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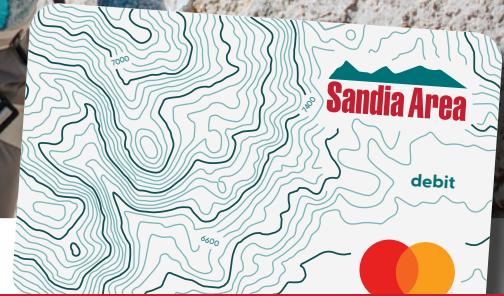
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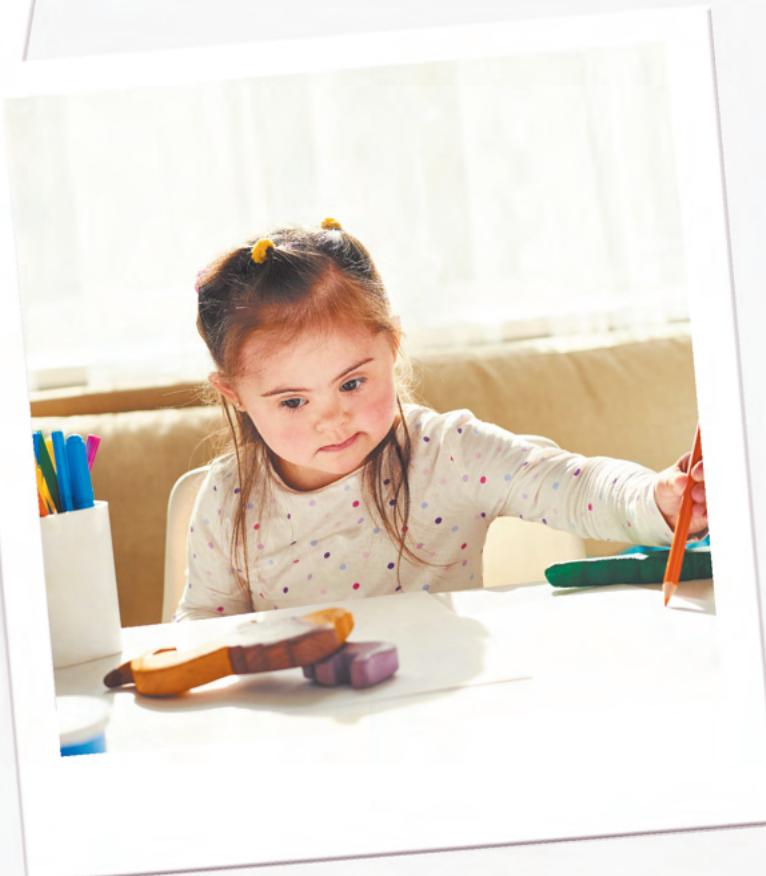
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Cover Kid Q&A

ON THE COVER:

KAHAIA AGUAYO, 9 YRS

How do you like to spend your time?

Kahaia: In my free time I like to play Minecraft with my friend Gray, ride my motorcycle or hang out with my pets: I have a ball python, a chicken, a dozen quails, two cats and a box turtle and when I can, I like to go hiking, camping and visit my grandparents at their farm in Taos.

What do you think will be different about the world when you are an adult?

Kahaia: The way I see it, I don't think we'll have enough fresh air to breathe. There's too many houses being built which causes deforestation and less oxygen to flow.

Who are your best friends and why do you like each other?

Kahaia: My best friends are my siblings Vanezia and Leo. We always have fun together and we can always count on each other.

What do you think your parents do at work all day?

Kahaia: My dad makes wonderful and delicious desserts and I love when he makes me chocolate croissants it's so good. My mom is a superwoman because she can do anything and if she can't she will learn to do it. She even speaks 4 languages and taught me and my sister French and Tahitian

What's the most important rule that you know of?

Kahaia: Be kind make mistakes and learn from them because mistakes allow thinking to happen



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Meet Kahaia Aguayo, a bright 9-year-old at Turquoise Trail Charter School. Fluent in French, Spanish, and English, she shares her Santa Fe home with a dog, chicken, cats, and a snake. Kahaia enjoys reading Tumbleweeds Magazine with her mom.

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IT'S BUG SEASON



CHRISTIE COLLINS

Overcome your fears, and help your kids do the same

Do you suffer from a mild to severe cases of entomophobia or arachnophobia? That is, the fear of insects or spiders, respectively. No, this is not an ad for treatment, but then again, maybe we can work through some of those fears together?

So why would it matter if you were afraid of bugs? Well, as small and insignificant as they may seem, this group of wildlife is vital to our planet, our ecosystems, and even our health. Does that sound overly dramatic? It's not. I'm sure you've all heard that insects pollinate three-quarters of the world's food crops. If insects disappear, humans likely won't be far behind.

Part of my job—correction, my passion and life's work—is educating others about the value of invertebrates. Yes, that includes creepy, crawly spiders. I often start with kids because they're usually more open-minded. Many haven't learned yet to see bugs as scary, gross, or disturbers of peace.

As adults, we know we project our fears onto our children. Whether we do this knowingly or not, we want to protect our kids from harm. However, sometimes the fear we project is more harmful than the actual thing itself.

My story starts like many of you. I grew up being terrified of spiders. It didn't matter the size, small to large they

were all the same, too many legs and too many eyes for my liking. I would run from a room shrieking, "Kill it, kill it!" So, I get it.

But things changed when I started working at my first nature center where I was forced to overcome my fears. One day, I was teaching a school group of about 40 kids where the presentation ended with looking at and meeting a live animal. I was tasked with showing our tarantula. Yikes! I knew I had to do it sometime, so I had to face my fears head on.

As the program wrapped up and 40 kids formed a single file line to see the very large and hairy spider, I began to sweat. A lot. I opened and reached into the critter keeper that the spider was in and nudged one of its back legs to get my hand underneath it. Slowly the spider climbed onto my hand. I did it! Victory! Except now, I had to stand holding the spider as students walked by, excitedly observing the spider with fascination.

Then it happened. The one student who wanted to test the boundaries approached me and the tarantula. He leaned in closer to get a better look, then blew on the spider, hard. I flinched and so did the spider. I held my composure and stayed calm, reminding the young student not to do anything like that as it startles



Courtesy photo: Christie with a tarantula.



Courtesy photo: A child holding a worm.

the spider, and we want it to know it can trust us.

In the end, nothing happened. The spider was fine. I was fine, other than being extremely sweaty. I lived to tell the tale.

Now, am I telling you to run out and hold the nearest spider you find? Absolutely not. You don't need to go full spider whisperer. But there are resources to help you learn about invertebrates or to introduce your child to them in a way that's safe and manageable, even from a distance.

Bug Friendly Resources for the Bug Curious and Bug Cautious

- All Bugs Go to Kevin: This is one of my favorite social media pages. It's available on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube. You can post photos to get an ID or just read some cool posts that make bugs a little more, dare I say, loveable.
- BugGuide.net: This is one of many citizen science sites where anyone can share their photos for ID purposes. You can also search for bugs you want to know more about.
- iNaturalist: Another citizen science site as well as a free downloadable app. You can upload your photos, get an ID, and contribute to worldwide data.

- Xerces Society (xerces.org): This group has great resources for adults, families, and kids to learn more about pollinators and how to help them in your own neighborhood.
- Santa Fe Botanical Garden: The garden offers many programs and a camp during the year to learn more about the importance of insects and spiders. Check our event calendar often.

Family Friendly Bug Activities to Ignite Curiosity And Confidence

Do you want some easy, at-home activities? Here are a few fun and fear-free ways to get started with your bugsploration.

- Bug Bingo: Create bingo cards using images from online. Make cards of the common insects and spiders seen around your yard or park, like ants, butterflies, bees, roly-polies. No touching required, just observing. We also have scavengers hunt cards at the Botanical Garden.
- Build a Bug House: Using recycled materials, this is an easy project and a great way to observe the daily life of your tiny neighbors.
- Bug Exploration Kit: Put together your own kit for finding and observing. All you need is a small magnifying glass, a notebook

or journal, and a bug jar (make sure it has small air holes). Once you've made your observations and finished your drawings, let your new friend go and on their way back to their home. Don't forget to add your photos to iNaturalist.

Storytime with Six or Eight-Legged Friends

How about some fun stories to learn more about the small wildlife:

- *Diary of a Spider* by Soreen Cronin
- *Are you a Bee?* by Judy Allen and Tudor Humphries
- *Bug Hotel* by Libby Walden
- *Some Bugs* by Angela DiTerlizzi

Bugs are more than just insignificant specks scrambling across the sidewalk. They are critical animals in the food web and their survival is linked to ours. You don't have to love them; you don't even have to touch them. But we can learn to appreciate the job they do and respect their role in nature, whether by providing pollinator friendly plants, rescuing a spider from the bathtub, or simply choosing curiosity over fear.



Courtesy photo: Children holding a caterpillar.

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The Parents Guide to Maximizing Summer Learning



AMANDA ARAGON

Simple steps to keep kids learning, growing, and thriving all break long

Summer is almost here. That means campfires, summer sports, lake trips, and countless chances to make lasting memories set against New Mexico's breathtaking landscapes. While the season is a time to relax, recharge, and explore, it's also a great moment for families to support continued learning and help kids avoid the dreaded summer slide.

Learning doesn't stop when school's out. Summer is the perfect time to help your child explore new interests and build on what they already know. To help you make the most of the season, NewMexicoKidsCAN has created a comprehensive summer learning toolkit that is packed with easy, actionable tips and resources to keep summer both fun and educational for every child.

Did you know that students can lose a big chunk of what they learned during the school year over the summer? Research from Brown University shows that the average student forgets between 17 to 34% of the previous year's learning during summer break. That's why it's so important to keep learning in the mix even when school's out.

Step 1: Know Where Your Child Stands
Before jumping into summer learning,

it's helpful to know how your child is doing academically. A quick conversation with their teacher before the school year ends can go a long way in giving you a clear sense of what support they might need.

- How did my child do on their recent assessments?** Ask for their end-of-year and interim test scores to gauge their progress over the year.
- Are there any subjects or skills we should focus on this summer?** Teachers can help pinpoint specific areas like reading comprehension, multiplication facts, or writing that could use a little reinforcement.
- What are my child's strengths and challenges?** Knowing both can help you choose summer activities that build confidence, stretch their skills, and keep things engaging.

You can also use tools like the readiness check from the Learning Heroes website to get a snapshot of your child's math and reading skills at home. It's quick and free.

Step 2: Understand What's Ahead
Knowing what's expected for your child's upcoming grade can make summer planning much easier. The National PTA

offers grade-by-grade guides for English language arts and math—available in both English and Spanish. These guides break down what your child should be learning so you can choose activities that build the right skills.

Step 3: Find Fun, Engaging Resources
A plethora of resources are available to make summer learning both effective and enjoyable.:

- Khan Academy:** Offers personalized lessons for different grade levels. It's free and lets you track your child's progress.
- Learning Heroes:** In addition to assessments, this site has great parent-friendly resources for summer learning.

Keep Kids Reading All Summer
Reading is one of the easiest (and most powerful) ways to keep learning alive over the break. According to Scholastic, summer reading helps kids hold onto what they've learned and builds emotional skills, too.

There are plenty of fun programs to get your child excited about reading:

- New Mexico Summer Reading Program:** A free program from the New Mexico Public

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Education Department for K-8 students. It includes virtual and in-person options.

- Club Read Program:** A collaboration between the Isotopes and Dion's, this program rewards students for their reading dedication.
- Reading Quest:** A Santa Fe nonprofit offering free individual one-on-one tutoring sessions this summer for students in grades K-8 who struggle with reading.

Explore New Mexico Vistas
Understanding your child's school performance can provide context to their academic standing. New Mexico Vistas, managed by the New Mexico Public Education Department, offers insights into school demographics, academic performance, learning environments, and available programs. While the current data reflects the 2022-23 school year, updates are anticipated in the fall to include 2023-24 information. Visit nmvistas.org to learn more.

Build a Balanced Summer Schedule
Yes, learning is important but so is enjoying the break. The best summer plans include a healthy mix of structure and free time. Here are a few ideas:

- **Set realistic goals** based on what you know about your child's progress.
- **Make time to read every day**, and let your child choose the books.
- **Plan educational outings**—think museums, science centers, and local landmarks.
- **Encourage creative projects** like journaling, drawing, and building things.
- **Stay active** with hikes, biking, or backyard games that get kids moving and thinking.

Tap Into Community Resources

Many communities offer summer programs that combine learning with fun:

- **Local Libraries:** Beyond reading programs, libraries often host workshops, storytelling sessions, and educational games.
- **Community Centers:** These centers may offer classes in arts, sciences, or sports, providing opportunities for social interaction and skill development.
- **Online Platforms:** Websites like Khan Academy offer free classes on a variety of subjects suitable for different age groups.

Monitoring Progress and Celebrating Achievements

Regularly check in on your child's progress toward the set goals and celebrate progress—big and small. Whether it's finishing a chapter book or mastering a new skill, recognition

helps keep motivation high. That could mean a high five, a favorite treat, or a fun family outing.

Summer is a special time, and with a little planning it can also be a season full of learning and exploration. By knowing where your child stands, using the right tools, and creating a balanced schedule, you can help them stay on track while having a great time.

And remember: every moment of curiosity, discovery, and joy brings your child one step closer to becoming a lifelong learner.

More Resources from NewMexicoKidsCAN

Be sure to check out the NewMexicoKidsCAN website (nmkidscan.org) to find helpful resources such as our toolkits for summer learning, back to school, and literacy. They're designed to help families support their student's learning.

Amanda Aragon is the executive director of NewMexicoKidsCAN, a non-profit organization that advocates for community-informed, student-centered and research-backed education policies that prepare New Mexico students to become the future community, civic, and business leaders New Mexico needs. Learn more at nmkidscan.org.

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Giving the Gift of Reading

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Learning to read with joy and the science of reading

Reading Quest, a Santa Fe nonprofit, is offering free individual one-on-one tutoring sessions this summer for students in grades K-8 who struggle with reading.

It would be hard to exaggerate the importance of being able to read proficiently. This is true for everyone—but especially for students in elementary and middle school. It is estimated that up to 70% of all learning in high school is reading-based. A child who struggles to read by third grade is significantly less likely to graduate high school, with studies showing they are four times more likely to drop out compared to proficient readers. Children who are not reading well by fourth grade are also three times more likely to end up in the criminal justice system than their literate peers.

Currently an estimated 21% of adults in the United States (43 million people) are considered functionally illiterate. For adults, functional illiteracy—meaning difficulty reading and writing at a level sufficient for everyday tasks—can lead to significant drawbacks in employment, health, finances, and overall well-being, resulting in lower income, limited opportunities, and reduced quality of life.

The need for reading support is especially critical in New Mexico. Unfortunately, New Mexico has the lowest reading proficiency of any state, with the most recent national assessment showing that only 20% of our public-school students can read proficiently at grade level.

Everyone at Reading Quest is passionate about providing reading support for all students who need help with reading. We are committed to providing free equitable access to effective reading instruction for all students, empowering them to believe in themselves as they become competent, enthusiastic readers. We strongly believe that all students are capable of learning to read—and loving reading. Parents who can afford private tutors hire them. We want to provide the same level of support for all students, free of cost.

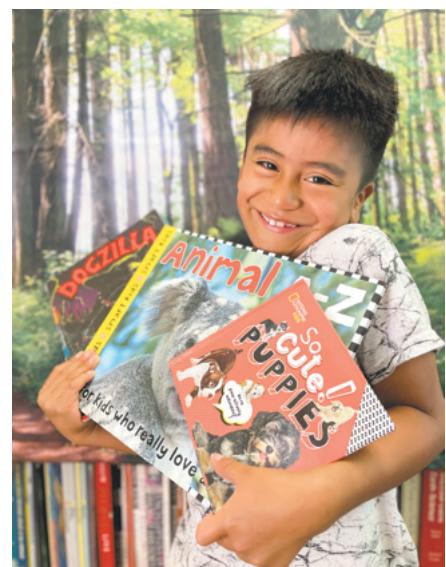
In 2011, the governor of New Mexico proposed retaining all third-grade students who were not reading at grade level, despite research clearly proving that retaining third graders, especially with the same curriculum and teacher, does not improve their reading. At the time, I was the principal at the Santa Fe School for the Arts and Sciences (the school that I founded in 2000) My middle school students and I created a community-wide literacy campaign, which the students

named Hooked on Books. This campaign included city-wide reading contests reaching thousands of students. We also placed free bookshelves in places where low-income families waited with their children like the Income Support Division, the DMV and the hospital emergency room. Our Hooked on Books youth group ended up receiving the Peace Jam Global Call to Action Award and spent a day with a Nobel Peace Laureate, Leymah Gbowee. Another Nobel Peace Laureate, Betty Williams, had tea with our group in Santa Fe and assisted us with one of our Hooked on Books awards ceremonies.

We were also given the opportunity to give a TEDx Talk, and started a summer camp called Reading Is Magic, which is now entering its 14th year.

In 2015, Reading Quest, an offshoot of Hooked on Books, officially became its own nonprofit, and with a handful of reading specialists we started tutoring a small group of students. Now we tutoring close to 500 students each week, with 31 reading specialists tutoring during the school day in the following schools: Santa Fe's Aspen Community School, Cesar Chavez Elementary school, Sweeney Elementary School and Turquoise Trail Charter School; Taos's Ranchos and Enos Garcia

Courtesy photo: Bryan smiling at his tutor Hugo.



Courtesy photo: Luis with three books.

Elementary schools; Ohkay Owingeh, Cochiti and Santo Domingo Pueblo Schools, and Rio Gallinas School for Ecology and the Arts in West Las Vegas, in addition to tutoring students after school and Saturdays at our center.

We are especially grateful for our team of reading specialists, teen interns, and tutors who are incredibly skilled at both teaching and connecting with our students. Our Reading Quest team also



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provides workshops for teachers, parents and tutors. Reading Quest's team of bilingual tutors are especially skilled at supporting newcomers and teaching English Language Learners. We are very grateful for our teen interns who are part of the Work Based Learning program.

Reading Quest teaches using explicit Structured Literacy, which is an evidence-based practice that adheres to the science of reading. Reading Quest's approach is grounded in how children develop the ability to read. Research demonstrates that explicit phonics instruction is significantly more effective than non-explicit, or non-phonics instruction, in helping to prevent reading difficulties among at-risk students, and helping children overcome reading difficulties. Reading Quest's Structured Literacy approach to reading instruction is particularly effective for students at risk for reading difficulties due to a variety of factors (e.g., status as an English Language Learner, and students with learning differences and disabilities.)

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We believe all children have the right to learn how to read—and our future depends on it.

Rayna Dineen is the founder and executive director of Reading Quest. She has been an educator for 44 years and feels incredibly lucky to work with the amazing Reading Quest staff, students, and families. They bring her joy every day. Visit readingquestcenter.org to see our teaching videos and lots of reading resources.



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Aprender a leer con alegría y la ciencia de la lectura

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Sería difícil exagerar la importancia de ser capaz de leer bien. Esto es cierto para todos —pero especialmente para los estudiantes de primaria y secundaria. Se estima que hasta el 70% del aprendizaje en la preparatoria se basa en la lectura. Una niña que tiene dificultad para leer cuando está en tercero primaria significativamente tendrá menos posibilidades de terminar la preparatoria y hay estudios que muestran que esos estudiantes tienen el cuádruple de posibilidades de abandonar la escuela, comparados con los que pueden leer bien. Los estudiantes que para el cuarto grado no son competentes para leer también tienen el triple de posibilidades de terminar en el sistema judicial penal que sus compañeros alfabetizados.

En la actualidad, como a un 21% de los adultos en Estados Unidos (43 millones de personas) se les considera analfabetos funcionales. Para los adultos, el analfabetismo funcional —o sea la dificultad de leer y escribir

a niveles suficientes para las tareas cotidianas— puede conducir a desventajas en el empleo, la salud, las finanzas y, sobre todo, el bienestar, lo cual resulta en ingresos menores, oportunidades limitadas y una calidad de vida menoscabada.

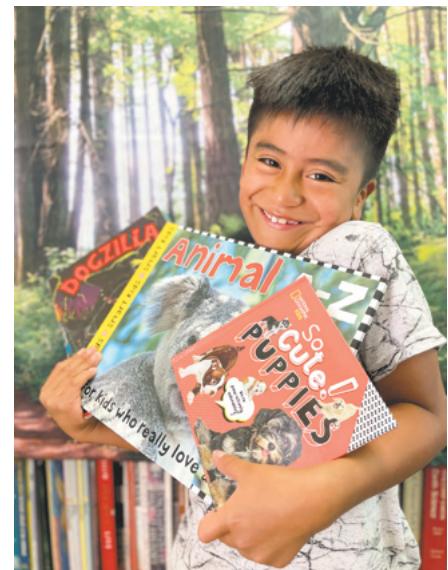
La necesidad para el apoyo en la lectura es especialmente crítica en Nuevo México. Desafortunadamente, el estado tiene una de las tasas más bajas en la capacidad para la lectura de cualquier estado, según la evaluación nacional más reciente que muestra que sólo el 20% de nuestros estudiantes de establecimientos públicos puede leer bien al nivel de su grado escolar.

En Reading Quest a todos nos apasiona apoyar a los estudiantes que necesitan ayuda para mejorar en la lectura. Estamos comprometidos a brindar acceso gratuito y asequible a una instrucción efectiva para la lectura a todos los estudiantes y empoderarles a que crean que son capaces de convertirse en lectores hábiles y entusiastas. Creemos que todos los estudiantes pueden aprender a leer y a amar la lectura. Los padres de familia que pueden contratar instructores lo hacen. Nosotros deseamos proveer el mismo

nivel de apoyo a todos los estudiantes, de forma gratuita.

En el 2011, la gobernadora de Nuevo México propuso que se retuviera a todos los estudiantes de tercer grado que no leyeron a ese nivel, a pesar de que las investigaciones claramente indicaban que retener a los estudiantes de tercer grado, especialmente con el mismo programa de estudios y maestro, no los hace mejorar en la lectura. En ese tiempo, yo era directora de la escuela para las artes y ciencias, la cual fundé en el año 2000. Con mis estudiantes de secundaria creamos en el 2012 una campaña de alfabetización en la comunidad, a la cual los estudiantes llamaron Hooked on Books. Esta campaña incluyó concursos de lectura entre miles de estudiantes por toda la ciudad. También colocamos estantes con libros gratis en lugares donde familias de escasos recursos esperaban con sus hijos, tales como la división de apoyo de ingresos, la división de vehículos motorizados y la sala de emergencias del hospital. En el 2013, nuestro grupo de jóvenes de Hooked on Books recibió el premio de Peace Jam Global Call to Action y pasó un día con Leymah Gbowee, Premio Nobel de la Paz. Betty Williams, también ganadora del premio Nobel

Courtesy photo: Bryan le sonríe a su instructor Hugo.



Courtesy photo: Luis tiene tres libros premio para llevarse a casa.

de la Paz, tomó el té con el grupo en Santa Fe y nos ayudó con una de nuestras ceremonias para otorgar premios de Hooked on Books.

Ese año, también tuvimos la oportunidad de hacer una presentación en el programa TEDx Talk, así como de empezar un campamento de verano, Reading Is Magic, el cual está ahora en su año 14.

En el 2015, Reading Quest, parte de Hooked on Books, se convirtió oficialmente en una entidad no lucrativa y, con unos especialistas en la lectura, empezamos a ofrecer tutoría a un pequeño grupo de estudiantes. En la actualidad servimos a casi 500 estudiantes semana a semana, con 31 especialistas en la lectura que ofrecen instrucción diurna en la escuela comunitaria Aspen, en las primarias César Chavez y Sweeney y en la escuela particular subvencionada Turquoise Trail de Santa Fe; en las primarias Ranchos de Taos y Enos Garcia; en las de los pueblos Ohkay Owingeh, Cochiti y Santo Domingo; en la escuela para la ecología y artes Río Gallinas en West Las Vegas, además de ofrecer estos servicios al final del día escolar y los sábados en nuestro centro.

Estamos especialmente agradecidos por nuestro equipo de especialistas de lectura, pasantes adolescentes e instructores que tienen una gran habilidad tanto para enseñar como para conectar con los estudiantes. Nuestro equipo Reading Quest también ofrece talleres para maestros, padres de familia e instructores. Nuestros tutores bilingües están capacitados para brindar apoyo e instrucción a los recién llegados y a los estudiantes de inglés. También estamos muy agradecidos por nuestros pasantes adolescentes que forman parte del programa de aprendizaje con base en el trabajo.



Courtesy photo: Lyndsey lee con su instructora Dalyza.

Reading Quest enseña por medio de métodos estructurados de lectoescritura, una práctica con base en resultados que se adhiere a la ciencia de la lectura. Nuestro enfoque se basa en la forma en que

los niños desarrollan la habilidad de leer. Las investigaciones demuestran que la instrucción fonética explícita es significativamente más efectiva que la instrucción no explícita o no fonética para ayudar a los niños a superar dificultades de lectura. El enfoque estructurado de lectoescritura de Reading Quest para la instrucción de lectura es especialmente efectivo para los estudiantes en riesgo por tener dificultades para la lectura debido a una variedad de factores, como por ejemplo, el estar aprendiendo inglés, tener diferencias para aprender o discapacidades.

Lo que distingue a Reading Quest es que es un programa de estudios

multisensorial y altamente motivador —integra sonidos, lenguaje de señas de EE. UU., textos decodificables provocativos, juegos de lectura, canciones y otros

métodos multisensoriales. Los libros que usamos también reflejan la diversidad y culturas de nuestros estudiantes. Posiblemente, el aspecto más importante de nuestro singular enfoque es que es realmente muy divertido. Los estudiantes se apegan a sus instructores y no quieren que terminen sus sesiones.

Nuestro sitio electrónico readingquestcenter.org está lleno de videos didácticos, sugerencias de libros y aplicaciones y mucho, mucho más para padres de familia y maestros.

Este verano, las sesiones de una hora se ofrecerán en nuestro centro, en 509 Camino de los Marquez (pegado a Zoomies Doggie Day Care). del 9 al 26 de junio y del 7 al 31 de julio. Los estudiantes pueden asistir de uno a cuatro días, semanalmente. Cada uno recibirá apoyo profesional en una forma super divertida y motivadora que incluye juegos, libros, pegatinas y premios.

Los maestros pueden recomendar a los estudiantes por medio del formulario de recomendación que se encuentra en nuestro sitio electrónico. Los padres de familia pueden enviar un mensaje al readingquestcenter@gmail.com para inscribir a sus hijos.

Creemos que todos los niños tienen el derecho a aprender a leer — y nuestro futuro depende de ello.

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(EXTRA)ORDINARY OUTDOOR PLAY

ANGELICA GABRIEL

Ordinary outdoor play in nature has extraordinary benefits for you and your littles

As a mother of a 10-year-old son, I know it can sometimes be challenging to get out of the house. It's been a long week; I have work to do; there are chores around the house to be done; it's too hot—these are some of my favorite excuses for not going outside during the summer. However, I have found if I can ignore the nag of the excuse and lean into the sweetness of summer, I experience the benefits.

Little planning needed for an in-town outdoor adventure. Water bottle, snacks, change of clothes, your kids' personal needs list, and check—out the door. Getting out the door can be the biggest obstacle and turn into the biggest reward.

As the weather starts warming up, there is a natural pull to be outside in the crisp air, being warmed by the bright sun. I feel so blessed to have ample outdoor space to explore in Santa Fe and around New Mexico. Some of my son's and my favorite memories of summer are discovering little hidden pockets of fun around Santa Fe. Each weekend, depending on the amount of time we have, our adventure can take us a few minutes to the local arroyo, with a walk to discover treasures or taking a short drive to find one of the creeks nearby to splash in some water. Adventures that include

shade, water, and endless nature to discover are the best.

As a parent in our modern world there seems to be a continuous struggle to get the kiddos off the screen. The struggle is real. I have found it helpful to hear the challenges from other parents and know that we are battling the system together. Studies have shown that screen time can be a literal addiction. How can we all motivate one another to do better for our kids and for ourselves? Hopefully, I can share a little inspiration here.

Being outdoors has plenty of benefits to our overall health. I will begin with the impact of nature on our mental and emotional health. Spending time in nature can reduce stress, anxiety and symptoms of depression, as well as exposure to natural light which helps regulate our sleep cycles providing better sleep quality. And as we know kids and parents getting a good night's sleep has a positive impact on the whole family system.

As the days get longer, more sunlight is available for us to enjoy. This call from the sun encourages us to get out of the house with our little ones to soak up that vitamin D, promoting bone health and overall wellness. Being present in the outdoors engages all 5 of our senses: sight, hearing,



Courtesy photo: A little water play.

Courtesy photo: Santa Fe fun.

Introduce and practice this with your child(ren) when they are calm, not when they are having a meltdown. The more you practice, the more they will be able to utilize this resource when or before they are overwhelmed.

When a child is engaging all their senses, not only are they present but they are also improving their cognitive development. Playing in nature encourages exploration, curiosity, and experimentation with different textures and materials. Play with other children helps develop language and motor skills, experimentation and problem solving and improves children's social interactions. Responding to nature with others teaches essential skills of sharing, cooperation, and resolving conflicts; children working through challenges develop a strong sense of self-esteem and confidence.

Besides the extraordinary health benefits of nature, it is just fun. We have experienced this fun through activities like those provided by the Railyard Park Conservancy. There has been an expansion of the Railyard Park Conservancy over the past two years to offer outdoor sand play to more communities across Santa Fe. These two-hour windows of time offer an opportunity to have a large impact on your day. Places to play include Railyard Park, Tierra Nueva Counseling Center,

Earth Care, Santa Fe School for the Arts and Science, and of course the sand play at the Children's Museum.

Each location has created a unique sense of community and play. It has been a great way to get to know other young families, a consistent play date, low key plan that has developed longer term friendships for families.

Once you arrive at sand play and get settled, enjoy the warmth of the sun on your skin, the feel of sand squishing between your toes, the smell of sunscreen and the sound of giggles as small hands splash in the water. A feeling of calm and stillness allows me to rest and enjoy just being present as a parent, living in the moment. It is a delight to see the children interact with one another and watch their imaginations soar as they discover what creation they will build next. From mermaids, to baking, to creating rivers and towers, the possibilities are endless.

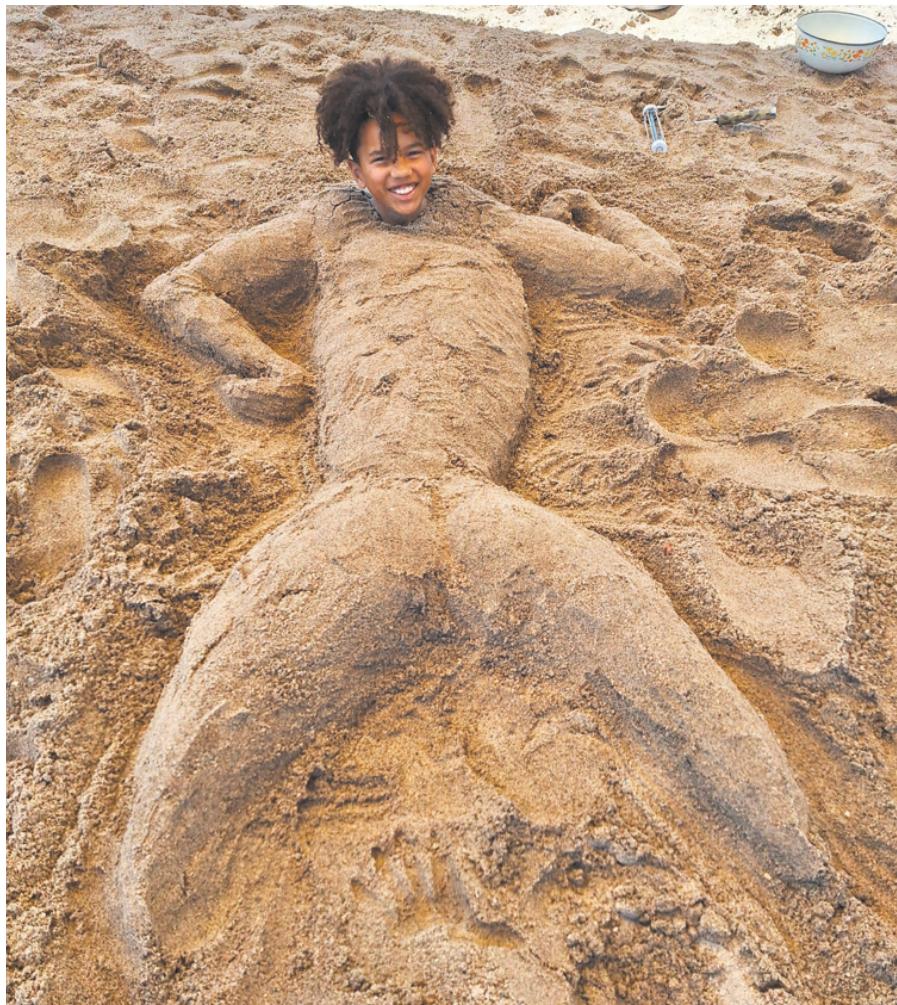
My son has always been excited about the largest possibilities with sand play, like can we dig to the bottom of the sand pit? He starts out digging a deep hole utilizing all sorts of tools as shovels including kitchen spoons, a truck, a rock or stick. After digging a sizable hole with no bottom in sight he decides to bury himself in the sand. Others around him are happy to take part in the challenge and create an art form out of the process. He exerted a lot of energy this morning, leading into a smooth day and we all had so much fun

engaging together as a family; leading to a good night's sleep.

As a parent, I feel a successful day has been achieved: outdoors (off screen), physical activity, engagement with others, creativity, sharing, learning, communication, play, and more. Goals achieved, parenting win, and the kids yelling as they leave, "Can we do that again?"

Indeed, every week of the summer on different days throughout Santa Fe, you can! Sand Play is free at all locations for families of all ages: stay up to date with the schedule at bit.ly/42cVKUm. Have a great summer, remember even the ordinary outdoor moments you spend with your children have extraordinary benefits.

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FIRST TASTES

LYNN M. WALTERS

Joyful eating for a healthy life

Nourishing your precious child seems like it ought to be simple, but it's a busy world with a dazzling array of foods and conflicting messages. We were fortunate that Shrikrishna Kashyap, a wise Ayurvedic physician and teacher, guided us in learning to take care of ourselves and our family. He advised to protect newborn babies from the wider world for the first three months. In other words, only take your baby out when necessary. This allows time for the mother's body to rest and recover, eating freshly cooked meals containing a variety of vegetables, fruits, grains, and protein-rich foods; to establish breastfeeding if possible; and to adjust to new family rhythms.

Babies are born with different personalities and activity levels, and they use all of their senses to explore the world. My granddaughter is quite adventurous, and one of the vegetables that she enjoys is cooked baby broccoli, especially the stems. Palate sensitivities, differing metabolisms, and other unknown influences may contribute to food preferences. If you offer a new food and it's rejected, let it go until another day. And, trust your baby's instincts about when they've eaten enough.

Eating together supports positive family dynamics and healthful eating habits. When your baby is ready



Courtesy photo: Cooked snow peas as finger food.

for solid foods, make a space at the table. A sturdy high chair with a detachable tray is useful, along with a bib or smock, but special babywear is optional. A combination of parent spoon feeding along with baby

using their hands can work well. It's naturally going to be a little bit messy.

Although this is not a comprehensive guide, I hope that the timeline that we followed will be helpful. The main

Courtesy photo: Sharing winter squash with baby.

principle is to introduce new foods slowly and gently as your baby's digestive system is just developing. Make sure to serve baby food at room temperature, not too hot and not too cold. Most importantly, trust your loving intuition and your growing child, and remember to laugh along the way.

Birth to Six Months

Mother's milk is the sweet nourishment that connects generations. It provides the best nutrition for babies and is generally all that a baby needs for their first six months. If nursing seems a bit bumpy in the first days or weeks after birth, I urge you not to give up. Unless you've been around new mothers and babies a lot, nursing can prove to be a challenge. We might assume that it comes naturally, but physical and emotional factors can inhibit successful nursing. I learned how important it is to ask for help if all is not working as you imagined. Seek out friends, new mother groups, and/or a lactation consultant for support and practical help. If breastfeeding is not possible, there are alternatives. Flexibility and adaptation are crucial in meeting the challenges of becoming new parents, and know that your baby will thrive with your loving care.

Five to Six Months

Between five and sixth months most babies will be able to sit up independently and begin to show interest in solid foods. Your baby

might look curiously at your plate or even reach for something that you're eating. A baby's first food after breast milk is a step that many cultures celebrate with joyful ceremony.

While breastmilk is the main food, start additional nourishment by offering dilute carrot juice in a small spoon once or twice a day. Begin with 2 teaspoons fresh carrot juice mixed with 2 teaspoons water. At first, your baby may only want a tiny taste, which is just fine. My children and granddaughter have all enjoyed this easy-to-digest first food.

Note: Inexpensive juicers are available, and parents and siblings can enjoy drinking fresh juice, too.

Six to Seven Months

Food is Mother Earth's gift. In summer, start with yellow summer squash, or if it's winter, begin with peeled butternut squash. Cut up the squash and cook in water until soft, then puree using a simple hand-crank baby food grinder. Begin offering pureed squash once a day, then twice a day at 7 months, and three times a day at about 8 months.

Along with squash, rice water cereal can be introduced at this time. It's softer and more easily digested than the actual grains. Soak 1/4 cup basmati rice overnight in 1 cup water. Blend

the soaked rice in the soaking water, then strain using a fine mesh strainer or cheesecloth. Cook the rice liquid until thickened, and serve plain or mixed with a small amount of breast milk. Offer twice a day.

Note: Instead of rice you can substitute barley water cereal, prepared as above.

Seven to Eight Months

Millet: Soak 1/4 cup dry millet in 1 cup water overnight. Drain, then cook the soaked millet with 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 cups water for 15 to 20 minutes, or until all of the water has been absorbed and the millet is very soft.

Note: Millet makes a wonderful breakfast cereal for adults too, so you may want to prepare more for your own breakfast. It is often sold in bulk.

Eight to Nine Months

Usually between eight and nine months, baby will be ready for soft, chewable chunks of finger food. Expand offerings to cooked (baked or boiled) sweet potato, other winter squash, white potato, and/or cooked and mashed peas or snow peas.

Introduce rice cereal: Toast basmati rice in a dry pan until fragrant. Blend toasted dry rice, then cook the rice powder in water until soft. Mix 2 teaspoons of rice powder with

1/2 cup water, then simmer about 5 minutes, until cooked. For efficiency, toast a cup of rice at a time, then keep the ground rice powder in a jar ready to cook.

Nine to Ten Months

Continue expanding varieties of cooked mild vegetables.

Introduce mung dal: Cook 1 tablespoon in 1 cup water with a pinch asafoetida (to aid digestion) Skim off the foam that forms when it first comes to a boil, then simmer on low until very soft. Mix with a little rice cereal to serve.

Ten to Eleven Months

Continue expanding varieties of cooked vegetables. Separately, introduce mashed bananas, peaches, and/or pears. Don't mix fruits together.

Homemade applesauce: Peel and slice an apple. Cook in a little water until soft with 1 whole clove and 1-inch cinnamon stick, or a small pinch of ground cinnamon. Remove spices and serve plain or with a little breast milk.

One Year and Beyond

Continue to increase the variety of food offerings, focusing on vegetables, fruits, legumes, and grains. If desired, introduce small amounts of dairy foods.

A Few Notes

- Mash cooked peas and other small vegetables or fruits to prevent choking.
- Do not give honey until after one year.
- Avoid chocolate until at least three years, when the liver is more developed and the body can digest chocolate.
- There is no need or benefit to adding salt or sugar.
- Use single-ingredient packaged baby foods for traveling and times when it's not possible to cook.

Finally, if you have or visit a garden, engage your child early by offering leaves and flowers for your baby to smell. My one-year-old granddaughter just experienced apricot blossoms—enjoying the tickle on her nose along with the sweet fragrance. And she loves to water.

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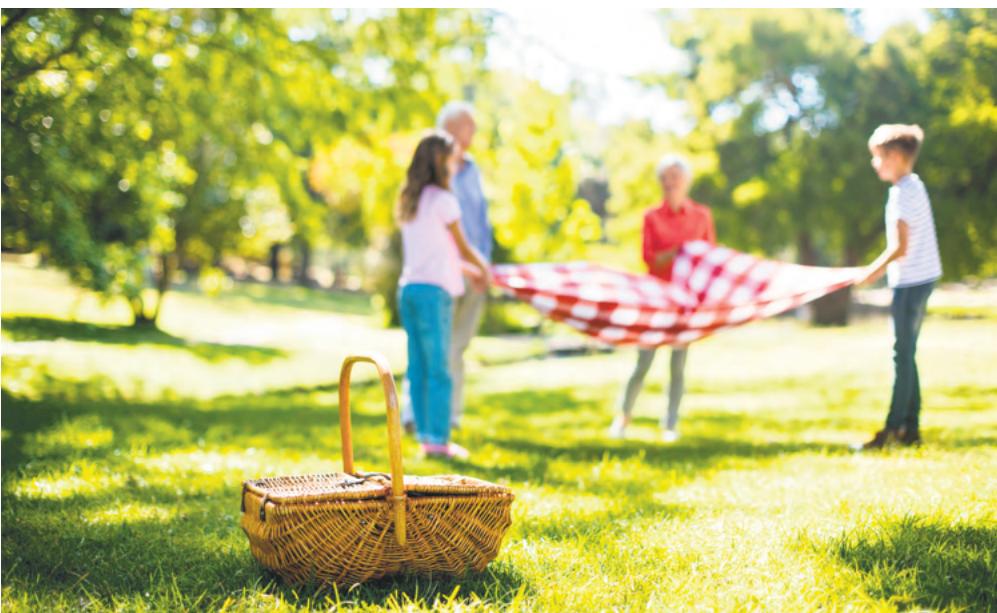
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5 No-Cost Activities for Toddlers and Parents

KATHARINE COGGESHALL

Create meaningful family memories without spending a dime

As a mother of four, I can tell you that raising kids is an adventure that's equal parts heartwarming and wallet-emptying. When I had my first baby at age 23, I swear my credit card needed a fire extinguisher after all the swiping I did that first year. Babies may be tiny, but their price tags sure aren't.

"Give it time," I told myself, "and the costs won't be so significant."

Fast-forward to the present, and three out of my four children are teenagers. You guessed it—the costs have only multiplied. I often look back at my younger self and laugh at my naivete, but who would have expected all this compounding inflation, high childcare costs, and paying \$20 for a carton of eggs?

I can't do much about the state of the economy, but I did become savvy in parenting techniques that emphasize frugality and fostering connection over material goods. Now that my fourth

child is a toddler, I have a solid repertoire of activities that are cost-free and, even better, mess-free.

As parents, we get bombarded with advertisements for toys, high-tech gadgets, and outings that cost at least \$25 a head. It can be easy to think we need these things to entertain our little ones, when in reality, we don't.

Toddlers want your most valuable resource—attention. They want you to experience the world with them using your five senses, and that doesn't cost a dime. It just takes an idea.

Over the years, I've honed my toddler activities through trial and error. I can attest that parenting is like any skill; it takes practice. My list of fun and free activities has grown steadily, and I've captured over 50 of them in my published activity book, *The Mommy and Toddler Activity Book*, which is currently available on Amazon.

The mommy & toddler Activity Book



Katharine Coggeshall

Low cost, less mess, and lots of fun!

Courtesy image: "The Mommy and Toddler Activity Book" is available for purchase on Amazon and includes bonus coloring pages.

I've hand-picked five no-cost ideas for you to try with your toddler today.

Picnic

Tell your toddler, "Today we are having a picnic." Gather a blanket, a snack, and a few stuffed animals. Then, take your toddler to a grassy area or a park. Let your little one help you set everything up and serve the snack. This simple activity fosters a sense of adventure and creates a perfect setting for quality bonding time. In Santa Fe, we love SWAN park for picnics because we can watch the neighborhood dogs running around, play on the playground, and climb on the exercise court. However, we have also had plenty of successful picnics in our backyard.

Picnics encourage toddlers to explore nature. The outdoor setting provides an opportunity to talk about the different textures, smells, and sounds you both see.

Pretend Firefighters

Pretend that you and your toddler are firefighters who need to inspect all the fire hydrants in the neighborhood. Find the fire hydrant closest to your

home, pretend to inspect it, and then race to the next one. Pretending to be firefighters not only sparks imagination but also encourages physical activity and teamwork. This game has rescued me many times when I had a grumpy toddler who only wanted to be carried.

Pretend play is essential for toddlers as it helps develop their social skills, creativity, and problem-solving abilities. With just a little imagination, you can transform any neighborhood walk into an adventure.

Cloud Shapes

Clouds are always moving and changing, their shapes morphing into different forms. Ask your toddler to look up at the clouds with you. Point to a cloud and describe what you think it resembles—an animal, a vehicle, or a person. Encourage your toddler to do the same. This activity helps develop their observational skills and creativity. We are lucky to live in a state with such beautiful skies, landscapes, and sunsets. Why not call attention to one of New Mexico's best assets? Plus, every so often you will spot some hot air balloons too.

Cloud watching also provides an opportunity to discuss the weather, seasons, and the natural world around you. As your child gets older, this activity can become more educational.

Recycled Crayons

Gather your child's broken crayons. After removing the outer paper, let your toddler arrange the broken pieces into a muffin pan, filling each circle at least half full. Then, bake the crayons for 15 minutes at 300 degrees Fahrenheit. Once cooled, let your toddler color with the recycled crayons they helped to make. This activity is great for showing your kids there is new life that can be found in old materials.

The beauty of this activity is twofold: it encourages creativity and teaches the value of reusing and recycling. You can experiment with creating different color patterns or mixing various colors. Afterward, your toddler will have a unique set of crayons to enjoy.

Nursery Rhymes

Singing classic nursery rhymes enhances your toddler's memory, listening skills, and language development. Teach your child songs like the "Itsy Bitsy Spider," "London Bridge," and "The Wheels on the Bus." I often make up my own lyrics



Courtesy photo: Katharine Coggeshall.

to these tunes to personalize them or add some fun. We sing in the car instead of listening to the radio, and it has become a cherished pastime for all of my kids.

Singing not only helps with language skills but also boosts your child's confidence.

It's a simple activity that can fit into daily routines, whether you're on a walk, in the car, or winding down before bed. And don't worry if you don't have the best singing voice—your toddler will love it either way.

These five no-cost ideas will help you create meaningful memories with your child, without costing you a fortune. Parenting doesn't have to be about spending money—it's about spending time, nurturing curiosity, and building a bond. From picnics to pretend play, these simple activities foster creativity, physical activity, and meaningful connection. As you incorporate these ideas into your routine, you'll find that the best moments often happen when you least expect them—and that's priceless.

The joy of spending time with your toddler is immeasurable. So, put away your credit card and get creative with these no-cost activities. Your little one will appreciate the effort, and you'll be building memories that last a lifetime, all without spending a single penny.

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Indoor seating

Café Fresh, nestled within the Santa Fe Farmers' Market pavilion, offers a refreshing pause from shopping at the Santa Fe Farmers' Market on Saturdays or the Railyard Artisan Market on Sundays. With hearty snacks and fresh drinks, seasonal delights keep the menu lively. Every purchase supports the Santa Fe Farmers' Market, ensuring its sustainability. Eat fresh, support locals, and enjoy the vibrant market experience.

Amenities: Cups with lids, changing table in women's restroom, family restroom

Menu Options:

- VEGETARIAN
- 347-693-8271

CAFÉ HALL

Indoor and outdoor seating

Visit Café Hall in the Santa Fe Farmers' Market pavilion for breakfast burritos, pastries, donuts, juice, and coffee sourced from local businesses like Whoo's Donuts, Chocolate Maven, Angel's Bakery, and Aroma Coffee. Enjoy a delicious breakfast and support the Santa Fe Farmers' Market, as all purchases help underwrite its operating costs. Open during the Santa Fe Farmers' Market hours.

Amenities: Cups with lids, changing table in women's restroom, family restroom

Menu Options:

- VEGETARIAN ● GLUTEN-FREE
- VEGAN ● ORGANIC

347-693-8271

CHOCOLATE MAVEN BAKERY AND CAFÉ

Indoor and outdoor seating

The Maven is an artisanal bakery and café that has been providing scrumptious lunch, brunch, and baked treats to Santa Fe for 30 years. In that time, it has grown to become an award-winning bakery and a must-visit restaurant where customers have a view into the bakery in action.

Amenities: Highchairs and booster seats, cups with lids, coloring placemats and crayons

Menu Options:

- VEGETARIAN ● GLUTEN-FREE
- VEGAN ● ORGANIC

505-984-1980

OHORI'S COFFEE ROASTERS

Indoor and outdoor seating, drive-thru

Crafting its own freshly roasted beans, Ohori's also serves a wide range of drinks, pastries, and locally made burritos. Come enjoy its St. Francis location's renovated seating: new booths and a couch area. At Luna, it

FOOD

Santa Fe's Top Three Family-Friendly Restaurants

HEATHER HUNTER

From Indian food to donuts to New Mexican classics, let's give our kids something to smile about this summer

Summer is the perfect time to slow down, spend more time outdoors, and celebrate that our families made it through another school year. Whether you head out with the family for a hike, a visit to the library, an outing to the dog park, live music at the Plaza or Railyard, or a walk in the neighborhood, summer is all about family time. And what better way to spend quality time together than over a delicious meal that brings everyone joy.

Santa Fe is home to more than 300 restaurants, but many are more aligned for tourists than families. That's why we have selected three of our top favorite family-friendly spots. These restaurants are ideal for kids of all ages and provide a warm environment that makes our young people feel seen and valued. And that's what we all want for our children, so let's dive in and discover three of Santa Fe's most beloved and fun family restaurants.



Courtesy photo: Tandoori chicken at India House.

spices that make India House a treat for all ages. David recently told me that after he gave his two-year-old grandson, Cole, a taste of the tandoori chicken, Cole enthusiastically reached over to David's plate, grabbed a whole piece of chicken and devoured it. It is moments like this when you are thrilled to have exposed your children and grandchild to exotic flavors that make everyone smile. Food is a connector that builds beautiful memories.

Since 1991, India House on Cerrillos Road has been serving curious and hungry guests' flavorful northern Indian food. Three years ago, the original owners, Kewal Dhindsa and his sons, sold the restaurant to Kewal's nephew, Gurpal Singh, who was also a former employee, and his son, Gaganpreet Sidhu.

Today, this father and son proudly continue the delicious legacy of sharing their cultural cuisine and hospitality with Santa Feans. Passing the torch of ownership to extended family indicates their commitment to their own family and their customers—of whom they estimate a third are families.

Gaganpreet said, "Many of our customers are second and third generation—they came with their parents and now they bring their own children. It's beautiful to see this and our staff is so good with the young ones. I would say that the most popular dish for kids is the chicken tikka masala with garlic naan."

One of my friends, David, has been a long-time customer and enjoys taking his grandson to celebrate the herbs and

Gaganpreet added that the vegetarian dishes, including paneer makhani and saag paneer, are also very popular. And kids of all ages love the samosas, which can be eaten with your hands. Crispy, triangular-shaped pastries filled with a savory mixture of spiced potatoes, onions, peas, and coriander make these a popular appetizer. Enjoying the flavorful Indian dishes while sipping a mango lassi is a classic combination.

But if you really want to expose the kids to something amazing, Gaganpreet said, "It's best for families to come to the lunch buffet and sample lots of different Indian dishes."

Craft Donuts

Who said donuts? At Craft Donuts, kids and those young at heart will be fascinated with made-to-order cake donuts while you wait. What started in 2020 as a food truck parked across from the state capital that quickly gained a cult following has grown into a

brick-and-mortar location on the south side of Santa Fe.

Whether you visit the location off Zafarano or the food truck downtown, it is the smell of freshly made donuts that pulls you in. Once you try a Craft donut, you will know why it's such a popular spot for families.

Owners Craig and Michelle McGregor have had lots of fun bringing Craft Donuts to life. The cake donut is "crunchy on the outside," said Craig. The menu features nine classic donuts including plain, sugar, cinnamon-sugar, and powdered sugar, and five glazed options. But their creativity shines with a dozen signature donuts on the menu and four monthly special donuts, to keep you coming back for more.

The classic cinnamon-sugar donut is one of the top sellers, along with the cinnamon roll signature donut which has a vanilla drizzle on top. "If anyone is never quite sure what they want, I suggest the cinnamon roll donut because it's a crowd-pleaser," said Craig.

For kids, the top three donuts are the Unicorn, dipped in vanilla glaze with fruity pebbles, the S'mores, a chocolate-glazed donut dipped in graham crackers with a marshmallow drizzle and a freshly torched marshmallow, and the Homer, covered with strawberry glaze and rainbow sprinkles.

But what's even more exciting, especially for kids, is the option to create a custom donut. This is a great way for kids to use their creativity and critical thinking skills to combine flavors and textures for the perfect donut.

Craig proudly said with a grin, "The highlight for our youngest customers is that they get to watch everything happen when they visit the store. At closing time on Saturdays, the glass fronts along the donut making station are covered with tiny fingerprints and we love that."

The next time you need a unique treat for your child's birthday party or graduation, think Craft Donuts. Craig added, "Some parents even bring in their own sprinkles to make the exact donut their child wants for their special occasion."

Anytime it is donut time is a special time.

Plaza Café Southside

Established on the Plaza in 1905, Santa Fe's oldest restaurant is the Plaza Café. This family-owned restaurant recently celebrated the 75th anniversary of ownership by the Razatos family, who took over in 1947. This longevity brings great pride to the entire community. The family opened a second location on the south side in 2003, geared more toward locals. No matter which location you choose, the Plaza Café is and always has been a restaurant that loves families and that families love.

Andy Razatos, manager of Plaza Café Southside, estimates that 65% of the customers are families. Families love the



Courtesy photo: Beef taco and milkshake at Plaza Café Southside.

big menu with well-priced dishes that appeal to all ages. But Plaza Café is known for serving hearty breakfasts until 4 p.m.

And while they do have a kid's menu, created for kids 10 and under, it doesn't include the typical chicken nuggets and fries and that is a good thing. Some of the top-selling dishes from the kid's menu include breakfast favorites like buttermilk pancakes and French toast and grilled chicken with vegetables for lunch and dinner. Chicken quesadilla is another favorite. The Sticky Sticky Buns with caramel and toasted pecans are also quite popular with families and kids of all ages love the milkshakes that come in eight creative flavors—cajeta, red velvet, biscocchito, mango, strawberry, raspberry, chocolate, and vanilla.

Known for their sensational homemade desserts, Plaza Café takes the traditional tres leches cake up a notch to make a Cuatro Leches Cupcake—dulce de leche is piped in the center for an explosion of flavor.

Whether you visit for breakfast, lunch, or dinner, the Plaza Café's expansive menu features New Mexican, American, and Mexican dishes, as well as a few Greek dishes that play homage to the Razatos's Greek heritage, along with plenty of vegetarian options, so everyone in the family will be happy.

Heather Hunter is a marketing and communications consultant who puts words in people's mouths. She enjoys sharing her favorite recipes at thecowgirlgourmetinsantafe.com. When she's not writing, she's thinking about food and can be found at the farmers market, cooking for friends, celebrating life at a local restaurant, on a hike with her dog, or finding peace and movement on her yoga mat.

shares space with Chomp dining hall. Ohori's loves to see happy children enjoying themselves with grandparents, aunties, and friends, hanging out between transitions and after school.

Amenities: Cups with lids, baby changing table in both restrooms

Menu Options:

- VEGETARIAN
- GLUTEN-FREE
- ORGANIC

505-699-9622

REVOLUTION BAKERY

Indoor seating

If you're looking for stellar gluten-free loaves made in small batches, seek no further than Revolution Bakery. This is a small, woman-owned bakery located in historic downtown Santa Fe.

Amenities: Cups with lids

Menu Options:

- VEGETARIAN
- GLUTEN-FREE
- VEGAN
- ORGANIC

505-346-2669

SWEET SANTA FE

Indoor and outdoor seating

New Mexico's most awarded chocolate shop with a boutique café menu.

Amenities: Cups with lids, play area, children's menu, baby changing table in both restrooms

Menu Options:

- VEGETARIAN
- GLUTEN-FREE

505-428-0012

TRIBES

Indoor and outdoor seating

Tribes coffeehouse offers breakfast, lunch, and dinner all day every day from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Family-friendly relaxed atmosphere with muffins, scones, and cinnamon rolls. In addition, there's a beautiful patio to enjoy.

Amenities: Highchairs, cups with lids

Menu Options:

- VEGETARIAN
- GLUTEN-FREE
- VEGAN
- HALAL

505-570-0723

WILD LEAVEN BAKERY - SANTA FE AND TAOS

Indoor and outdoor seating

Wild Leaven Bakery is a small family-owned and operated business specializing in long-fermentation artisan sourdough bread, pastries, sweets goods, and soups and stews using high-quality (local and organic) ingredients. It supports farmers, ranchers, and producers in the Northern NM and Southern Colorado bioregion to strengthen our local food economy while prioritizing heritage and heirloom grains.

Amenities: Highchairs, cups with lids, family restroom, changing tables

Menu Options:

- VEGETARIAN
- GLUTEN-FREE
- VEGAN
- ORGANIC
- LOCALLY PRODUCED INGREDIENTS

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CAKE'S CAFÉ

Indoor seating

Cake's is a family friendly (and dog friendly) café, serving breakfast all day. It hosts kids karaoke every first and third Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. It also hosts kids birthday parties. Pizza, French toast, and Italian sodas are top sellers

Amenities: Highchairs, cups with lids, coloring pages, play area, children's menu

Menu Options:

- VEGETARIAN
- VEGAN
- GLUTEN-FREE

505-469-1636

CASUAL

CRAFT DONUTS & COFFEE

Indoor seating

Featuring fresh-made donuts to order and premium coffee and espresso

drinks. Also Italian sodas and cocoa for little ones.

Amenities: Cups with lids, changing tables in both restrooms

Menu Options:

- VEGETARIAN
- VEGAN
- GLUTEN-FREE

505-658-6515

JOE'S DINING

Indoor and outdoor seating

One-of-a-kind and family-owned, Joe's has been the locals' favorite since 2002. Serving you the highest quality locally-sourced, European-influenced, and utterly delicious American comfort food including pizza. Full bar. Make a reservation for Joe's very popular Sunday brunch. The year-round patio is dog friendly. The Red Room can be reserved for large parties. Joe's mission statement says it all: Serving local sustainable food to strengthen our health, to protect our land, and to grow our economy.



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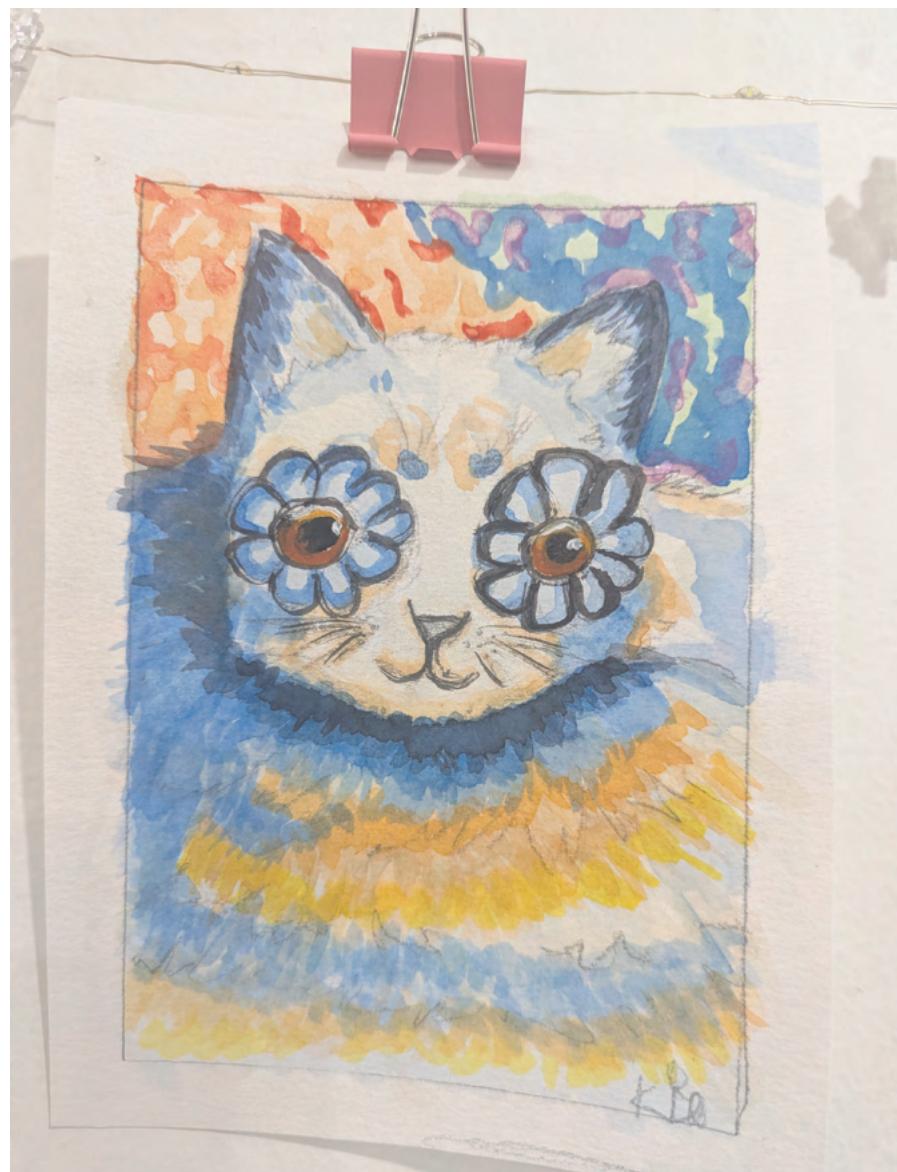


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Amenities: Highchairs, cups with lids, coloring placemats and crayons, children's menu

Menu Options:

- VEGETARIAN ● GLUTEN FREE
- VEGAN ● ORGANIC

505-471-3800

PLAZA CAFÉ

Indoor and outdoor seating

At the Plaza Café Southside, guests will also get a taste of just what the Southwest is all about. Diners are treated like family, and the staff is proud to share an authentic Santa Fe experience with everyone who enters.

Menu Options:

- VEGETARIAN
- LOCALLY PRODUCED INGREDIENTS

505-424-0755

PAPER DOSA

Indoor and outdoor seating

This place is designed to accommodate families, with large round booths and outdoor seating. The menu is designed to share, serving up big bowls of curry and large thin dosas.

Amenities: Highchairs, cups with lids, booster seats, family restroom, changing tables

Menu Options:

- VEGETARIAN ● VEGAN
- GLUTEN-FREE ● ORGANIC ● HALAL

505-310-8019

FAST CASUAL

BACK ROAD PIZZA

Indoor and outdoor seating

Local neighborhood award-winning pizzeria in the Triangle District.

Amenities: Kids menu, cups with lids, coloring placemats, highchairs, changing tables in both restrooms

Menu Options:

- VEGETARIAN ● GLUTEN FREE
- VEGAN

505-955-9055

ROWLEY FARMHOUSE ALES

Indoor and outdoor seating

A farm-to-table gastropub and brewery.

Amenities: Children's menu

Menu Options:

- VEGETARIAN ● GLUTEN FREE
- VEGAN ● ORGANIC

505-428-0719

TUMBLEROOT BREWERY AND DISTILLERY

Indoor and outdoor seating

Amenities: Changing table in women's bathroom, play area

Menu Options:

- VEGETARIAN ● GLUTEN-FREE

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CASUAL FINE DINING

APOTHECARY DINING

Indoor Seating

Apothecary delights in sharing delicious, organic, high-nutrition meals with families. Kids will love the cheese pizza, vegan nachos, grilled cheese, and more. Quench your thirst with a nourishing fruit smoothie or milkshakes. Easy parking in the Sandoval Parking Garage across from the Lensic.

Amenities: Kids menu, cups with lids, highchairs, live music

Menu Options:

- VEGETARIAN ● GLUTEN-FREE
- VEGAN ● ORGANIC

505-986-5037

INDIA HOUSE

Indoor Seating

India House is considered one of the best in the world when it comes to flavor and fragrance. When Indian food comes to our minds, our mouths fill up with water, and we can't resist eating. India House is a prominent Indian restaurant in Santa Fe, and is known for offering the best vegetarian and non-vegetarian Indian dishes in town.

Amenities: Highchairs, cups with lids

Menu options:

- VEGETARIAN

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Art making activities are from 12 noon to 3pm

Groups of 6 or more, please email: Info@wheelwright.org • wheelwright.org
Overflow parking is available in the MOIFA staff parking lot.

Sunday, 6/1 Jewelry making with Kateri Smith (Blackfoot/Métis/Greek)

Sunday, 7/6 Recycled t-shirt printing with Jacob Meders (Mechoopda/Maidu)
Bring your own t-shirts!

Sunday, 8/10 Surprise Art with guest artist

Museum of International Folk Art

Art making activities are from 10am to 2pm

Groups of 6 or more, please contact: Patricia Sigala, 505-476-1212
patricia.sigala@dca.nm.gov • internationalfolkart.org

Wednesday, 6/4 Paper Art with guest artist

Wednesday, 6/11 Colcha Embroidery with guest artist

Wednesday, 6/25 Wire Sculptures

Santa Fe Botanical Garden

Art making activities are from 10am to 1pm

Group Contact: Amy Lamar, 505-471-9103 ext. 111
amy@santafebotanicalgarden.org • santafebotanicalgarden.org

Wednesday, 6/18 Community Day – Creepy Crawly Creations

Thursday, 7/10 Community Day – Mud Appreciation Day

Monday, 8/4 Community Day – Plant Art

Museum of Indian Arts and Culture

Art making activities are from 10am to 3pm

Groups of 6 or more, please contact: Emily Berkes, 505-476-1271
emily.berkes@dca.nm.gov • indianartsandculture.org

Sunday, 7/6 Air Dry Clay

Sunday, 7/20 Cyanotypes

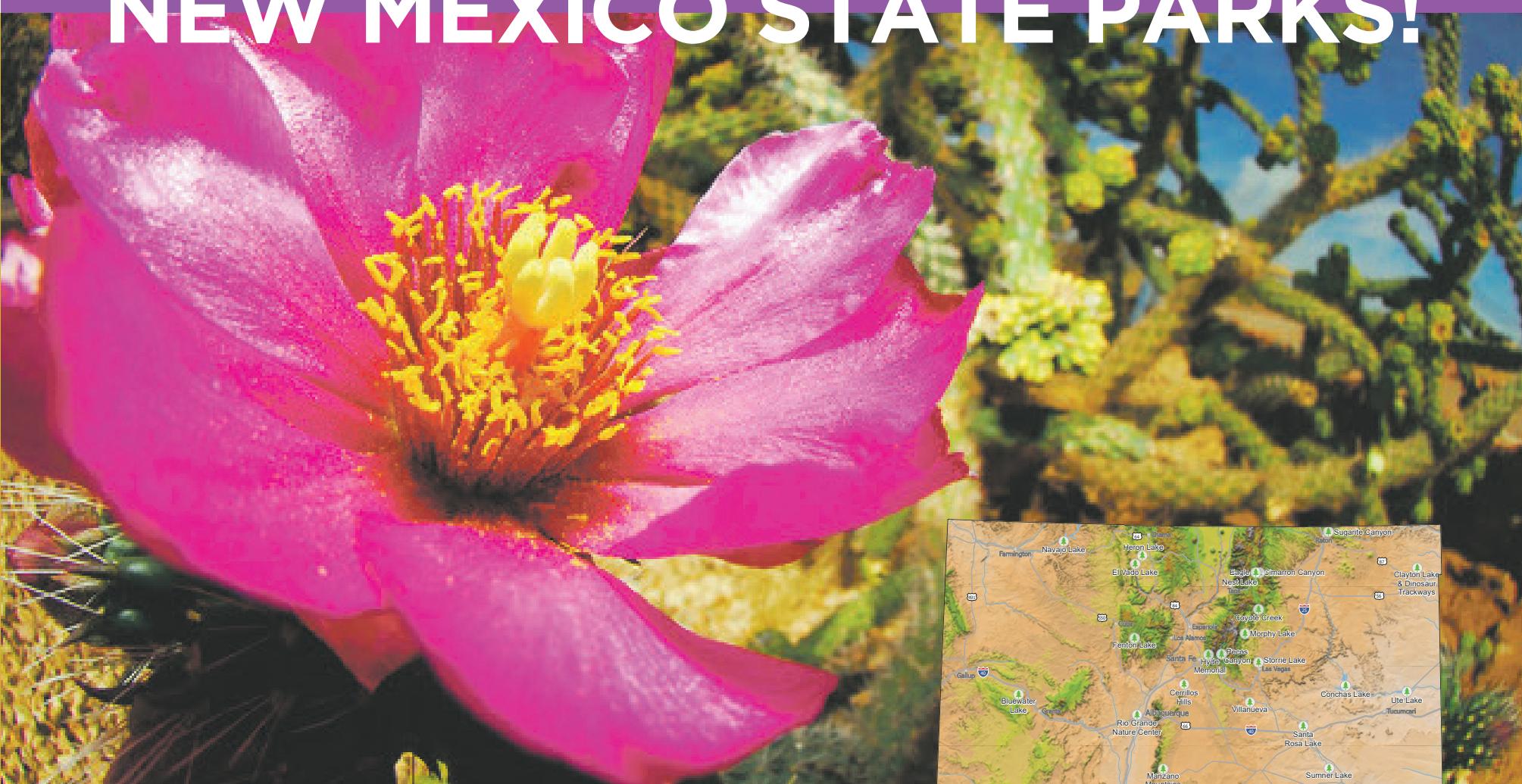
Sunday, 7/27 Printmaking with guest artist



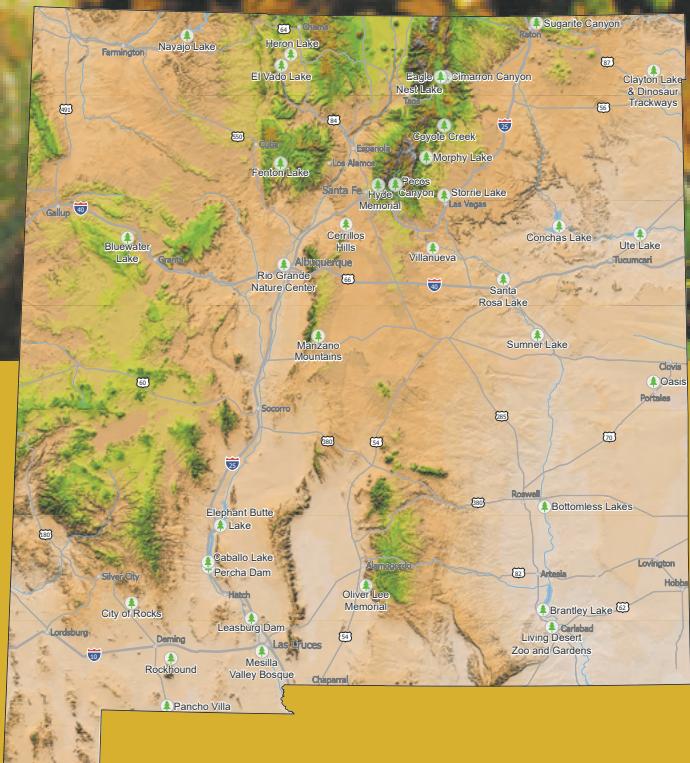
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of the American Indian

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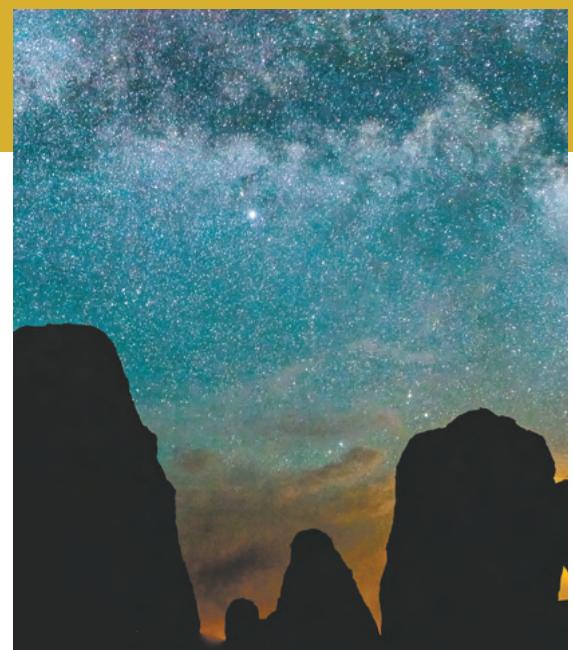
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SUPPORT & COMMUNITY

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VISUAL ARTS



PERFORMING ARTS

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SPOTLIGHT EVENTS

CELEBRATIONS & HOLIDAYS

★ HEIGHTS SUMMERFEST

JUNE 14 | 5-10 PM

Celebrate warm weather and outdoor fun at a community gathering during Albuquerque Summerfest. This free concert series features local businesses with handcrafted products in The Shops, food trucks with freshly made cuisine in the Food Court, libations created by breweries, wineries and distilleries in The Cantina, and entertainment including free kids' activities. Heights Summerfest is free to the public. Pets are welcome on leashes. This is a rain or shine event. Held at North Domingo Baca Park.

★ MOTHER'S DAY IN OLD TOWN

1-5 PM | MAY 11

This free event celebrates Mom on her special day in Old Town and features food, shopping, music, and more. Eat, dance, and enjoy time with the family in Historic Old Town. Held at the Old Town Plaza.

★ RIO GRANDE SCHOOL BENEFIT CONCERT

MAY 17 | 2-5 PM

This free family-friendly event will feature two of New Mexico's

most beloved bands Nosotros and Todd and the Fox. There will also be a silent auction, food, drinks, and other fun activities for people of all ages to enjoy. We are excited to offer sponsorship and auction item opportunities for the RGS Benefit Concert. This annual event supports the Rio Grande School tuition assistance program.

★ RIO GRANDE VALLEY CELTIC FESTIVAL

MAY 3-4

Celebrating seven Celtic nations here in New Mexico, the Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival gives participants the opportunity to see and learn about many of the arts and athletics as well as the culture of Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Brittany, Isle of Man, Cornwall, and Galicia. Held at the Balloon Fiesta Park.

★ ROUTE 66 SUMMERFEST

JUNE 14 | 5-10 PM

Summer fun and events featuring local businesses and talent in Nob Hill. This free event includes multiple stages full of local bands, food trucks, and more. This edition of the concert series takes over a mile-long stretch on Central Ave. from Girard Blvd. to Washington St. Bring the family, enjoy the fun and celebrate Route 66. Route 66 Summerfest is free to the public. Pets are welcome on

leashes. Keep an eye on summer temperatures and stay hydrated in the desert heat. This is a rain or shine event.

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EDUCATION & ENRICHMENT

★ BILINGUAL BOOK CLUB - RINCÓN DE LECTURA

MAY 3 (SANTA FE), MAY 15 (ESPAÑOLA) | 11-12 PM

Join us in our bilingual reading program for children ages 0 to 5, sponsored by our Confident Parenting Home Visiting Program. There will be crafts, you're welcome to bring snacks, and you will receive a book for participating in the activity. This month we will be reading [ITAL]A Color of His Own[/ITAL]. For more information, call Silvia Romero at 505-795-4153 or e-mail silvia. romero@lccs-nm.org

Únete con nosotros a participar en nuestro programa de lectura bilingüe para niños de 0-5 años de edad. Habrá manualidades, puedes traer snacks, y ganarás un libro al participar en la actividad. Este mes estaremos leyendo "Su Propio Color". Para más información llame a Silvia Romero 505-795-4153 silvia. romero@lccs-nm.org

★ CHILDREN'S ENTREPRENEUR MARKET AT EXPO NM

MAY 3 | 10 AM-2 PM

A market run entirely by kids, Expo NM Flea Market is excited to host the Children's Entrepreneur Market at their weekly market at the State Fair Grounds. Entry for vendors and helping family members will be free. Regular admission fee is \$2 for pedestrians or \$10 per car. Event restrictions: No Selling Foods. Vendor Registration is \$25. Registration is now open on our website. (Our website is the ONLY place

★ CHILDREN'S ENTREPRENEUR MARKET AT TASTY TUESDAY

JUNE 17

A market run entirely by kids! Join the Children's Entrepreneur Market at Tasty Tuesday for a summer evening of food trucks and fun at the park. This is a casual and easy-going event. General Admission is free. Registration for vendors is \$25. Event restrictions: No canopies and no selling foods. Registration is now open on our website. (Our website is the ONLY place to register.) ChildrensEntrepreneurMarket.com

★ CUENTOS LLENOS DE COLOR CON TEATRO PARAGUAS – STORIES FULL OF COLOR WITH TEATRO PARAGUAS

JUNE 13 | 2 PM (MAIN LIBRARY)
JUNE 14 | 11 AM (LA FARGE LIBRARY)

Teatro Paraguas' summer cuentos tour has returned to Santa Fe Public Library. This free bilingual family event features folk tales performed by a cast of actors ranging in age from 5 to 80 under the direction of JoJo Sena de Tarnoff.

★ QMBA'S HONEY POT HOOTENANNY

MAY 31 | 4-7 PM

Join Queen Bee Music Association at Reunity Resources Farm for the annual spring fundraiser on Saturday, May 31, benefitting the Scholarship Fund. This fun and family-friendly event features live music, prizes, and more as we fill the honey pot for the Scholarship Fund in time for summer camps.

★ **ROCKY MOUNTAIN PUPPETS: PRISM BREAK – STORYTIME AT THE SANTA FE PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

June 25 | 2 PM (Southside Library) June 26 | 10:30 AM (Main Library) June 26 | 2 PM (La Farge Library)

Meghan and her friends stumbled across a seemingly normal kaleidoscope, or so they thought. They soon realized that a single twist has the power to transport them to various alternate dimensions. The excitement of this discovery quickly turned into desperation after the kaleidoscope shattered, trapping them in one of the unfamiliar dimensions. As they struggle to repair the broken prisms on the kaleidoscope, they must navigate the fractured reality they're in to find their way back home.

★ **SFPS EARLY CHILDHOOD LITERACY CARNIVAL AT EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER AT RAMIREZ THOMAS**

MAY 3 | 9 AM-1 PM

Join us for a fantastic free event celebrating books and music with Eric Litwin, #1 best-selling author of the original four *Pete the Cat* books, *The Nuts*, and *Groovy Joe*. Presentations at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Enjoy a day of engaging booths featuring hands-on activities tailored to young children. Each child will receive a complimentary book, and you'll have the chance to win one of 10 exciting prize baskets in our raffle. Don't miss out on this fun-filled day of creativity and discovery.

★ **THE FAMILY CENTER'S 3RD ANNUAL COMMUNITY DAY**

JUNE 7 | 10 AM-1 PM

The Family Center's annual Community Day is making its return on Saturday, June 7, at 10 a.m. We look forward to spending the day with all Santa Fe families as we play games, dance to music, enjoy yummy food, and engage with our special guests from around the community. We hope to see everyone there for this FREE event.

★ **OUTDOORS & NATURE**

★ **FIBER FAIR AT BOSQUE REDONDO MEMORIAL**

MAY 3 | 10 AM-4 PM

Bosque Redondo Memorial presents its second annual Fiber Fair in celebration of Navajo-Churro sheep. Las Arañas Spinners and Weavers Guild will offer live demonstrations and hands-on activities using sheared wool from the site's flock of sheep. The day's festivities include sheep shearing, ranger talks, workshops, and food trucks provided by the Friends of Bosque Redondo Memorial. The New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs Wonders on Wheels mobile museum will be onsite with an exciting new exhibit featuring all eight New Mexico Historic Sites. The Office of Archaeological Studies will also be at the event, offering a wide variety of hands-on activities. Admission: \$7 for adults. Free to children 16 and younger, Diné, Ndé, NM foster families, NM disabled veterans, Friends of Bosque Redondo Memorial, and MNMF members.

★ **SPRING INTO SUMMER AT NEW MEXICO WILDLIFE CENTER**

MAY 24 | 10 AM-3 PM

Spring Into Summer is New Mexico Wildlife Center's annual FREE event to kick off the summer. Come out for a fun day of Animal Encounter programs, games, and activities. Follow NMWC on Facebook, Instagram, and Bluesky for more details.

★ **VISUAL ARTS & CULTURE**

★ **COLOR OUR WORLD WITH IFAM**

MAY 10-12 | 10:30 AM

Join Santa Fe Public Library for a special preschool program, presented in partnership with the International Folk Art Market (IFAM) as part of our Summer Reading Program – Color Our World! Each session highlights an IFAM artist, their craft and culture through video, storytelling, and hands-on



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activities. This unique experience is from Secrets of the Heart® “Seedlings” programming, courtesy of Dream A World®, featuring social-emotional learning, cultural appreciation, and creative expression.

DATES: Southside Library, 6/10: Gasali Adeyemo (Nigeria) – Resist-Dyeing Textiles – “Being Me”; Somporn Intaraprayong (Thailand) – Textiles/Clothing – “Can Do”.

La Farge Library, 6/11, Andrea Usai (Italy) – Filigree/Jewelry – “Being Careful”; Nanasei Agyemang (Ghana) – Basket Weaving – “Idea”.

Main Library, 6/12: Porfirio Gutierrez (Mexico) – Weaving/Textiles – “Respect”; Nilda Callanaupa (Peru) – Weaving – “Sharing”

★ **FAMILY ART MAKING AT THE NEW MEXICO MUSEUM OF ART VLADEM CONTEMPORARY**

MAY 4 | 10 AM-12 PM

We invite families to join us in a fun art-making session at the Vladem Contemporary. Explore the galleries to find inspiration and enjoy the power of creating with your loved ones and friends. Light snacks will be available. For the first Sunday in May, we will be creating mixed media canvases inspired by a work in Off Center/Identity. This event is FREE for all New Mexico residents.

★ **MARIACHI CONCIERTO DE PRIMAVERA**

MAY 1 | 4:30-6:30 PM

Celebrate the vibrant spirit of mariachi with the Santa Fe Symphony's Youth Program. Mariachi Concierto de Primavera brings together our talented young musicians for an unforgettable evening of music, culture, and community. Schedule: Family Fun | 4:30–5:30 p.m.: Kick off the festivities with engaging, family-friendly activities before the concert begins! Enjoy interactive crafts, games, and more, all designed to celebrate the rich traditions of mariachi music. Concert | 5:30 p.m.: Experience the energy and passion of Mariachi Estrella (advanced players), Mariachi Citlali (intermediate players), and Pasitos Clase de Mariachi (beginner players) as they take the stage to showcase their talent and dedication. Join us for an evening filled with lively music, community spirit, and the incredible artistry of Santa Fe's young mariachi musicians.

★ **SANTA FE SYMPHONY SPRING YOUTH SHOWCASES**

MAY 10 | 10 AM-7 PM

Our Spring Youth Showcases feature the talents of our music students! Four concerts will showcase classical, chamber music, jazz and mariachi. Tickets: \$10 per concert. Location: Lensic Support & Community

RECURRING EVENTS

SUPPORT & COMMUNITY

BABY AND TODDLER PLAY HOUR AT MAIN LIBRARY

10:30-11:30 AM

Free, unstructured play where children can explore and interact with other children and new educational toys. Learn and make social connections together with your toddler.

DATES: Every second Saturday

BABYTImE IN LOS ALAMOS

10:15-11 AM

BabytIme is best for ages 0 to 2 and their caregivers at Mesa Public Library. Library staff share songs, bounces, and rhymes to help babies develop early literacy skills. The program might include scarves, bells, or rattles. It includes focused play and free play. Free admission.

DATES: Every Tuesday

BIRTH TALK LOS ALAMOS

6:30-8:30 PM

A free community talk circle for pregnant women and mothers. Birth Talk Los Alamos is a safe place to learn about options in pregnancy and childbirth. Hosted virtually.

DATES: First Monday

DAWN 'TIL DUSK DAY AT LOS LUCEROS HISTORIC SITE

SUNRISE TO SUNSET

Los Luceros Historic Site will extend its hours on the first Sunday of each month. During this time, entrance into Los Luceros is free for New Mexico residents and includes access to the site's visitor center, historic buildings, trails, and picnic areas.

DATES: First Sunday

DAWN TO DUSK AT CORONADO HISTORIC SITE

SUNRISE TO SUNSET

Coronado Historic Site offers extended hours from dawn until

dusk on the First Sunday of each month to allow visitors an opportunity to see the site at these beautiful times of day. The early mornings are a great time to see a multitude of different birds, while the evenings offer unparalleled views of the Sandia Mountains glowing pink at sunset. Activities for people of all ages are available throughout the day. First Sundays are free to all New Mexico residents with ID. Regular admission is \$7 for nonresident adults, children 16 and younger are free.

DATES: First Sunday

RAILYARD ARTISAN MARKET

10 AM-3 PM

The Sunday Market is dedicated to local artisans and small creative businesses and it's one of New Mexico's oldest and best-loved art markets. This is the perfect place to purchase fine art and crafts directly from the artists, a gift for a special occasion, and souvenirs and mementos.

DATES: Every Sunday

SANTA FE SATURDAY FARMERS' MARKET

8 AM-1 PM

Shop a great selection of fresh produce, eggs, meat, honey, bread, chile, apothecary items, and much more. At our market, 100% of the vegetables, fruits, and nursery plants available are grown right here in northern New Mexico. Arrive hungry and stop BY Cafe Fresh for hot coffee and a selection of ready-to-eat treats. Check out our Santa Fe Farmers' Market Gift Shop and its ever-changing selection of fair trade and local items. Your purchases directly support our farmers.

DATES: Every Saturday

SPECIAL NEEDS/AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP

6-7 PM

All parents and caregivers raising children with an autism diagnosis are welcome. This is an in-person meeting at Las Cumbres - Los Alamos Center. Email Abbie.

Nelson@lccs-nm.org with any questions about this group.

DATES: Every Tuesday

VISUAL ARTS & CULTURE

ARTE PARA CHIQUITOS AT THE NATIONAL HISPANIC CULTURAL CENTER

10 AM

Arte para chiquitos is a free, monthly, 45-minute program for babies and toddlers ages 0 months to 4 years and their caregivers that cultivates creativity and self-expression through the exploration of Hispanic/Latine arts and culture. Participants explore the NHCC Museum, Performing Arts Center, and engage in artmaking, music, movement, dance, drama, and bilingual story time. NHCC instructors model age-appropriate arts techniques that celebrate self-expression, build vocabulary, and strengthen both fine-motor and gross-motor skills in a fun environment. Free Community Event. Please register here: my.nmculture.org/30048/42138, or call the NHCC Welcome Center at 505-724-4771 for assistance.

DATES: Second Tuesdays

CREATE WITH O'KEEFFE AT LA FARGE LIBRARY

3:30-4:30 PM

The Georgia O'Keeffe Museum and the Santa Fe Public Library are proud to offer free drop-in artmaking. Perfect for kids of all ages, expand your creativity and explore your imagination with new art activities every month. All supplies provided.

DATES: Second Thursday

CREATE WITH O'KEEFFE AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

3:30-4:30 PM

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DATES: Third Thursday

CREATE WITH O'KEEFFE AT MAIN LIBRARY

3:30-4:30 PM

The Georgia O'Keeffe Museum and the Santa Fe Public Library

SPORTS & MOVEMENT

TOT TIME AT GCCC

8:15-9:30 AM

Leisure pool for kids 4 and under. No registration needed, \$2 per person.

DATES: Tuesday and Thursday

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DATES: Fourth Thursday

FAMILY ART MAKING AT NEW MEXICO MUSEUM OF ART- VLADEM CONTEMPORARY

10 AM-12 PM

The first Sunday of each month we invite families to join us in a fun art-making session at the new Vladem Contemporary. Explore the galleries to find inspiration and enjoy the power of creating with your loved ones and friends. Light snacks will be available. These events are free for all New Mexico residents.

DATES: First Sunday

FINE ART FRIDAYS AT SANTA FE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

2-4 PM

A weekly exploration into the arts with special guests and hands-on activities.

DATES: Every Friday

FREE FAMILY FUN AT GEORGIA O'KEEFE MUSEUM

10:30 AM-2:30 PM

Bring the whole family to the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum for fun activities happening throughout the day including hands-on art-making, storytime, and other surprises. Families can also enjoy free access to the Museum Galleries.

DATES: Second Sunday

FREE FIRST SUNDAYS AT NEW MEXICO MUSEUMS

10 AM-5 PM

Admission is free on the first Sunday of every month to New Mexico residents with ID to the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture, the Museum of International Folk Art, the New Mexico History Museum, and the New Mexico Museum of Art.

DATES: First Sundays

MAKE & TAKE AT THE MUSEUM OF INTERNATIONAL FOLK ART

10 AM - 4 PM

Join us in the Hands-on Studio at MOIFA for art projects, coloring sheets, and self-guided treasure hunts. Add to your explorations at the museum with fun art making, facilitated by our fantastic MOIFA docents.

February 2 & 23: Make a Dragon Puppet. March 2 & 23: Animals in Folk Art. April 6 & 27: Make a Mini Community. The program is free with Museum Admission. Museum admission is always free for kids and Members.

DATES: 2/2, 2/23, 3/2, 3/23, 4/6, 4/27

MONDAY FUNDAY: NM AP- RECIATION DISCOUNT AT MEOW WOLF

3-8 PM

Make the first day of the work-week a little less Monday and a lot more Funday with Meow Wolf's weekly New Mexico 50% off appreciation discount.

DATES: Every Monday

STORYTIME AT THE NEW MEXICO MUSEUM OF ART

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Join us this spring for Elements of Art: Story Time at the New Mexico Museum of Art Library. Every other Monday at 10:30 a.m., we invite children ages 3 to 5 and their caregivers to learn about a basic element of art through story, song, and craft. Led by Cyndi Korzec, an early childhood educator, this

program will introduce children to concepts such as color, line, and form.

DATES: Every other Monday starting 5/5.

TODDLER CRAFT AT LAFSN

10-11 AM

FSN's monthly crafts are a pleasure for grown-ups and kids. Free; drop in.

DATES: Third Wednesday & following Saturday

The advertisement for Santa Fe Christian School features a collage of images including a school building, children playing, and a cheerleader. The text includes "SANTA FE CHRISTIAN" in large letters, "K-7 Open for Enrollment!", and a list of subjects offered: Math, Science, English/Phonics, Handwriting, History, Bible, P.E., Spanish, Music, Art, and Library. A "WALK IN TRUTH" button and the website "www.SantaFeChristian.org" are also present.

The advertisement for the Rio Grande School Benefit Concert features a stylized lightning bolt graphic and the text "RIO GRANDE SCHOOL BENEFIT CONCERT" in a large, hand-drawn font. The date "MAY 17 • NUCKOLLS" and performers "NOSOTROS + TODD & THE FOX" are listed. A green circle on the right lists benefits: "• FREE ADMISSION", "• FOOD & DRINKS", "• SILENT AUCTION", "• FUN ACTIVITIES", and "• ALL AGES".

This annual event supports the Rio Grande School Tuition Assistance Program.

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PERFORMING ARTS

KIDS SING-ALONG WITH QUEEN BEE MUSIC

10:30-11:15 AM

Join us every Monday for joyful music and games at Queen Bee Music Association.

DATES: Every Monday

KIDS SING-ALONG WITH QUEEN BEE MUSIC

10:30-11:15 AM

Join us for joyful music and games at the Railyard Park community room.

DATES: Every Wednesday

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS

9:30-10 AM

Musical fun for children ages 0 to 6 and their caregivers. Music and Movement (M&M) is great for brain and body development. M&M uses songs, scarves, bells, rhythm sticks, and more to count, clap, sing, jump, and wiggle together.

DATES: Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays at Mesa Public Library; Wednesdays at White Rock Library (Los Alamos libraries will be closed 12/22 through 1/4)

TODDLER TUNES AT LAFSN

10:30-11 AM

Children and parents sing, play instruments, and dance together, while Rachel Josephson shares simple ways to engage children in music and movement. Free; drop in.

DATES: First Wednesday

EDUCATION & ENRICHMENT

BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT LA FARGE LIBRARY

10-10:30 AM

The power of music and song is used as an introduction to language in this program for babies and toddlers. Exposure to new and different language sounds in early childhood can help chil-

dren with language acquisition skills as they grow.

DATES: Every Friday

BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT MAIN LIBRARY

10-11 AM

The power of music and song is used as an introduction to language in this program for babies and toddlers. Exposure to new and different language sounds in early childhood can help children with language acquisition skills as they grow.

DATES: Every Wednesday

BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

10-10:30 AM

The power of music and song is used as an introduction to language in this program for babies and toddlers. Exposure to new and different language sounds in early childhood can help children with language acquisition skills as they grow.

DATES: Every Saturday

CAREGIVER AND TOT CREATIVE MOVEMENT AT THE MAIN LIBRARY

10:15-11 AM

This gentle introductory class for children and their caregiver utilizes a curriculum based on child development theories and discovery of dance through play, which sparks a lifelong appreciation for movement arts.

DATES: First and third Saturday (except in June)

COME BUILD WITH US AT MAIN LIBRARY

2-4 PM

Come use your imagination to build your newest creation!

DATES: Fourth Saturday

DROP-IN LEGOS AND GAMES AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

2-4:30 PM

Stop in anytime between 2:30 and 4:30 for our Legos and Games Extravaganza.

DATES: Last Friday (from February until April)

FUN WITH FIREFIGHTERS AT SANTA FE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

1-2 PM

Join the Santa Fe Fire Department for story time at the Santa Fe Children's Museum and then go outside to visit a fire truck. Free with admission to the museum.

DATES: First Thursday

MANY MOTHERS' PLAY AREA

12-2 PM

Did You know Many Mothers has an indoor play area for children 0 to 3 years old? Monday through Thursday, 12 to 2 p.m., you and your little one are invited to stop by and play, have fun, and explore indoors.

DATES: Monday-Thursday

PAJAMA STORYTIME/ HORA DEL CUENTO EN PIJAMA AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

6:30-7:30 PM

A cozy evening storytime that includes a snack and a craft for caregivers and preschool children.

This program is in partnership with the Santa Fe Children's Museum and Growing Up New Mexico.

DATES: Every Thursday

PASEO POTTERY THROW DOWN

5-8 PM

The first Friday of every month, Paseo Pottery hosts a Pottery Throw Down to celebrate our local nonprofit organizations.

Each month we will invite a local nonprofit and proceeds from the event are donated to them as our way of saying thanks for the important work they do. There will be live pottery demos, libations, music, and a chance for newbies to try their hand at the wheel with the help of our volunteers. Grab a friend and come play in the mud with us. Cost: \$25 per person.

DATES: First Friday

PAWS AND PAGES AT LA FARGE LIBRARY

4:30-5:30 PM

Practice reading aloud to a friendly therapy dog from the Santa Fe Animal Shelter Pet Outreach Program. Our dogs are patient, cuddly, and love to hear stories. Reluctant readers will gain confidence and seasoned readers will enjoy practicing their read-aloud skills in a relaxed environment.

DATES: Every Monday

PAWS AND PAGES AT MAIN LIBRARY

6-7 PM

Children can practice their reading skills by sharing a story with a furry friend. This program is for early school age children. No registration required. These wonderful dogs are from the Santa Fe Animal Shelter Pet Outreach Program.

DATES: Every Tuesday

PAWS AND PAGES AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

11:30 AM-12:30 PM

Children can practice their reading skills by sharing a story with a furry friend. A local therapy dog will be here at the library eagerly waiting. This program is for early school-age children.

DATES: Every first and third Saturday

SCIENCE SATURDAYS

2-4 PM

Scientists and STEM instructors visit the Santa Fe Children's Museum to conduct experiments, explorations, and demonstrations. Free with admission. Presented in the Woods Family Outdoor Classroom.

DATES: Every Saturday

STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT LA FARGE LIBRARY

10:30-11:30 AM

Created with early childhood teaching techniques, this story hour and craft provide social, physical, and cognitive skill practice for kindergarten readiness. This program is for preschool-age children.

DATES: Every Wednesday

STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT MAIN LIBRARY

10:30-11:30 AM

Created with early childhood teaching techniques, this story hour and craft provide social, physical, and cognitive skill practice for kindergarten readiness. This program is for pre-school-age children.

DATES: Every Thursday

STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

10:30-11:30 AM

Created with early childhood teaching techniques, this story hour and craft provide social, physical, and cognitive skill practice for kindergarten readiness. This program is for pre-school-age children.

DATES: Every Tuesday

STORYTIME AT WHITE ROCK LIBRARY

10:15-10:45 AM

Children ages 3 to 5 years old are invited to attend storytime at White Rock Library. Storytime is meant to teach and affirm early literacy concepts, songs, and fun with kids who can listen to a few books and are starting to put the world together in story form. Babies and older siblings are welcome, but caregivers should be aware of the program's focus.

DATES: Every Wednesday (except 1/1)

WEE WEDNESDAYS

10:30-11:30 AM

Santa Fe Children's Museum offers storytime for toddlers and special exploration and activities.

DATES: Every Wednesday (except 1/1)

WHAT'S UP WEDNESDAY AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY

1:30-3 PM

Activities for elementary-age kids weekly. It might be Legos, an art project, board games, physical games, a special guest, or something else. Best for children 6 to 11 years old. Children 5 and under must have a caregiver with them.

DATES: Every Wednesday

YOUTH CHESS AT THE MAIN LIBRARY

5:45-7:45 PM

Youth chess is a weekly chance for school-age youth to continue to improve their critical thinking skills through the game of chess. While playing with other youth, new techniques, strategies, and tricks are introduced. This program is for youth of all ages who know the basic elements of chess and can play without aid.

DATES: Every Wednesday (except 1/1)

NATURE

ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS AT THE NEW MEXICO WILDLIFE CENTER

11:30-12:30 AM

Meet an animal ambassador.

DATES: Tuesday through Sunday

FIRST FRIDAY FRACTALS

8-9 PM, 9-10 PM

First Friday Fractals is the spectacular, award-winning full dome planetarium show that takes viewers on a tour of the fractals in nature and zooms through infinitely complex mathematical fractals. Featuring original music, the show is both educational and highly entertaining and suitable for audiences aged 3 and up.

DATES: First Friday

MEET CORNELIUS THE SNAKE

1-2 PM

Come say hello to beloved corn snake Cornelius and watch him eat his weekly dinner at the Santa Fe Children's Museum. Please be aware that Cornelius will not be able to come out when he is shedding or not feeling well.

DATES: Every Thursday

NATURE PLAYTIME

10-11 AM

Start the week off by playing outside at the Pajarito Environmental Education Center. An opportunity for toddlers, preschoolers, and caregivers to explore the nature center and explore the natural world. Each playtime features outdoor play, sensory exploration, and activities focused on a theme



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in nature. Dress for the weather, we will be outside year-round. Admission is free.

DATES: Every Monday (excluding holidays)

NATURE UP CLOSE

Meet one of our naturalists, learn about our local wildlife and plants, and explore our skies in the planetarium. All Nature Up Close events are free, but they are dependent on volunteer availability.

DATES: Mondays, 11:15-11:45 a.m.

Birds: Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Walk-In Planetarium Show:

Wednesdays 4 p.m. Gardens:

Thursdays 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday

SAND PLAY SATURDAY

10 AM-12 PM

Experience a morning of exploration, connection and creative play, geared toward young children and their families. Sand Play is a free program running every Saturday from June 7th through August 30th (except July 12th) in the Railyard Park's beautifully designed sand area.

DATES: Every Saturday from 6/7 to 8/30 (except 7/12)

SEEDS AND SPROUTS BACKYARD PROGRAM

10:30-11:30 AM

Hands-on gardening and nature-themed craft projects in the Earthworks Garden (weather permitting) at the Santa Fe Children's Museum.

DATES: Every Thursday

ENTERTAINMENT

ANIME CLUB

5:30-7:30 PM

Anime Club is for anyone in grades 7 to 12. This chill program provides snacks and a comfortable place with friendly people to watch two hours of anime at the Zone at Mesa Public Library. Anime may be rated TV-14/PG-13. Art and freebies.

DATES: Second Thursday

RANDOM FANDOM

6-7 PM

Hang out time for youths in grades 7 to 12 to make stuff, play games, eat, and talk. Held at the Zone at Mesa Public Library.

DATES: Fourth Thursday

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