

# THINGS TO DO WITH YOUR KIDS THIS SUMMER 2009

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- [www.freeinmanatee.com](http://www.freeinmanatee.com) - Check out the new website for frugal parents out there.
- <http://www.manateeymca.org/default.html> - Children's water safety swim lessons at the YMCA
- [www.littlebookworms.net](http://www.littlebookworms.net) - Inexpensive storytime and other fun events.
- <http://www.co.manatee.fl.us/library/master.html> - Free kids programs throughout the summer.
- <http://www.co.manatee.fl.us/conservation.html> - Free ecological and environmental activities (all educational).
- [www.heraldtribune.com](http://www.heraldtribune.com) - Events calendar.
- <http://www.palmettofl.org/index.aspx?NID=190> - Free events and festivals.
- [www.thejoyfm.com/calendar/](http://www.thejoyfm.com/calendar/) - Free or low cost vacation bible school (usually half day for a week). **THIS IS FAITH BASED**
- <http://www.regmovies.com/nowshowing/familyfilmfestivalschedule.aspx> - Free Rated G & PG movies every Tuesday and Wednesday during the summer.
- [www.sclibs.net](http://www.sclibs.net). - Free book - Every child who participates in Sarasota County Libraries' 2009 Summer Reading Program will receive a free book, thanks to a grant request made by the Friends of the Library Alliance that will benefit young readers throughout Sarasota County. The grant is funded by the Gulf Coast Community Foundation and will provide books to an estimated 5,000 children.
- <http://www.hunsaderfarms.com/> - Free petting farm, playground, old fashioned ice cream shop, u-pick groves, country produce stand & gift shop. Call first as some portions of the farm may be closed for the summer
- <http://www.clerkofcourts.com/ClerkServices/HisVill/mchvillage.htm>. - The Manatee Village Historical Park, a national historic site, is located at 1404 Manatee Avenue East Bradenton, FL and is open to the public **free of charge**. It has a train, old school house, chapel, courthouse, boatworks shed, museum, 1912 built home with outhouse, smokehouse, potter barn, & general store.

- [http://www.manateeclerk.com/ClerkServices/HisVill/palmetto\\_park.htm](http://www.manateeclerk.com/ClerkServices/HisVill/palmetto_park.htm) - Free and open to the public is the Palmetto Historical park (similar to the Manatee Village Historical Park). They have free events like Ice cream socials regularly.
- <http://www.kidsbowlfree.com/amf.php> - Approx. \$25 joining fee for entire family to bowl all summer June 1 through Aug. 31.
- <http://www.sarasotaymca.org/youthAdultFitness/facility.cfm?bralD=1&facID=1> – \$10 per person splash slides and pool park at the Sarasota Family YMCA.
- <http://www.sarasotamommy.com/> - Sarasota Mommy Magazine with special and ongoing activities and events.
- <http://www.sarasotagov.com/InsideCityGovernment/Content/EdSmith/ChildFountHP.html> - Free Children's Fountain overlooking the bay located in Bay Front Park (Ringling Blvd. & Bay Front Drive).
- <http://www.stpetepier.com/> - St.Pete Pier is worth the drive(minutes from Tropicana Field) - free kids entertainment & trolley ride too.
- <http://www.stpete.org/recreation/aquatics.asp> - North Shore pool is fun and inexpensive at \$2.50 per child & \$3 for adults. It's walking distance from several parks (including a dog park), playgrounds, and museums and the 2 minutes from the St. Pete Pier.