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- 1. June 1: Construction Truck Petting Zoo - Grand Rapids Public Library parking lot.
- June 2: Spoonlickers -Warning: it's addictive! Locally owned frozen yogurt shop with three locations. Flavors change regularly. Toppings made by hand. Sold by the ounce. Ada Location -400 Ada Dr (616-682-5784), Knapp Location - 1971 East Beltline, Eastown Location -1551 Wealthy SE.
- June 3: Frog Hollow Park -Playground great for all ages. Located near Metro Health hospital. Accessible for those with disabilities, too. Shelter, climbing structure, swings, restrooms. 2050 Metro Ct SW, Wyoming, MI 49519.
- June 4: Real Food Cafe -Stop in for their chocolate chip pancakes! Can be busy, so plan ahead. Locally owned family restaurant. Two locations. Breakfast and lunch served. 2419 Eastern Avenue, Grand Rapids, (616-241-4080) and 5430 Northland Drive NE, Grand Rapids, MI (616-361-1808).
- June 5: Provin Trails Two miles of wooded trail. Terrain is slightly hilly to very hilly. Park activities and facilities include: cross country skiing, hiking/walking, and restrooms. Restrooms and parking on Four Mile Road. 2900 4 Mile Road Grand Rapids Township, MI 49525 (616-336-7275).
- 6. June 6: Crazy Bounce one huge room filled with up to 14 of the biggest, wildest, craziest inflatable structures. 12255 Felch St, Holland, MI 49424.

- June 7: Festival of the Arts food, arts, entertainment and plenty of activities for the kids. Monroe Center St NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503. (June 7,8,9.)
- June 8: Grand Haven Musical Fountain- the dancing, musical show starts at 10pm. Washington Ave & N Harbor Dr, Grand Haven, MI 49417.
- 9. June 9: White Pine Trail grab the bikes, roller blades or running shoes. Several places to enjoy the trail from Comstock Park to Cadillac.
- June 10: Summer Reading Carnival at KDL Walker Library - Celebrate the beginning of Summer Reading with free refreshments, fun carnival games and so much more! 4293 Remembrance Rd. NW, Walker, MI 49534 (616-784-2007).
- June 11: Getty 4 Drive In -Tuesday nights are \$5 bargain night! 920 E Summit Ave Norton Shores, MI 49444 (231)798-2608
- 12. June 12: Fulton Street Farmers Market - open 8am-3pm on Tues, Wed, Fri and Sat with more than 200 different vendors throughout the year. 1147 E. Fulton St. Grand Rapids, MI 49503
- June 13: <u>Airport</u>
   <u>Observation</u> Grab a snack and a picnic table and enjoy the view. (open from 7am-10pm daily).
- 14. June 14: Roger B. Chaffee Planetarium (inside GRPM)
  To Boldly Go show at 2pm.
- 15. June 15: West Michigan Chalk Art Festival - come create and see chalk art on the sidewalks of Byron Center.

- June 16: <u>Millennium Park</u> rent a boat, play at the beach, get wet at the splash pad or enjoy the trails.
- June 17: Holland Peanut <u>Store</u> - homemade chocolates, fresh roasted nuts and famous Fabiano ice cream Nutty Paddle Pops. 46 East Eighth St. Holland, MI (616-392-4522).
- June 18: Fredrick Meijer Gardens - play in the Children's Outdoor Garden and Michigan's Farm Garden. Open until 9pm on Tuesdays.
- June 19: Grand Rapids <u>Township Park</u> - fun playground activities as well as trails for walking/biking.
- 20. June 20: <u>Gymco</u> have fun during Lunch Bunch! Two locations.
- 21. June 21: <u>Strawberry</u> <u>Picking</u> - Krupp Farms, one of so many local farmers where you can pick! Call ahead for picking conditions.
- 22. June 22: Grand Haven Sand Sculpture Contest - 9am-3pm at the Grand Haven City Beach. 616-842-4910
- 23. June 23: <u>Cascade Park</u> The playground area includes a picnic pavilion, bathrooms and drinking fountain. One-mile pedestrian path, tennis, volleyball and Frisbee golf as well.
- 24. June 24: Java Gym Indoor play cafe. 2211 East Beltline Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI (616-361-9800).
- 25. June 25: Peppler Memorial Park at Rockford Dam enjoy watching the water of the Rogue River go over the dam and visit the shops and eateries in downtown Rockford.
- 26. *June 26*: <u>SkyZone</u> Indoor trampoline park. 3636 29th

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Street SE, Kentwood, MI 49512.

- 27. June 27: <u>Manhattan Park</u> -Pavillion, nature trails, playground, volleyball, softball, tennis, drinking fountains. East Grand Rapids.
- June 28: Jersey Junction old fashioned ice cream parlor is located in the heart of East Grand Rapids. 652 Croswell Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI (616-458-4107).
- 29. June 29: All Day with the Arts at the GR Art Museum - enjoy hands-on art-making activities for children and families, kidfriendly tours and sketching in the galleries. Every Saturday from 10am-3pm.
- 30. June 30: Rosy Mound Natural Area - Rosy Mound is a classic Great Lakes dune system. Wonderful hiking trails out to Lake Michigan. (616 -738-4810)
- 31. July 1: Deanna's Playhousestage, costume room, puppet theater, relaxation nook, storybook corner, and the mini-village; complete with roads, lakes, a store, a house, a bank, cars, boats, a lighthouse, and "Zebron the Magical Submarine. Open 10am-3pm.
- 32. July 2: Teusink's Pony Farm - Pony Ring Ride, Hayride, Hay maze, Fishing, Penny Hunt, Barn Animals, Exotic Birds, and Feed the Sheep and Goats. 10am-12:30pm.1468 West 32nd St. Holland, MI 49423 (616-335-6226).
- 33. July 3: Lamar Park and Splash Pad- picnic area, baseball & softball diamonds, fishing, basketball, volleyball, tennis, playground equipment, soccer fields,

grills, walking trail and splash pad. Open 10am -8pm. 2624 Porter St SW, Wyoming, MI 49519.

- 34. July 4: Grand Haven State Park- after enjoying the beach catch the fireworks, too! 1001 S Harbor Dr, Grand Haven, MI 49417.
- 35. July 5: Jesters Courtindoor playground featuring larger than life inflatables and softplay (enclosed jungle gym). Open 10am-8pm. 3707 Northridge Dr NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49544.
- 36. July 6: Blandford Nature Center - Take a hike through the woods on a hunt for a delicious berry that grows wild. Gather, make and sample this homemade summer frozen treat...ICE CREAM. 1715 Hillburn Ave NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504.
- 37. *July* 7: Duck Lake State Park - Whitehall, MI 49461.
- 38. July 8: Mount Pisgah Dune Boardwalk - explore the dune east of the Holland State Park. Accessible via a boardwalk and stair system. Ottawa Beach Rd & 3rd Ave, Holland, MI 49422.
- 39. July 9: Downtown Farmers Market- Open Tuesdays from 8am-1pm. 435 Ionia Ave SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.
- 40. July 10: Storytime at Sweet <u>Mellisa's</u> - Free ice cream cone and storybook for kids every Wednesday at 7pm in June, July and August. 2404 Eastern Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49507.
- 41. July 11: GR Symphony's Picnic Pops- fireworks paired with patriotic music from the GR Symphony.

6800 Cannonsburg Rd NE, Belmont, MI 49306.

- 42. July 12: East Grand Rapids <u>Movies in the Park</u>- FREE family-friendly entertainment on the shores of Reed's Lake. Hotel Transylvania will be shown on an inflatable screen at dusk. 650 Lakeside Dr SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506.
- 43. July 13: Muskegon Summer Luge - Wheeled luge. \$10 per person, reservations not needed. 9am-noon. 462 Scenic Dr. North Muskegon, MI 49445
- 44. July 14: Family Day at the <u>West Michigan Whitecaps</u> -First 1,000 kids eat free, face painting and meet Buddy the Dinosaur (from PBS's Dinosaur Train) at the ballpark! 4500 W River Dr NE, Comstock Park, MI 49321.
- 45. July 15: Berlin Fair carnival rides and live entertainment at a low cost with a family friendly environment. July 15-20. 2008 Berlin Fair Dr, Marne, MI 49435.
- 46. July 16: <u>Rogue River Blues</u> <u>Concert Series</u>. No admission. Different performer each Tuesday evening. Starts at 7pm. Garden Club Park, downtown Rockford.
- 47. July 17: Boulder Ridge Wild <u>Animal Park</u> - this privately owned zoo has some animals you won't find anywhere else i Michigan. 8313 Pratt Lake SE Alto, MI 49302 (616-868-6711).
- July 18: Lowell Farmer's Market - Farm goods, arts and crafts, flea market, antique and estate sale vendors as well (616-897-9186).

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- 49. July 19: Hot Kroc Night-This free event begins at 6:30pm and will feature a family friendly movie, activities, and concessions available for sale at the Kroc Center.
- 50. July 20: <u>Jonia Free Fair</u> -FREE activities such as rodeos, monster trucks, a circus, a high flying trapeze act, Wild Animal Exhibit and our E!Park stage, where free musical acts appear throughout the week, July 18-27.
- 51. July 21: Holland State Park

  Popular beach with
  restrooms, concessions and
  easy access ramps. 2400
  Lake Michigan Dr, Holland,
  MI 49424.
- 52. July 22: Storytime at Pooh's Corner Bookstore -10:30am. For all ages. 1886 Breton Rd SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506 (616-942-9887).
- 53. July 23: Children's Day at the Ottawa County Fair -Pedal Pulls, emergency vehicle display, wood workshop, magic show, pie eating contest, harness racing, mobile zoo, midway carnival, 4-H animals and showings. 1272 Ottawa Beach Rd, Holland, MI 49424 (616-399-4904).
- 54. July 24: Engine House #5 <u>Museum (Allendale)</u> - Now in Allendale, Engine House #5 was built in 1880 in Grand Rapids, Michigan on the bank of the Grand River and served the community with a horsedrawn steam pumper and a hose cart. Today, see antique fire house and fire engines while you shop the Hammer and Thread

store. 6620 Lake Michigan Dr, Allendale, MI 49401.

- 55. July 25: Parkapalooza Pet Party at East Grand Rapids Public Library- a family event where everyone's pet is a star. 746 Lakeside Dr SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506.
- 56. July 26: <u>Blueberry Picking</u> -Call ahead to see what picking conditions are like. 2763 140th Ave, Dorr, MI 49323 (616-896-8296).
- 57. July 27: John Ball Zoo -Zipline, camel rides and more. Explore all of the new features at the zoo, too. 1300 Fulton St W, Grand Rapids, MI 49504.
- 58. July 28: Ice Cream Month at <u>Dairy Discovery</u> - July is ICE CREAM Month! Come and celebrate a favorite summer treat! From 10am-1pm (tours at 10, 11). Fee. (616-293-0432).
- 59. July 29: <u>Pinewood Park</u> <u>Splash Pad</u> (Kentwood)-1999 Wolfboro Dr SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508.
- 60. July 30: Kids Day at Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival - July 26-Aug 4. Daily events from Kids Day to the Street Dance, carnival rides, parade and ship tours.
- 61. July 31: <u>Hager</u> <u>Park</u> (Jenison) - Cool wooden playground, trails, picnic areas and more.
- 62. August 1: <u>Youth Pirate</u> <u>Chaser Sails</u> - Kids become captains and chase pirates on a 90 minute sail. Michigan Maritime Museum. 260 Dyckman Ave, South Haven, MI 49423.
- 63. *August 2*: **Wyoming Public Library -** Rhyme Time and Music at 10:30am. 3350

Michael Ave SW, Wyoming, MI 49509.

- 64. *August 3*: <u>Hike the Peace</u> <u>Park</u> - located at 8900 Grand River Dr SE, Ada, MI 49301.
- 65. August 4: <u>12 Dancing</u> <u>Princesses at the Civic</u> <u>Theatre</u> See this story come to life on stage at a 2pm matinee. 30 Division Ave N, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.
- 66. August 5: Hudsonville Lanes <u>Buck Night Bowling</u> - from 9:15pm to 11pm games, shoes, hot dogs, pop, fries and nachos are just \$1. 5775 Balsam Drive Hudsonville, MI 49426 (616-669-9380).
- 67. August 6: <u>Tuesday Night</u> <u>Music Club</u> (Fredrick Meijer Gardens) - Concerts are free with paid admission to Meijer Gardens and begin at 7pm.
- 68. August 7: Grand Rapids Children's Museum - New exhibits include Adventures in Balance and Kidstruction Zone. Great place to cool off on a hot day. 22 Sheldon Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.
- 69. *August* 8: <u>South Haven</u> <u>Blueberry Festival</u> - Music, carnival games, arts and crafts, parade and more. (Aug. 8- 11).
- 70. August 9: Wahlfield Park and hiking - enjoy the picnic area, playground or hike through the park. 6811 Alpine Ave NW, Comstock Park, MI 49321.
- 71. August 10: Kent County Youth Fair Kids Day - \$1 specials throughout the fairgrounds. \$1 carnival rides, \$1 specials at food vendors. Ice cream social at 2pm, Puff the Dragon Pedal Pull at 3pm. 225 S Hudson St, Lowell, MI 49331.

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- August 11: Pick Peaches -Call to check picking conditions. Ed Dunneback & Girls Farm. 3025 6 Mile Rd NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49544 (616-784-2820).
- August 12: Impression 5 Science Center. 200 Museum Dr, Lansing, MI 48933.
- 74. August 13: Craig's Cruisers
  2 for 1 Tuesday at the Grand Rapids location. 5730 Clyde Park Ave SW, Wyoming, MI 49509.
- August 14: Marge's <u>Donut Den.</u> It's a great little bakery on 28th Street in Wyoming, full of donuts, cookies, cakes and more. 1751 28th St SW, Wyoming, MI 49519.
- 76. August 15: Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concert-Thursday nights on The Flat River from 7-9pm. 201 E Main St, Lowell, MI 49331.
- 77. August 16: USS Silversides Submarine Museum -Muskegon museum and submarine with exhibits, displays and theatre. Open daily 10am-5:30pm. 1346 Bluff St, Muskegon, MI 49441.
- 78. August 17: Roller Skate at Tarry Hall Roller Rink open skating Saturday nights from 6:30-9pm. 3330 Fairlanes Ave SW, Grandville, MI 49418.
- 79. *August 18*: **Binder Park Zoo.** 7400 Division Dr, Battle Creek, MI 49014.
- August 19: R Athletics -Open gym with trampolines, foam pits, vault, bars and more. Open from 2-3pm. 2845 Thornhills Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.
- 81. *August 20*: Ada Farmers Market - high quality farm

and artisan products in a comfortably accessible, kidfriendly environment. Open from noon-6pm. 7239 Thornapple River Dr SE, Ada, MI 49301.

- 82. *August 21*: **The Mud Room** paint pottery, use clay wheels or fuse glass. 447 Ada Dr SE, Ada, MI 49301
- 83. August 22: Robinette's Apple Haus - Apple Haus is open 8am-5:30pm. 3142 4 Mile Rd NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525.
- 84. August 23: Holland Street <u>Performers</u> - Musicians, aerial acrobats, jugglers, dancers, balloon twisters, theatrical troupes, magicians, caricature artists, and much, much more. 44 West Ninth Street, Holland, MI 49423.
- 85. August 24: Kids Mud Run-1.5 miles and includes the muddiest obstacles and most exciting parts of the course that will accommodate Mini Mudders, including our mud pit section. 1200 60th St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508.
- August 25: Tour the Meyer May House - free. Tours are from 1-5pm. 450 Madison SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49501.
- August 26: Air Zoo open 9am-5pm. Check out aircrafts, exhibits and art. 6151 Portage Rd, Portage, MI 49002.
- August 27: Douglas Walker Park - 1195 84th SW, Byron Center, MI 49315.
- 89. August 28: Mac's Dune <u>Rides at Silver Lake</u> - 40 minute dune ride where you can learn about the history and environment of the constantly changing sand dunes. 629 N 18th Ave, Mears, MI 49436.

- 90. August 29: Leslie E. Tassell Park-an interactive fountain, sculptures, a fire pit, two shelters, public restroom, and picnic tables. Located just south of Cascade Rd., at 2900 Thornapple River Dr SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.
- August 30: <u>GR Fish</u> <u>Ladder</u> - watch fish migrate up stream. 560 Front Ave NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504.
- 92. August 31: Michigan's Adventure! Amusement park, water park. 4750 Whitehall Rd, Muskegon, MI 49445.

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