

# Family Fun on a Shoe-String

## MUSEUMS / ACTIVITY CENTERS

**Anita Gorman Conservation Discovery Center** – a FREE hands-on educational center where kids learn about Missouri's plants and trees, hunting and fishing and even woodworking! Located east of the Country Club Plaza at 4750 Troost Ave., KC, MO 64110 (816) 759-7300  
<http://mdc.mo.gov/regions/kansas-city/discovery-center>

**Crown Center** is full of family entertainment options. From children's exhibits to the FREE Hallmark Visitors Center and Kaleidoscope. 2450 Grand Blvd, Kansas City, MO 64108, 816-274-8444, [www.crowncenter.com](http://www.crowncenter.com)

**Kaleidoscope** is a FREE place where children use their imagination to make art and be creative. To make a reservation, call 816-274-8301 or visit [www.hallmarkkaleidoscope.com](http://www.hallmarkkaleidoscope.com) Location: Next to Crown Center at 2500 Grand Blvd, KC, MO 64108

**Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art** - FREE admission and parking. Also offers FREE art classes, activities, tours, scavenger hunts, and family days. 4420 Warwick Blvd. Kansas City, Missouri 64111, 816-753-5784, Closed Mondays, [www.kemperart.org](http://www.kemperart.org)

**The Money Museum at Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City** - FREE and open to the public, the Money Museum offers guests the opportunity to watch millions of dollars in currency be processed and enjoy interactive exhibits while learning about the economy. Receive a free souvenir bag of shredded U.S. currency. Walk-in and guided tours. Parking is free. Open 8:30am-4:30pm Mon.-Fri. excluding bank holidays, 1 Memorial Drive KC, MO 64198, 816-881-2683, To reserve a tour call 816-881-2683 or visit [www.KansasCityFed.org/MoneyMuseum](http://www.KansasCityFed.org/MoneyMuseum)

**The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art** - FREE tours Wed – Sun. FREE hands-on crafts and activities for kids monthly on select weekends 1-4pm. 4525 Oak Street, Kansas City, MO 64111, 816-751-1278, [www.nelson-atkins.org](http://www.nelson-atkins.org)

## WORKSHOPS / ACTIVITIES

**\*\*Camp in the backyard...or in your living room ☺**

**Check Out the Local Library** - libraries have tons of wonderful and fun FREE offerings for kids of all ages – FREE DVD rentals, workshops, classes and readings. Visit the local Mid-Continent Public Library website at [www.mymcpl.org](http://www.mymcpl.org) for program listings.

**Harley-Davidson Factory Tours** are FREE and last approximately one hour. For children ages 12 and older. Tours begin at regular intervals between 9am – 1:30pm Mon – Fri. Please call 1-877-883-1450 (toll free) or 816-270-8023 prior to your visit for up-to-date tour information. Special clothing required for tour. 11401 N Congress Ave., Kansas City, MO 64153, [www.harleydavidson.com](http://www.harleydavidson.com)

**Home Depot FREE Kids Workshops** designed for children ages 5 - 12 offered the 1st Saturday of every month at all The Home Depot stores between 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Workshops teach children do-it-yourself skills, tool safety and instill a sense of pride and accomplishment. All kids get to keep their craft and receive a FREE Kids Workshop Apron, commemorative pin and certificate. No reservation required. To view workshop projects visit [www.homeimproverclub.com/kidsworkshops.aspx](http://www.homeimproverclub.com/kidsworkshops.aspx)

**\*\*Kids choose the meal and then cook it together as a family**

**Lowe's Build and Grow FREE Kids Clinics** - bring the kids into any Lowe's store and build a FREE wooden project as a family. Each child also receives a free apron, goggles, a project themed patch, and a certificate. Offered select Saturdays at 10am. Must register in advance either online at [www.lowesbuildandgrow.com](http://www.lowesbuildandgrow.com) or by calling your local Lowe's store

**Michaels Arts & Crafts Store** offers FREE make-it and take-it craft events for children. Contact your local store for events. Northland location: 8531 N Evanston Rd, Kansas City, MO 64157 (816) 407-9249

**Pottery Barn Kids** offers many FREE events such as craft-making, doll tea parties, book club, and story time. Located in the County Club Plaza at 4760 Broadway, KC, MO 64112 816-561-8140  
[www.potterybarnkids.com](http://www.potterybarnkids.com)

**Sprint Family Fun Days** FREE events held every third Saturday, May – Oct, 11am-3pm, in the Kansas City Power & Light District on 14<sup>th</sup> St. and Walnut St.

## MOVIES

**Family Movies at Phoenix Theatres Legends 14** are FREE every Tuesday & Wednesday at 10am in June & July, 1841 Village West Parkway, Kansas City, KS 66111, 913-428-2992  
[www.phoenixtheatres.com/summerkids.html](http://www.phoenixtheatres.com/summerkids.html)

**Movie Night in your Home** – Rent DVDs from a Redbox or Blockbuster Express kiosk. Prices range from \$1-\$2. To find a kiosk or reserve the movie online visit [www.redbox.com](http://www.redbox.com) or [www.blockbusterexpress.com](http://www.blockbusterexpress.com). Be sure to also check out the FREE DVD rental at your local library. For added fun, have the kids purchase concessions from you for a penny.

**Outdoor Summer Movies** are FREE June – August (Briarcliff, Zona Rosa, Independence, Crown Center, Webb Park in Oak Grove, MO, Hyde Park, The City Market, KC, MO, Lee's Summit, Gladstone Amphitheater, Kearney Amphitheater, downtown Blue Springs, MO, Merriam Aquatic Center, Amphitheater at Ironwoods Park in Leawood, KS) check internet for showings

## PARKS

**Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead** designed to depict a turn-of-the-century family farm, it has nearly 200 animals and birds, many vegetable and flower gardens, a one-room country schoolhouse, an old-time fishing pond, pony rides and more. 13800 Switzer, Overland Park, KS 66221 913-897-2360 Open April 1 – Oct 31, Admission FREE Mon – Thur; \$2/person, 1 & under free Fri - Sun

**Martha Lafite Thompson Nature Sanctuary** – FREE and low cost live animal exhibits, nature tours, classes, craft making. 407 North Lafrenz Road, Liberty, MO 64068 (816) 781-8598  
[www.naturesanctuary.com](http://www.naturesanctuary.com)

**Pack a lunch and head to a local park** or travel to one of the larger parks around town such as Macken Park, Penguin Park, Fleming Park, Line Creek Park, or Loose Park. It's always fun to feed the ducks. Many local parks also offer FREE water splash play areas.

**Shoal Creek Living History Museum** dedicates itself to bringing the 19th century Missouri to life through FREE special events, programs, tours and reenactments. The facility grounds are open each day from dawn to dusk. Located inside Hodge Park at 7000 Northeast Barry Road, KC, MO 64156 816-792-2655 Events listed [www.shoalcreeklivinghistorymuseum.com](http://www.shoalcreeklivinghistorymuseum.com)

**Smithville Lake** – offers fishing, swimming, biking and hiking trails, playground and picnic areas. 16311 DD Hwy, Smithville, MO 64089, (816) 532-0174 [www.nwk.usace.army.mil/sm/](http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil/sm/)

**Watkins Mill State Park** offers fishing, swimming, biking and hiking trails, playground and picnic areas and FREE historic tours. 26600 Park Road North, Lawson, MO 64062, (816) 580-3387  
<http://mostateparks.com/park/watkins-mill-state-park>

## PARENTING PROGRAM

**Parents as Teachers (PAT)** is a FREE program that provides information, support and encouragement to parents in order to help children develop optimally during the crucial early years of life (birth to age 5). PAT also offers free events / activities to children of all ages. Contact your child's school district to get connected. [www.parentsasteachers.org](http://www.parentsasteachers.org)

**Websites that offer freebies, coupons, discounts, and deals in the Kansas City area**

[www.kansascityonthecheap.com](http://www.kansascityonthecheap.com)

[www.groupon.com](http://www.groupon.com)

[www.visitkc.com](http://www.visitkc.com)

[www.pennypinchinmom.com/category/family-activities](http://www.pennypinchinmom.com/category/family-activities)

[www.kcparent.com](http://www.kcparent.com)