

Indoor Low Cost Family Events and Activities

- **Minnesota Children's Museum: Free Day**-Free admission for everyone on the 1st Sunday of each month. Registration is required. **All Play Program**- Free and reduced priced memberships for low income, families on EBT, WIC, free/reduced school lunch and foster care families. Registration required. Visit <https://mcm.org> for more information. Address: 10 West Seventh Street, St Paul, MN 55012.
- **Science Museum of Minnesota:** Limited income discounts available to individuals at least 18 years of age and enrolled in qualifying public assistance programs. Registration required. Visit <https://www.smm.org/discounts> for more information. Address: 120 W Kellogg Blvd, St Paul, MN 55012
- **Works Museum:** Gateway Access program is for families with a demonstrated financial need. Eligible visitors receive discounted admissions, memberships and camp. Visit <https://theworks.org/gateway> for more information. Address: 9740 Grand Ave S, Bloomington, MN 55420.
- **Minnesota Historical Society:** Various locations. **History-Connects (limited income program)** is available for individuals who are at least 18 years of age and enrolled in a qualifying public assistance program. Proof of enrollment and completion of documentation required. \$4.00 admission for adults and children are free. Visit <https://www.mnhs.org/limitedincomeprogram> for more information.
- **Children's Theatre Company:** Act Pass program provides financial aid to attend performances, classes and camps. Visit <https://www.childrenstheatre.org/tickets/act-pass-accessible-tickets> for more information. Address: 2400 3rd Ave South, Minneapolis, MN 55404
- **Stages Theatre Company: Open Door Program** provides free and reduced cost tickets, bus subsidies and tuition assistance to low income families, schools and social services agencies. Visit <http://www.stagestheatre.org/tickets/#opendoor> for more information. Address: 1111 Mainstreet, Hopkins, MN 55343.
- **Minnesota Zoo: Free zoo admission program** provides free admission for qualifying families and their children. Must be enrolled in qualifying public assistance programs. No registration required. Visit <https://mnzoo.org/us/freetoexplore> for more information. Address: 13000 Zoo Boulevard, Apple Valley, MN 55124
- **Como Park Zoo & Conservatory:** Daily admission free. Open daily. Registration not required. **Lil'Explorers** -free program each Thursday for 1-3 year old children (any age is welcome) to meet animal and plant visitors, see story time, play games and other fun activities. Registration required. Visit <http://www.comozooconservatory.org> for more information. Address: 1225 Estabrook Drive, St Paul, MN 55103.
- **Mall of America: Toddler Tuesdays** includes events, free entertainment and discounts especially for toddlers. Includes arts and crafts, story time and more. Registration not required. Visit <https://www.mallofamerica.com/event/feature/toddler-tuesdays> for more information. Address: 60 E Broadway, Bloomington, MN 55425.
- **Home Depot- Free Do-It-Yourself Workshop for Kids:** Free workshop on the first Saturday or every month for parents and children to create a project together. Registration required. Visit https://www.homedepot.com/workshops/#change_store for more information. Address: Various locations.
- **Wild Rumpus Bookstore: Currently on-hold** Free Sensory-friendly story time occurs on the second Tuesday each month before the store opens to the public. Visit <https://www.wildrumpusbooks.com/sensoryfriendlystorytime> Address: 2720 West 43rd Street, Minneapolis, MN 55410.
- **Anoka County Library Events:** Free activities for children, youth, families and adults. Visit <http://www.anokacounty.us/2550/Locations-Hours> Address: Various locations.
- **Northtown Mall- Kidx Club:** Various activities and events throughout the year.

Outdoor Low Cost Family Events and Activities

- **Springbrook Nature Center:** From toddlers to adults, programs are available to help you learn more about nature, cute critters and protecting our resources. Activities for all seasons. Registration is required for select activities.
Visit <https://springbrooknaturecenter.org> Address: 1000 85th Ave, NE, Fridley, MN 55432
- **Wargo Nature Center:** Activities for youth, families and adults that create awareness, knowledge and appreciation for our natural world. Activities available for all season. Registration required for select activities.
Visit <https://www.anokacounty.us/866/Wargo-Nature-Center> Address: 7701 main St, Lino Lakes, MN 55038
Activity Backpacks: Free to use backpack filled with family oriented activities to use onsite. Each backpack has a different Theme. Just stop by the front desk and ask for one to use.
Lunch with at Naturalist: Free and registration is not required. Open for all ages. Bring your own lunch and join in on a monthly presentation on natural or cultural history and possible walk on the trails.
- **Sledding:** Various locations. Free activity and bring your own sled. Visit <https://www.familyfuntwincities.com/twin-cities-sledding-hills-guide/> for more information.
George Enloe Park: Lighted sledding hill. 631 Lund Blvd, Anoka
Wintercrest Park: Designated sledding hill. 10200 Woodcrest Drive, Coon Rapids
Sledding Hill: 10160 Foley Blvd, Coon Rapids
- **Snowshoeing:** Various locations. A fun winter activity to get all ages outdoors exploring the beauty of winter. You can snowshoe anywhere in Minnesota's state parks and recreation areas, except on trails specifically groomed for activities such as skiing or snowmobiling. Visit: https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/snowshoeing.html
- **Swimming:** Various locations. Minnesota is the land of 10,000 lakes. Plan a beach day with your family. Visit <https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/recreation/beaches/locator.html> for more information and to find a beach.
- **Anoka County Parks and Recreation:** <https://www.anokacounty.us/372/Parks-Recreation>
- **YMCA:** Free trial pass. Offers discounted memberships, scholarship programs and financial help available. Health and fitness programs for the family, workout childcare available.
Address: Emma B Howe. YMCA- 8950 Springbrook Drive, Coon Rapids, MN 55433, 763-785-7882.
Andover YMCA. 15200 Hanson Blvd, Andover, MN 55304, 763-230-9622
Other locations: <https://www.ymcamn.org>

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