

Summer Fun! 2009



Summertime can be a wonderful time for children and their families to have some fun and enjoy the warm weather. However, we all know how those wonderful months can turn into “what is there to do today?” very quickly. In these pages are children’s and family activities that can keep you and your kids busy for most of the summer. Many things to do in this booklet are free or very low cost. Have fun!

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Activities

- Apple Picking
- Berry Picking
- Board Games
- Bowling
- Bubble Blowing
- Build Sand Castles
- Building with Cardboard Boxes
- Family Olympics-make medals out of aluminum foil
- Feed the ducks at Riverside Park with old bread
- Frisbee golf in Pettibone Park
- Ice Cream treats at the Pearl, Ranison, Sweet Shop, or Rudy's
- Ice Skating
- Kite Flying
- Leaf and bark tracing
- Lemonade stand
- Make art projects with items around the house--straws, Q-tips, boxes, cotton balls, etc...
- Nature hunt-list all the plants and animals you see on a walk
- Pack a picnic
- Paper airplanes
- Play tag
- Puzzles
- Roller skating
- Sidewalk chalk art
- Story time at Barnes and Noble
- Trolley ride
- Volunteer as a family to help a neighbor
- Volunteer as a family for a community project
- YMCA monthly family fun nights
- Watch a barge go through the lock and dam
- Watch airplanes take off and land
- Water balloon toss
- Waterskiing shows at the Airport Beach

Art**1. Pump House**

119 King Street
 La Crosse, WI
 608-785-1434
www.thepumphouse.org
 FREE

Hours

Tuesday-Friday: 12 p.m.-5 pm
 Saturday: 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.
 And by appointment

2. Sculpture tour in La Crosse

1. Eagle in Riverside Park by Elmer Petersen, 1987
 2. La Crosse Players at 2nd & Main by Elmer Petersen, 1981
 3. King Gambrinus at 100 Harborview Drive by Elmer Petersen, 1980
 4. Hiawatha in Riverside Park by Anthony Zimmerhak, 1962
 5. Gideon C. Hixon at 429 N. 7th St by Elmer Petersen, 2001
 6. Water Over the Dam at 4th & Vine St by Jeff Weideman, 1995
 7. Fledgling at 4th & Vine by Mike Martino, 1996
 8. Scroll at 3rd & La Crosse St by Dale Kendrick, 1998
 9. Lyra in Burns Park at 7th & Main St by Bruce White, 1980
 10. Reflections at 800 Main St by Paul T. Grandlund, 1979
- FREE

3. Concrete and Glass Sculptures

Paul and Matilda Wegner Grotto
 State HWY 71 west of Cataract, WI
www.mnmuseumofthems.org/Grotto/Wegner1.html
 FREE

Camps**Contacts**

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| 1. Camp Awesum
For youth with autism | (715) 479-4342
milana@campawesum.org
www.campawesum.org |
| 2. Camp Ehawee
Numerous activities offered! | Call camp director at
1-800-787-2688 EXT 312
Andrea-tsilis@centurytel.net |
| 3. Courage Camps | Regional Day Camp coordinator
1-320-963-4115
camping@courage.org |
| 4. Easter Seals Camp Wawbeek
For individuals with physical
disabilities ages 7 and up | Contact Mel Drake
1-800-422-2324 EXT 105
www.wi-easterseals.org |

Camps Cont...**Contacts**

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| <p>5. Easter Seals Respite Camp.....
 Individualized recreational programs
 for campers ages 3- adult for people
 who need one-on-one care</p> | <p>Contact Val Croissant
 608-254-2505
 www.wi-easterseals.org</p> |
| <p>6. Easter Seals Wawbeek Day Camp.....
 For individuals ages 6-12, with either
 a mild disability or no disability at all</p> | <p>1-800-422-2324
 www.wi-easterseals.org</p> |
| <p>7. Friendship Ventures.....
 Clearwater Lake and Birch Island
 Lake located in MN</p> | <p>1-800-450-8376
 www.friendshipvetures.org</p> |
| <p>8. Lion's Camp.....
 12 week summer camping</p> | <p>715-677-4761
 www.wisconsinlionscamp.com
 or e-mail wif@wif.info</p> |
| <p>9. UWL Outdoor Connection.....
 Adventure Day Camp for ages 8-13
 With and without disabilities</p> | <p>(608)-785-5219
 or 785-5221</p> |
| <p>10. Warhawk Wheelchair Camps.....
 For individuals, ages 8-18, with
 mobility impairment as their primary disability
 Offer sports camp and basketball camp</p> | <p>Tracy Chynoweth
 1-262-472-1145</p> |
| <p>11. Wisconsin Badger Camp.....
 Recreational and educational activities
 for those with developmental disabilities</p> | <p>(608)-348-9689
 www.badgercamp.com
 wiscbagercamp@centurytel.net</p> |

Concerts/Shows

1. **"Jazz in the Park"**
 Located at Riverside Park. For schedules and times call
 (608)-785- 8410. This is a FREE event!
2. **La Crosse Concert Band**
 Takes place at Riverside Park. For schedules and times go to
www.lacrosseconcertband.org. This is a FREE event!
3. **River City Water Ski Show**
 Takes place at airport beach. For summer schedule call 788-9644 or visit
rivercity.waterski.org

Festivals/Special Events

- Butterfest**.....June 11th-14th
Carnival, Live Entertainment, Sparta, WI
Car Show, Parade www.spartabutterfest.com
800-354-2453
- Centurytel's Sand on the Riverfront**.....August 14th-15th
Sand Sculpting Competition, Family Festival Banks of the Mississippi River
Riverfrontinc.org
784-9450
- Family Resources Children's Festival**.....July 18th
Buttons needed for entrance 9am-Noon
Myrick Park
Laxfamilyresources.org
- Irishfest**.....August 7th-9th
Irish Dance Shows, Tea Garden, Food, Southside Oktoberfest Grounds
Wee Folks Area, Cultural Tent Irishfestlax.org
- June Dairy Days**.....June 5th-7th
Rides, Food, Entertainment, Fireworks West Salem Village Park
www.westsalemwi.com
- La Crosse Interstate Fair**.....July 15th-19th
Music, Food, Auto Races, Exhibits, & Rides HWY 16 in West Salem
788-5506
- Norskedalen's Midsummer Fest**.....June 20th-21st
Fun, Food, Family Festivities North of Coon Valley on HWY PI
Friday Bonfire, Food, Music 5-10pm www.norskedalen.org
452-3424
\$5/adults \$2/children \$12/family
- Norskedalen's Skumrud Heritage Farm**.....August 30th
Ice Cream Social, Open-Air Museum, ½ mile west of Coon Valley
Lawn Games, Live Auction, Chicken-Q www.norskedalen.org
452-3424
- Riverfest**.....July 1st-5th
Ski Show, Entertainment, Fireworks, Riverside Park, La Crosse
Crafts, and Food Riverfestlacrosse.com
782-6000

Festivals/Special Events cont.

Story Telling Festival.....Friday-Saturday Sept. 11th & 12th
 Friday-Tales of the Creepy & Scary 6-9pm Myrick ParkSat.-
 Children's Activities, Music, and lacrossestoryfest.com (797-2807)
 Silent Auction 12pm-6pm

Sunfish Days.....May 21st-24th
 Rides, Music, Food, Parade, etc Onalaska Omni Center
 www.onalaskasunfishdays.com
 781-9570

Movies

- Marcus Cinema.....Wed. & Thurs. @ 10am
 Kids Rule Summer Film Series All seats are \$3 w/ popcorn
 2032 Ward Ave. La Crosse Visit marcus theatres.com for
 Scheduled dates
- Rivoli Theatre.....\$4/adults, \$3/ students with ID,
 Second-run movies \$2/ children 12↓
 117 4th Ave N. Sat. – Sun. matinees starting
 La Crosse, WI before 4pm is \$2/everyone
- Don't forget that many movies can be rented from your local library!

Museums

Hours/Admission

1. Historical

Bunnell House.....Open Memorial Day – Labor Day
 Hwy 14 & Hwy 61 Wed. – Sat. 10am – 5pm
 Homer, MN Sun. 1pm – 5pm
 (507) 454-2723 \$4 for adults, \$2 for students, children
 www.winonahistory.org under 7 free

Fort Crawford Medical Museum.....May – October
 717 S. Beaumont Rd. Daily 9am – 4pm
 Prairie du Chien, WI \$4 for adults, \$3.25 for seniors, \$2.25
 www.fortcrawfordmuseum.com for children under 12, \$12 per family

Hixon House.....Open Memorial Day – Labor Day
 429 N. 7th Street Tues.–Sun. 10am-5pm
 La Crosse, WI \$8.50 for adults, \$7.50 for seniors,
 (608) 782-1980 \$6 for students, \$4.50 for children (12↓)
 www.lchsweb.org

Museums Cont.**Hours/Admission**

Onalaska Area Historical Museum..... 741 Oak Avenue S Onalaska, WI (608) 783-0440	Wed. – Fri. 2pm – 4pm Sat. 9am – 12pm Mon. 6pm – 8pm (Oct. – Mar.) FREE!
Pickwick Mill..... 26421 Cty. Rd. 7 Winona, MN 55987 (507) 457-3296 www.pickwickmill.org	Tues. – Sat. 10am – 5pm Sun. 11am – 5pm June, July, Aug: open Tues. – Sun. May, Sept, Oct: open Sat. & Sun. only \$3 for adults, \$2 for ages 12-18, \$1 for ages 11 and under
Riverside Museum..... 410 Veteran's Memorial Drive La Crosse, WI (608) 782-1980 www.lchsweb.org	Mon.– Sat. 10:30am – 4:30pm Sun. 10:30am – 4:00pm \$2 for adults, \$1 for children, \$5 for the family
Swarthout Museum..... 112 S. 9th Street La Crosse, WI (608) 782-1980 www.lchsweb.org	Tues.–Fri. 10am – 5pm Sat. –Sun. 10am – 1pm FREE!
Villa Louis..... 521 N. Villa Louis Rd. Prairie du Chien, WI (608) 326-2721 villalouis.wisconsinhistory.org	May 2 nd – Nov 1 st Open daily 10am – 5pm \$9 for adults, \$7.75 for students/seniors, \$4.50 for children 5-17, free for children under 5, or \$24 per family
Winona County Historical Museum..... 160 Johnson St. Winona, MN (507) 454-2723 www.winonahistory.org	Mon. – Fri. 9am – 5pm Sat. – Sun. 12pm – 4pm Closed Jan. and Feb. weekends \$4 for adults, \$2 for students, children under 7 FREE

2. Heritage & Cultural

Norskedalen..... Country Trunk HWY PI Coon Valley, WI (608) 452-3424 www.norskedalen.org	Mon.– Fri. 9am – 5pm Saturday 10am – 5pm Sunday 12pm – 5pm \$15/ family, \$6 for adults \$3 for k-12, free for pre-k
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Museums Cont.**Hours/Admission**

Polish Cultural Institute.....\$2 per person
 102 Liberty St.
 Winona, MN
 (507) 454-3431

3. Hobby & Special Interest

Deke Slayton Memorial.....Mon.– Sat. 10am – 4:30pm
 Space & Bike Museum Sunday 1pm – 4pm
 200 West Main St. \$3 for adults, \$1 for children (6-15)
 Sparta, WI Free for children 5↓
 (608) 269-0033
 www.dekeslayton.com

Elmer's Auto & Toy Museum.....Call for special weekly hours
 W903 Elmers Road \$7 for adults, \$3 for children,
 Fountain City, WI 54629 \$6 for seniors
 (608) 687-7221
 www.elmersautoandtoymuseum.com

Little Falls Doll & Railroad Museum.....Mon. 1pm – 5pm
 9208 Country Trunk HWY II Thur.–Sun. 1pm – 5pm
 Sparta, WI 54656 \$5 per person, Free for children 6↓
 (608) 272-3266
 www.raildoll.org

4. General Family

Children's Museum.....Tues.–Sat. 10am – 5pm
 207 5th Avenue S. Sunday 12pm – 5pm
 La Crosse, WI \$5 per person
 (608) 784-2652 Groups of 10 or more, \$4/person
 www.funmuseum.org

Public Libraries**Hours****1. La Crosse**

Main Library.....Mon.–Thur. 9am – 9pm
 800 Main Street Fri. – Sat. 9am – 5pm
 La Crosse, WI Sun. 1pm – 5pm
 (608) 789-7124
 www.lacrosselibrary.org

Public Libraries Cont.**Hours**

North Community Library.....Mon.–Wed. 12pm – 8pm
 1552 Kane Street Thur.– Sat. 10am – 5pm
 La Crosse, WI
 (608) 789-7102
 www.lacrosselibrary.org

South Community Library.....Mon.–Wed. 12pm – 8pm
 1307 S. 16th Street Thur.–Sat. 10am – 5pm
 La Crosse, WI
 (608) 789-7103
 www.lacrosselibrary.org

2. Onalaska

741 Oak Avenue S.....Mon. 9am – 9pm
 Onalaska, WI 54650 Tues. 12pm – 9pm
 (608) 781-9568 Wed.–Thur. 9am – 9pm
 www.lacrossecountylibrary.org Fri. 9am – 5pm
 Sat. 9am – 2pm

3. Holmen

103 State Street.....Mon. 10am – 8pm
 Holmen, WI 54636 Tues. 1pm – 8pm
 (608) 526-4198 Wed.–Thur. 10am – 8pm
 www.lacrossecountylibrary.org Fri. 10am – 5pm
 Sat. 9am – 2pm

4. West Salem

Hazel Brown Leicht Memorial Library.....Mon. 10am – 8pm
 201 Neshonoc Road Tues. 1pm – 8pm
 West Salem, WI 54669 Wed. 10am – 8pm
 (608) 786-1505 Thur. 1pm – 8pm
 www.lacrossecountylibrary.org Fri. 11am – 5pm
 Sat. 10am – 1pm

Nature**1. Scenic Drives**

- Apple Blossom Scenic Drive, La Crescent, MN
 Great River Road, HWY 35 north or south
- La Crosse to West Salem to Mindoro via HWY 108 and the Mindoro cut to
 Holmen to Onalaska to La Crosse
- La Crosse to Sparta to Ontario to Hilsboro to Richland Center to Viroqua to
 Westby to La Crosse
- La Crescent MN to Wabasha MN to HWY 14/61

Nature Cont.

2. Scenic Overlooks

- Brady's Bluff, Perrot State Park, Trempealeau, WI
- Grandad Bluff, La Crosse, WI
- HWY 93 between Centerville and Arcadia
- Mount Hosmer, Lansing, IA
HWY south to De Soto, then HWY 82 bridge over the Mississippi River to Lansing, Main St. in Lansing, then right on Sixth St.

3. Nature Fun

- Genoa National Fish Hatchery, HWY 35 Genoa, WI
Call 608-689-2605 or visit www.fws.gov/midwest/Genoa
- Myrick Hixon Eco Park, La Crosse, WI
Call 784-0303 or visit Myrickecopark.com (FREE)
- Trempealeau Fish & Wildlife Refuge, W28488 Refuge Road
Call 608-539-2311 or visit www.fws.gov/Midwest/Trempealeau (FREE)
- Van Loon Wildlife Area, Amsterdam Prairie Rd, Holmen, WI
Includes hiking, fishing, and canoeing (FREE)

4. State Parks

- Black Hawk Park, E590 County Trunk HWY BI, De Soto, WI
Picnic, hike, walk, swim, playground, call 648-3314 (FREE)
- Black River State Forest, 910 HWY 54 East, Black River Falls, WI
Biking, hiking, swimming, etc... \$7 per vehicle per day
- Coulee Experimental State Forest, County Trunk HWY II south of Bangor, WI
Hiking and cross-country skiing trails, call 785-9007 (FREE)
- Effigy Mounds National Monument, HWY 35 S. to HWY 18 W
Visit www.nps.gov/efmo, \$5 per car load
- Great River Bluffs State Park, Kipp Drive, Winona, MN
Call 507-643-6849, \$5 per vehicle per day
- Merrick State park, Fountain City, WI 45 miles NW of La Crosse on HWY 35
Call 687-4936, \$7 per day per vehicle
- Perrot State Park, Trempealeau, WI, HWY 35
Call 534-6409, \$7 per vehicle per day
- Pikes Peak State Park, 15316 Great River Rd, McGregor, IA
Call 563-873-2341 (FREE)
- Wildcat Mountain State Park, Ontario, WI, 40 miles E. of La Crosse on HWY 33
Call 337-4775, \$7 per vehicle per day

Parks and Playgrounds

Location

1. North La Crosse

Copeland Park.....	1300 Rose St
Franklin Elementary.....	1611 Kane St

Parks and Playgrounds Cont.**Location**

Goose Green Playground.....	600 Kane St
Hickey Playground.....	900 Palace St
Norm Wardwell Memorial Park.....	La Crescent & Dorn Sts
North Woods Elementary.....	2541 Sablewood Rd
Plainview Park.....	600 Dauphin St
Red Cloud Park.....	520 Powell St
State Road Elementary.....	N1821 Hagen Rd
Summit Elementary School.....	1800 Lakeshore Dr
3- Rivers School.....	901 Caledonia St

2. South La Crosse

Crowley Playground.....	2100 Campbell Rd
Hamilton Early Learning Center.....	111 S. 7 th St
Harry Spence Elementary.....	2150 Bennett
Hass Park.....	3600 Easter Rd
Hillview Park.....	2800 Jackson St
Hingten Elementary.....	3505 S. 28 th St
Houska Park.....	700 Houska Park Dr
Myrick Park.....	2000 La Crosse St
Norplex Field.....	33 rd St and Ward Ave
Southern Bluffs Elementary.....	4010 Sunnyside Dr
Verchota Park.....	2300 Barlow St
Weigent Park.....	1500 Cass St

Sports/ Outdoor Activities**1. Bicycling**

There are several biking paths in the La Crosse area, including city paths and state trails. Biking in the city is free, but biking on most of the state trails requires a State Trail Pass. A daily pass costs \$4 and a yearly pass costs \$20. Passes are only required for bikers over the age of 16; bikers under 16 are FREE.

State Trail Passes are available for purchase at the main offices of all the parks and trails, at http://www.fwsp.org/stickers_passes/, and at several businesses near the state parks and trails. The following State Trails all require passes.

Great River State Trail.....	(608) 534-6409
○ 24 miles from through Onalaska and Trempeleau	
○ Built on an abandoned railroad line	
○ Allows direct access to Perrot State Park	
La Crosse River State Trail.....	(608) 337-4775
○ 21.5 miles from La Crosse to Sparta	
○ Built on an abandoned railroad line	
○ Passes through West Salem, Bangor, and Rockland	

Sports/ Outdoor Activities Cont.

Elroy-Sparta State Trail.....(608) 463-7109

- 32.5 miles from Sparta to Elroy
- Passes through Norwalk, Wilton, and Kendall
- Contains 3 century-old railroad tunnels

400 State Trail.....(800) 844-3507

- 22 miles from Elroy to Reedsburg
- Passes through Union Center, Wonewoc, and LaVelle

2. Bowling

All Star Lanes

4735 Mormon Coulee Rd. La Crosse (788-7827)

Coulee Golf Bowl

Offers bowling and mini-golf. 100 Greens Coulee Rd, Onalaska. (781-1111)

Pla-Mor Lanes

All children 18 and under can be registered for \$5.00 per day. This includes one game and a shoe rental. Extra games are \$2.00 each and an adult can join them for \$2.00. Monday-Friday 11-5pm starting June 1st, 2009.

Located at 807 4th St. La Crosse, WI (784-3043)

South Lanes Bowling

4107 Mormon Coulee Rd. La Crosse (788-0838)

3. Canoeing

Coon Creek- Coon Valley, WI

Goose Island County Park- W6488 County Rd. GI, Stoddard, WI.

Canoe rental: \$7.50/hour or \$25/day, \$40 deposit required. (788-7018)

Kickapoo River- Ontario, WI

La Crosse River from Veterans Memorials Park at West Salem to Riverside Park in La Crosse

4. Caves

Mystery Cave- Spring Valley, MN. Highway 16 S. from LaCrescent to Spring Valley, then 5 miles S. on Hwy 63, five miles east on HWY 14 and one mile N. on County Rd. 5. \$9/13 and over, \$6/kids aged 5-12, Free for kids ↓5. Vehicle must also have a state park sticker which is \$5/day.

Sports/ Outdoor Activities Cont.

Niagra Cave- Harmony, MN. HWY 16 to Hokah, then HWY 44, then HWY 52 to Harmony; two miles south of Harmony on HWY 139, then two miles west on Niagra Rd. \$10.50/adults, \$9/teens & seniors, \$6/ ages 4-12.
Call 507-866-6066 or visit www.niagracave.com

Spook Cave- McGregor, IA. HWY 35 S. to Prairie du Chien, then HWY 18 across the Mississippi River to Marquett-McGregor; Seven miles W. on Hwy 18, then two miles N. \$8/adults, \$5/ children ages 4-12, 3↓ FREE.
Call 563-873-2144 or visit www.spookcave.com

5. Fishing

Kids age 15 and under can fish for FREE. Resident licence for those 16 and 17 years old is \$7.00, adult license is \$20.00. Trout and salmon fishing also require the purchase of a stamp.

- Black River
- Mississippi River
- Lake Onalaska
- Goose Island

6. La Crosse Loggers

Regular season games: May 26th – August 10th
Tickets range from \$3 – \$25, children under 3 are FREE
Call 608-796-9553 or visit www.lacrosseloggers.com

“The Lumberyard” Stadium
Copeland Park
800 Copeland Ave
La Crosse, WI 54603

7. Mini Golf

Riverside Amusement Park- 1304 Interchange Place, La Crosse (781-7529)
\$5.00/Adults, \$2.50/children 9 and under

Walsh Golf Center- 4203 HWY B, La Crosse (781-0838) \$4.50/person

Swimming

1. Indoor

AmericInn Motel..... West Salem
786-3340

Logan High School.....1500 Ranger Dr
Open Swim Monday & Wednesday 7:30-9pm 789-7700
Sunday 1:30-5:30pm \$1.50/person

Swimming Cont.

2. Outdoor

Black River Beach.....	La Crosse, WI 1400 Block on Rose St. Free
Erickson Swimming Pool.....	Chase St and Losey Blvd 791-8918 \$2/under 17, \$3/adults
Holmen Aquatic Center.....	315 Anderson St 526-2152 / 526 6092 \$1/under 3, \$2/ages 4-64
Onalaska Aquatic Center.....	250 Riders Club Rd 781-9524 / 781-9560 \$2/residents, \$4/non-residents
Pettibone Beach.....	S. Pettibone Dr (off of HWY 16) La Crosse, WI 789-7557 Free
Memorial Pool.....	19 th St and Campbell Rd La Crosse WI 791-9819 \$2/under 17, \$3/adults
Northside Pool.....	Liberty and Still St La Crosse, WI 791-8956 \$2/under 17, \$3/adults
West Salem Pool.....	405 E Hamlin St West Salem, WI 786-0222 / 786-0323

More Resources

Boys & Girls Club.....www.bgcgl.org

Amie L. Mathy Club
811 8th Street South
784-5656

Terry Erickson Club
1331 Clinton Street
784-3716

Huber Homes
2828 Huber Court
788-5120

Hamilton
1111 7th Street South
789-8461

La Crescent
520 14th Street South
La Crescent, MN 55947
507-895-3282

Schuh/Mullen Homes
1305 St. James Street
La Crosse, WI 54603
782-9677

Coulee Parenting Connection.....www.cpclax.com
317-8748

Community Teen Center.....Monday – Thursday
137 S. 11th St. 3pm – 9pm
La Crosse, WI

A house where teens can go after school to hang out, eat dinner, be safe, and have fun.

Family Resources.....1500 Green Bay Street
Services: Play groups, Parent education, 784-8125 or 800-873-1768
Workshops, Family visits, etc. Laxfamilyresources.org

La Crosse Area Family YMCA.....1140 Main Street
782-9622

La Crosse Park and Recreation Dept...... <http://www.cityoflacrosse.org>
789-7533