

Ten places to go with kids when school's out!



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(Photo: Courtesy of The Friends of the Frelinghuysen Arboretum)

The school year is waning, which means you soon will be hearing happy cries from young people everywhere:

Woo-hoo! Finally!

No more homework, no tests, no need to wake up early. Just endless days of...of...nothing to do?

Keep boredom at bay this summer by visiting a new place. Mix it up. Go to the beach one day and to a park the next. Explore a museum or a farm. Attend a festival, a craft session, a concert. Go beyond your town, your county, your comfort zone.

Summer days are long, but the season is short. Make plans now!

To get you started, here is a sampling of attractions and events to visit between the last days of school and the Fourth of July:

"Tea and Tour," Wednesdays at the Morven Museum and Garden, 55 Stockton St., Princeton. 609-924-8144, ext. 103, or morven.org.

Treat your teenager to a relaxing afternoon in elegant surroundings. Every Wednesday from January through November, a "Tea and Tour" is offered at the former governor's mansion. A summertime visit ensures the additional pleasure of a view of the Colonial Revival Garden in bloom as you sip and snack. Tea is served at 1 p.m. and includes tea sandwiches, scones, fresh fruit and sweets. A tour of the museum, at noon or 2 p.m., is included. Price is \$22 per person. Reservations are required and should be made well in advance of your planned visit.

[Summer fun with IMAX and astronauts: "A Beautiful Planet" \(/story/entertainment/movies/2016/04/27/breathtaking-views-earth-astronauts-and-imax/83225710/\)](#)

"GLOW," Fridays and Saturdays, Sky Zone, 1001 New Hampshire Ave., Lakewood; and Fridays at Sky Zone, 2355 Route 66, Ocean Township. For Lakewood, call 609-398-4759. For Ocean, call 732-200-4344. For either, go to skyzone.com.

Teens and tweens have a new place for high-energy nightlife: "GLOW" is a DJ party and trampoline session in one, with glow-in-the-dark accents.

Sky Zone in Lakewood offers GLOW Fridays and Saturdays in two sessions: 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and 9:30 to 11:30 p.m. Admission is \$25, which includes "sky socks," for safe jumping, and \$7 for a glow-in-the-dark T-shirt so your friends can see you. Free face-painting also is available.

Sky Zone in Ocean Township also offers two sessions for GLOW on Fridays: 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and 9:30 to 11:30 p.m. Admission is \$25, including sky socks. A GLOW T-shirt costs \$7.



Historic Longstreet Farm is a 19th-century working farm in Holmdel Park. *(Photo: File photo)*

Historic Longstreet Farm, 44 Longstreet Road, Holmdel. 732-946-3758 or monmouthcountyparks.com.

Join forces with your child and help the staff at Longstreet Farm with morning chores. Milk a cow, collect eggs, feed the animals. Program runs from 8 to 9 a.m. on the first Saturday of the month, from February through October. \$15 per pair of adult and child, ages 4 and older, plus \$5 for each additional person. Cash or check only. Wear closed-toe shoes.

The farm also offers plenty of free programs throughout the summer. Upcoming demonstrations include wool felting, 1 to 3 p.m. May 28; 19th-century wood-working, noon to 3 p.m. June 4; crochet and lace-making, 1 to 3 p.m. June 11; and blacksmithing, 1 to 3 p.m. June 12. Also, Rich Marzec will perform music from the 1890s on piano and accordion from 1 to 3 p.m. June 5.



Lush and breezy, this English garden is one of the attractions at Keyport Garden Walk. *(Photo: Courtesy of Keyport Garden Club)*

Keyport Garden Walk, June 4 and 5, throughout Keyport. Free. 732-687-9519 or keyportgardenwalk.org.

Stroll or bike through charming, friendly Keyport on a self-guided tour of 45 public and private gardens. Pedi-cab rides available for quick overviews. Garden talks begin at 9:30 a.m. at Borough Hall, featuring gardeners Judy Glattstein on "Sizzling Summer Bulbs" and P. Steven Kristoph on "Great Garden Day Trips For Your Hort Bucket List."

A great family event, as kids can learn about gardening, local history and community spirit while enjoying fresh air and exercise. The homeowners are informative and welcoming — some even offer homemade cookies and other refreshments to guests. Event runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.



Allyson Tolbert, owner of Sprinkles in Manhattan, participates in Sugartooth Tours. *(Photo: Courtesy of Sugartooth Tours)*

Sugartooth Tours of Manhattan, beginning June 4. 917-856-6761 or sugartoothtours.com.

Summer in the city is sweet when you embark on Sugartooth Tours' dessert adventures. The tour company runs its "Downtown Village To Village Cupcake Crawl" Saturdays at 3 p.m., beginning June 4; and an "Ice Cream Summer Sundays Frozen Treats Tour" Sundays at 1 p.m., from June 12 to Aug. 28.

The Cupcake Crawl explores bakeries in the East and West Village, as visitors sample cupcakes. The Frozen Treats Tour travels through Little Italy, SoHo and Chinatown, with samplings of ice cream, ice-cream sandwiches, gelato and frozen yogurt. Tickets are \$50 per person, per tour, available through sugartoothtours.com.



The Kidz Bop Kids cover Justin Bieber, Taylor Swift and other teen faves on their latest compilation. (Photo: Courtesy of Kidz Bop)

Kidz Bop Kids in concert, "Life Of The Party Tour," June 4, 5, and 24. kidzbop.com.

The Kidz Bop Kids bring their G-rated versions of current pop hits to regional venues throughout the summer, including three shows a day on June 4 and 5 at Sesame Place in Langhorne, Pennsylvania; and a 7 p.m. concert June 24 at the Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St., Morristown. Concerts at Sesame Place are included with park admission, which starts at \$40 through a spring special via sesameplace.com.

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National Marbles Tournament, June 20 to 24, Ringer Stadium, Wildwood Avenue and the beach, Wildwood. 609-729-9000 or nationalmarblestournament.com.

Take a day trip to watch the 92nd annual National Marbles Tournament, as boys and girls ages 8 through 14 play the time-honored game. Participants qualified by winning local tournaments throughout the U.S. Event runs from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day and is free to spectators.

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The Casino Pier carousel, which was built in 1910, has been in Seaside Heights since 1932. (Photo: File photo)

World's largest swimming lesson, June 24, and free carousel rides, June 25, Casino Pier, 800 Ocean Terrace, Seaside Heights. 732-793-6488 or casinopiernj.com.

Children are invited to Casino Pier's Breakwater Beach on June 24 to take part in an attempt to set a Guinness record for the "world's largest swimming lesson." Register in advance on-line or in person on the day of the event, beginning at 10 a.m. Registration includes a commemorative T-shirt and admission to the water park for the rest of the day, after the lesson. Participants should arrive no later than 10:30 a.m. The lesson will begin precisely at 11 a.m.

June 25 is the 106th birthday to the Dr. Floyd Moreland Historic Dentzel-Looff Carousel! Rides on the ornate carousel will be free from noon to 2 p.m. While you're visiting, check out the old-fashioned fun house mirrors on the walls near the carousel.



Little girls gather to admire the fairy houses at Fairy Day at Frelinghuysen Arboretum. (Photo: Courtesy of the Friends of the Arboretum)

"Fairy Day," June 26th, Frelinghuysen Arboretum, 353 E. Hanover Ave., Morristown. 973-326-7601 or arboretumfriends.org.

The 10th annual Fairy Day celebrates the fun of magical wee work. Families are invited to build fairy houses to welcome any tiny winged visitors who happen along. From 1 to 3 p.m., families can build houses and enjoy fairy snacks, music and dancing around a maypole with the Germantown Country Dancers. Cost is \$30 per fairy house and you must register by June 14. Fairy houses will be on display through the end of July.

[But what if it rains? Indoor water parks for summer fun \(/story/entertainment/2016/02/15/indoor-water-parks-winter-fun/80051418/\)](/story/entertainment/2016/02/15/indoor-water-parks-winter-fun/80051418/)



"A Very Berry Pancake Breakfast," June 26, Alstede Farms, 1 Alstede Farms Lane, Chester. 908-879-7189 or alstedefarms.com.

An all-you-can-eat breakfast of pancakes with strawberries and raspberries celebrates berry season. Admission includes a hayride admission to the pick-your-own fields. Cost is \$12.99 for adults and \$7.99 for kids, with babies under 2 admitted free.

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