – and romp through oodles of kid-friendly activities. Pdxparent.com/alderbrook-park R



23 The Kidz Outside Festival at George Park is a family-friendly celebration of hip-hop with interactive activities and vendors. 6:30 pm. ★

24 It's Free Day at the World Forestry Center in Washington Park, which means free admission and kids' activities, 10 am-4 pm. ★

25 Sneak in one more splash pad run before the kiddos head back to school! ★



26 It's the first day of school for most PPS students!

27 Celebrate National Peach Day by eating a Sweet Sue, August Lady, Diamond Princess or other variety from a local farmer!



28 Rogue Moon brings bluegrass to the Hoyt Arboretum Stevens Pavilion for a 6:30 pm concert. ★

29 Get in one more movie in the park! *A Goofy Movie* will be showing at Holly Farm Park at 7:30 pm. ★



30 Art in the Pearl goes through Labor Day, Monday September 1 in the North Park Blocks. In addition to seeing the works of visual artists, kids can do hands-on art projects. Artinthepearl.com ★

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It's too hot to cook. Head to a kid-friendly food cart pod for dinner. Read about a new one with a play area on page 30. 🍷

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