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B U C K E T L I S T

- JOIN A LOCAL SUMMER READING CHALLENGE**. Try your local library branch, BookPeople, Rogues Gallery, H-E-B, Half Price Books, Barnes & Noble, and Chuck E Cheese.
- COOL DOWN AT ONE OF THE AUSTIN SPLASH PADS OR THE QUARRY SPLASH PAD** in Leander (opens May 25, 2024) \$2/ person, credit cards only. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays.
- BOWL FOR FREE** at Spare Time Bowling with their SUMMER FUN PASS
- DO A FREE KIDS DIY WORKSHOP** at Home Depot on June 1, July 6, or August 3 from 9am-noon or a free KIDS DIY WORKSHOP AT LOWES on June 15, July 20, or August 17 from 10am-1pm.
- GET A SNOW CONE** at SnoRide (Littlefield's or Pease Park locations).
- CATCH A FREE KIDS YOGA CLASS** with ATX Yoga Girl on 6/18 or 7/16 at 9am at Pease Park. She also has free toddler yoga classes on 6/19 and 7/17 at 9am at Pease Park.
- SEE THE DINOSAURS AROUND THE WORLD EXHIBIT** at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center (May 17-July 17)
- ATTEND A SUMMER STORYTIME** at the Bullock Museum on select days or at BookPeople every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday at 10:30am (bonus gathering with Tiny Tails To You every third Thursday at BookPeople!)
- NATIONAL DONUT DAY** is June 7, 2024. Get free donuts at participating places (try Dunkin', Shipley, Duck, Krispie Kreme).
- SEE A FREE, FAMILY-FRIENDLY KIDS' SHOW ROCK THE PARK!** at the amphitheater at Mueller Lake Park. Come early to grab a spot on the lawn. 6:45 p.m. on June 7, 2024.
- SECOND SATURDAYS ARE FOR FAMILIES AT LAGUNA GLORIA** from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Free admission and family activities every second Saturday (June 8, July 13, and August 10).
- UMLAUF SCULPTURE GARDEN HAS FREE FAMILY DAY** every second Sunday of the month (June 9, July 14, and August 11) from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sculpture Searches, crafts, and free admission for visitors of all ages.
- GO TO A JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL** in Round Rock on June 15 from 3:30-11:30 pm at Old Settlers Park or at Pflugger Park on June 23 from 5-7pm.
- SEE THE FIREWORKS AT AUDITORIUM SHORES** on July 4th from 5-10pm.
- ATTEND THE SWEET EATS FRUIT FARM SUNFLOWER FESTIVAL** from June 22-July 7th.
- VISIT THE BULLOCK MUSEUM FOR FREE** on June 2, July 7, or August 4 from 10am-5pm.
- SEE THE RED, WHITE, AND BOOM PFIREWORKS SHOW** launched from Typhoon Texas at dark every night from June 4-July 4, 2024. No purchase necessary! Just find a spot where you can see them.
- CHECK OUT A LOCAL WATERPARK** like Rock'N River, Typhoon Texas, Kalahari, Volente Beach, or Splash Shack.
- GO TO A FREE FAMILY CRAFT NIGHT** every Wednesday from 5-6pm at IKEA IN ROUND ROCK (RSVP required)
- CHECK OUT SKATER TOTS AT PLAYLAND SKATE CENTER** every Tuesday morning from 9am-noon. Ages 5 and under only \$8 per child (adults and infants are free, price includes skates).

- CHECK OUT THE ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDENS FAERIE TRAIL** May 18 - July 13, 2024. Or Visit the Zilker Botanical Garden for free on Jul 14, 2024.
- HAVE A FAIRY TEA PARTY** at Terra Toys on June 12, 2024 from 2-4 p.m. Must purchase tickets in store in advance.
- VISIT WACO** and check out the zoo, Mayborn Museum, and Dr Pepper Museum.
- VISIT A NEARBY CHILDREN'S MUSEUM** (like the Thinkery, Temple Children's Museum, Doseum in San Antonio, McKenna Children's Museum in New Braunfels, Science Mill, or Mayborn in Waco).
- PLAY A ROUND OF MINI GOLF** (both indoor and outdoor)!
- TAKE A HIKE.**
- VISIT MALIN THE TROLL at PEASE PARK** (and cool down at the splash pad).
- SEE FREE LIVE MUSIC** every Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. through June 26 in downtown Round Rock at **MUSIC ON MAIN.**
- TAKE THE KIDS CLIMBING** at **ONE OF THESE** bouldering/rock climbing centers.
- CATCH A BALL GAME** at **KIDS DAY FOR THE ROUND ROCK EXPRESS.** Kids Days are June 2, 16, 30 at 6:35 p.m. July 21 at 6:35 p.m. and August 4 & 18 at 6:35 p.m.
- If it just gets too hot outside, here are all the **FREE INDOOR PLACES TO PLAY IN AUSTIN.** And here's a list of **MORE PLACES TO PLAY INDOORS** that are not free.
- CATCH A \$5 KIDS MOVIE** at the **ALAMO KIDS CAMP.**
- GET OUT ON THE RACE TRACK** at one of these **GO-KART PLACES** in Austin. Indoor go-karts at Pinballz Lake Creek and K1, or outdoor go-karts at Austin's or COTA.
- GO TO A FREE CRAFTING SESSION** at **MICHAEL'S STORES** every other Saturday at 10am or every other Sunday at 2pm.
- DO A FUN ESCAPE ROOM.**
- SEE THE FREE ZILKER SUMMER MUSICAL! LEGALLY BLONDE** runs July 12 - August 17.
- TAKE A WEEKEND GETAWAY TO SEGUIN** to see the World's Largest Pecan and ride the roller coaster at ZDT's Amusement Park.
- FEED THE ANIMALS ON THIS WILD DRIVE-THRU SAFARI** at the Exotic Resort Zoo.
- VISIT THE GIANT LIFE-SIZE REPLICAS OF DINOSAURS** at the **DINOSAUR PARK** in Cedar Creek.
- PLAN AN ICE CREAM PLAYDATE** with your besties at one of these **ICE CREAM PLACES WITH PLAYGROUNDS** around Austin. National Ice cream Day is Jul 21, 2024!
- TRY CAMPING WITH KIDS AT BUESCHER STATE PARK.** Not ready for camping with kids yet? Try *glamping* at **SON'S RIO CIBOLO** in an air-conditioned cabin right on a creek!
- SEE THE SOUTH CONGRESS BRIDGE BATS** either from above or from a **BAT CRUISE** out on the water.
- TAKE THE KIDS ON A GLASS-BOTTOM BOAT RIDE** at the Meadows Center on a **DAY TRIP TO SAN MARCOS.**
- RIDE BIKES ALONG THE BRUSHY CREEK TRAIL** and visit each of the 6 playgrounds along the way.
- SWING FROM A ROPE SWING** at **BLUE HOLE WIMBERLEY.**
- SPEND THE DAY AT CIDERCADE** playing video games for free once you're inside (just pay the cost of admission).
- NOTHING BEATS A DAY AT BLUE HOLE IN GEORGETOWN** followed by milkshakes from Hat Creek!
- LET YOUR KID PUSH AROUND A TINY CART INSIDE H MART** while you get cotton candy from the vending machine, play some arcade games, try a new food at the food court, and pick out a new produce veggie or fruit to bring home.
- GO FOR A SWIM AT DEEP EDDY POOL** and treat everyone to Jim-Jim's Water Ice (iykyk).
- SAVE THE HOTTEST DAY OF THE YEAR FOR A TRIP TO THE CHILLY BARTON SPRINGS** and dare each other to go off the diving board!