

Places to Go and Things to Do

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Museums, Zoos, Stores and Art:

~**Choo Choo Bob's Train Store** 2050 Marshall Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104

Ph# 651-646-5252 <http://choochoobobs.com/store>

- Story times
- Interactive train tables for children

~**Minnesota Children's Museum**

St. Paul location: 10 W. Seventh Street, St. Paul, MN 55102

Ph# 651-225-6000 <http://www.mcm.org>

Target sponsored FREE 3rd Sundays (3rd Sunday of every month, admission is free)

- Also offers financial need based memberships
- Interactive exhibits and story times

- Mall of America (MOA) location - 3rd floor on the north side near Sears
(60 E. Broadway) 651-225-6000

~**Science Museum of Minnesota** 120 West Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55102

Ph# 651-221-9444 <http://www.smm.org>

- children 3 and under are free
- reduced-fee tickets for families on limited income (see website for details)

~**Como Park Zoo and Conservatory** 1225 Estabrook Dr., St. Paul, MN 55103

Ph# 651-487-8201 <http://www.comozooconservatory.org>

- open every day of the year (see website for hours)
- free

~**Minnesota Zoo** 13000 Zoo Boulevard, Apple Valley, MN 55124

Ph# 952-431-9200 <http://www.mnzoo.com>

- children two and under free

~**Sea Life Aquarium** Mall of America, Bloomington, MN

Ph# 952-853-0612 <http://www.visitsealife.com/Minnesota/>

- 300 foot ocean tunnel, 30 display tanks and more than 10,000 sea creatures.

~**Eagan Art House** (Located in Patrick Eagan Park) 3981 Lexington Ave., Eagan, MN 55123
Ph# 651-675-5521 <http://www.cityofeagan.com>

- Offers many different art classes for adults and children of all ages
- Art exhibits and displays

~**MN Landscape Arboretum** 3675 Arboretum Drive, Chaska MN 55318 |
Ph# 952.443.1400 <http://www.arboretum.umn.edu/exhibitsandevents.aspx>
\$12 for adults; free for youths 12 and younger. Free for members.

- Tour garden paths. Walk the close gardens and bike or drive to see more
- Weekend Family Fun events - free with admission
- Weekly Summer Classes for preschoolers

~**Caponi Art Park Learning Center** 1220 Diffley Rd., Eagan, MN 55123
Ph# 651-454-9412 <http://caponiartpark.org>

- Summer performance series (music, theater, and dance in the park)
- Family Fun Tuesdays, 10-11a.m. - see schedule online

~**Jackson Street Roundhouse** 193 Pennsylvania Ave. E., St. Paul
Ph# 651-228-0263 <http://www.mtmuseum.org/>

- interactive museum with short train rides up and down our tracks every Saturday and on special occasions

~ **Home Depot**

- Stores in Eagan, Apple Valley and Burnsville
- Free workshops for kids (with parent) on the first Saturday of the month
- see website for details: <http://blog.homedepot.com/free-home-depot-kids-workshop-first-saturday-month/>

Minneapolis Institute of Arts - Family Day 2400 Third Avenue South, Minneapolis
Ph# 612-870-3000 www.artsmia.org

- FREE monthly event for families on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Art activities, meet local artists, musicians, dancers, storytellers and more.

Books and More Books:

~**Dakota County Libraries** <http://co.dakota.mn.us/libraries>

- Weekly Story Times and activities - see website or go to library to pick up schedule

~**Barnes and Noble bookstores** <http://www.barnesandnoble.com>

- Story time at Eagan and Burnsville. See website for location and time.

~**Wild Rumpus Bookstore**
Ph# 612.920.5005

2720 West 43rd Street, Minneapolis, MN 55410
<http://www.wildrumpusbooks.com/>

- Story time every Monday at 10:30 am.

~**Red Balloon Bookstore**
Ph#651-224-8320

891 Grand Ave., St. Paul, MN. 55105
<http://www.redballoonbookshop.com/>

- Story time: Wednesday, 10:30-11:00am
Thursday 10:30-11am
Spanish story time monthly (see "Events" schedule on website)

Indoor Play Spaces:

~**Edinborough Indoor Park**
Ph# 952-833-9540

7700 York Ave. S., Edina, MN 55435
<http://edinboroughpark.com/>

- Enclosed, one-acre park with huge indoor playground and a multi-purpose play area, plus an amphitheater.

~**The Blast Indoor Playground**
Ph# 652-675-5550

1501 Central Pkwy, Eagan, MN
<http://www.cityofeagan.com/live/article.aspx?id=40553>

- Indoor play structure with slides and climbing
- Cost: \$4.00 for 18mos - 12 years (children under 18 months are free)
- See website for hours

~**Preschool Open Play at Eagan Community Center**
Ph# 652-675-5550

1501 Central Pkwy, Eagan, MN
<http://www.cityofeagan.com/live/article.aspx?id=40553>

- Monday-Friday 9:00 - 11:30 (some days it may be closed - call before coming)
- Includes gym time, preschool classroom play and The Blast
- \$4.00 per child ages 1-5 (children under 12 months are free)

~**FANTastic Saturdays at Eagan Community Center**
Ph# 652-675-5550

1501 Central Pkwy, Eagan, MN
<http://www.cityofeagan.com/live/article.aspx?id=40553>

- Saturdays, 5:00 pm - 8 pm
- Kid friendly movies, crafts, gym, and admission to The Blast
- \$4.00 children 18 months - 12 years (all others free)

~**Good Times Park**
Ph# 651-454-5736

3265 Northwood Circle, Suite 100, Eagan, MN
<http://www.goodtimespark.com/>

- Fully secured & electronically monitored indoor recreational park.
- Cost: \$8.00 plus tax per child; monthly or annual memberships available
- Open daily from 7:00 am - 9:30 pm

Parks and Recreation Programs

~Apple Valley 952-953-2300

Hotline: 952-953-2399

<http://mn-applevalley.civicplus.com/index.aspx?nid=222> (for current catalog)

Summer:

- Music in the Park at Kelley Park (6855 Fortino Street) Fridays, 6:00-9:00 pm
- Splash Pad at Kelley Park (opens late May/early June - open daily 9:00am-9:00pm)
- Puppet Wagon in the parks
- Swim at Apple Valley Family Aquatic Center or Redwood Community Pool
- "Freedom Days" summer festival, the week leading up to the Fourth of July

Year-round:

- Open gyms
- Classes for kids
- Open skating and classes at Hayes Arena

Winter:

- "Mid-Winter Fest" early February

~Rosemount 651-322-6000

<http://ci.rosemount.mn.us/index.aspx?NID=313> (for current catalog)

Summer:

- Free Music and movies in Central Park
- Puppets in the Park
- Central Park Splash Pad
- "Leprechaun Days" festival end of July

Year-Round:

- Open gyms
- Classes for kids
- Open skating and classes at Rosemount Ice Arena

~Eagan 651-675-5500

<http://www.cityofeagan.com/index.php/parks-recreation/discover-brochure>

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Summer:

- Eagan Market Fest, (Farmer's Market, Outdoor Concert, Community Event)
Wednesday evenings 4:00-8:00 p.m. 1501 Central Parkway, Eagan

- Puppet Wagon at the parks
- Cascade Bay Water Park (including "Little Mates", a time for children ages 0-6 to play in the Shipwreck Cover and Sandpiper beach areas of the water park before it opens to the public (9:45-10:45 am every day, except Wednesdays)

Year Round:

- Open gyms
- Classes for kids
- Open skating and classes at Eagan Civic Arena

Parks:

~*Lebanon Hills Park* 860 Cliff Rd., Eagan, MN Phone: 651-554-6530
<https://www.co.dakota.mn.us/parks/parksTrails/LebanonHills/Pages/default.aspx>

- Nature trails for hiking, snowshoeing and skiing
- Visitors Center with kids' play and learn nook
- Kids classes
- Family activities
- Swimming beach at Schulze Lake
- Summer and winter equipment rental

~ *Whitetail Woods Regional Park* 17100 Station Trail, Farmington Phone: 952-891-7000

- Fawn Crossing Nature Play Area
- Hiking, snowshoeing and skiing trails
- Camper cabins
- Picnic area
- Sledding hill

ECFE Playtimes

Dakota Valley Learning Center (DVLC) <http://www.district196.org/ecfe/>
4679-144th St. W., Apple Valley 952-388-1953

See website for current catalog with dates and times

~Baby Playtimes Babies birth-12 months with their parents-Free

~Family Playtimes Children birth through prekindergarten with their parents
\$4 per child, no charge for babies birth-12 months

Favorite Websites:

<http://www.eagan.macaronikid.com> and www.farmington.macaronikid.com

- detailed list of local activities for families

www.district196.org/ecfe visit to see our current ECFE catalog!

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