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SUMMER ACTIVITY SAMPLING 2012



SAVE THE DATES: (More details to follow.)

June 15th – Labor Night at the Races, Ransomville
July 28th – BBBS Summer Picnic! Altro Park, Lockport
August 1st – United Way of Greater Niagara Make a Difference Day
August 7th-8th – BBBS Annual Yard Sale
August 15th – United Way of Greater Niagara Day of Caring

BBBS Summer In-Service Schedule to be forwarded with Summer Newsletter.

Note: BBBS is not directly involved with or does not sponsor any of the activities listed below

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT BBBS OFFICE!

-BISONS BASEBALL

-DIPSON THEATRE

Please contact LeeAnna 434-1855, 285-6680

Be Safety Conscious

Always wear sunscreen while outdoors * Always wear a helmet while riding a bike or rollerblading *
Only swim when there is a lifeguard on duty * Stay hydrated * Wear a US Coast Guard Approved Life Jacket whenever swimming in a large body of water or boating * Look both ways before crossing the street * Wear sneakers or boots when hiking * Remember to Buckle Up

MUSEUMS FREE OF COST

Castellani Art Museum, Niagara University, www.castellaniartmuseum.org/
Museum of Disability, Main St, Buffalo, www.museumofdisability.org/home.asp
Kenan Center Art Museum, Lockport, www.kenancenter.org/
Market Street Art Center, Lockport, www.marketstreetartcenter.org/
Niagara Arts & Cultural Center, Niagara Falls, www.thenacc.org
New York Power Authority, www.nypa.gov/vc/niagara

June 23rd/ 24th – Free Fishing Days, Anywhere in New York State No License Required

If you go on any of these activities, please remember to give us a call afterwards! We want to hear all about it. Whether you had fun, if you would recommend it to other Big/Littles, or if you found another fun idea, call us, 716.434.1855, 285.6680!

Stay up to date on all the latest! Visit our new website,
complete with our new blog, “The Big Post”. www.bbbsniagaracounty.org



NO/LOW COST ACTIVITIES YOU CAN DO ANY TIME:

*Aquarium of Niagara	*Buffalo Museum of Science	*Botanical Gardens
*Go for a Hike	*Day at the Beach	*Go Fishing
*Drive-In	*Fly a Kite	*Go to a Park
*Play Sports	*Buffalo Zoo	*Pick fruit
*Tie Dye	*Go to the Library	*Picnic
*Ride your Bike	*Volunteer	*Plant a Garden
*Go to Niagara Falls	*Niagara Co. Historical Society	*Watch Fireworks
*Read a Book	*Lockport Canal & Locks	* NYS Power Vista

More Ideas at: <http://niagara-usa.com/things-to-do>

➤ *Lewiston / Sanborn* more at: [Niagara River Region Calendar](#)

Lewiston Garden Festival, Dates: June 23rd/24th, Hours: 10am-5pm, Location: Center St

NU Theatre Repertory Troupe, Children Stories, Dates: July 14th, Hours: 1pm-2pm, 3pm-4pm, Location: Art Park

Olde Sanborn Days, Sanborn Fire Co, Dates: July 14th / 15th, 10am-5pm(Sat) 11am-5pm (Sun)

Sanborn- Lewiston Farm Museum Festival, Dates: July 28th / 29th, Hours: 8am-9pm(Sat), 8am to 4pm(Sun), Location: Sanborn Lewiston Farm Museum, Sanborn

Balloons over Niagara, Dates: July 27th -29th, Hours: 9am-10pm, Location: NCCC, Sanborn, www.niagaracc.suny.edu/balloons/

Lewiston Fine Arts Festival, Dates: August 11th/12th, Hours: 10am- 6pm, Location: Center St, www.artcouncil.com

Annual International Classic Car Show, Dates: August 12th, Hours: 12pm-5pm, Location: 1023 Swan Rd

Lewiston Public Library Book Sale, Dates: August 12th Location: Red Brick Municipal Building, Lewiston, Hours: (Sat) 9am-6pm (Sun) 9am-4pm

Artpark's Free Family Movie Night-THE MUPPETS, Dates: August 13th, Hours: Dusk

Jazz Festival, Dates: August 24th/25th, Hours: 5pm- 10pm, Location: Center St, www.lewistonjazz.com

Peach Festival, Location Lewiston, Dates: September 7th, 8th, 9th – www.lewistonkiwanis.org/peachfest

Harvest Fest and Craft Show, Dates: September 22nd/23rd, Hours: 10am-5pm, Location: Lewiston

➤ *Lockport* more at [Official Lockport Site](#)

Relay for Life June, Dates: June 16th /17th, Hours: 2pm to 6am, Location: Emmet Belknap, 491 High Street

Water Safety, Location: YMCA, Dates: June 18th/19th, Hours: 6pm to 7pm, 19 East Ave

Water Safety, Location: YMCA, Dates: June 20th/21st, Hours: 6pm to 7pm, 19 East Ave

37th Annual Lockport Outdoor Arts and Crafts Show, Dates: June 23rd/24th, Hours: 11am to 5pm, Main St, Admission: Free

Family Night Swim, Location: YMCA, Dates: July 6th, Hours: 7pm to 9pm, 19 East Ave

Lockport In Bloom, Garden Tour, Dates: July 7th / 8th, Hours: 10am to 4pm, Location: Kenan Center, Lockport, Admission: Free, www.lockportinbloom.com

Niagara County Fair, Dates: August 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th ,5th, Hours: (Wed-Sat) 10am to 11pm (Sun) 10am to 6pm, <http://www.cceniagaracounty.org/NiagaraCountyFair.aspx> Admission: \$2 (Wed, Thur, Sun) \$3 (Fri, Sat)

Taste of Lockport, Dates: August 19th, Location: Ida Fritz Park

Family Movie Night, Date: Wednesday Evenings starting July 11th, Hours: Dusk, Location: Altro Park

Outwater Park: Location: 48-acre park along Outwater Park Drive, Lockport. Includes a scenic escarpment overlook, playgrounds for children, and an outdoor swimming pool. Perfect for kite flying and other athletic activity. Open swim at the pool from 12 to 5pm Monday through Friday and 12 to 6pm on weekends.

Market Street Art Center: Location: 247 Market Street, Hours: 10am to 5pm Everyday

Kenan House Gallery: Location: 433 Locust St, Dates: All Summer, Admission: Free, Exhibit featuring the works of accomplished craft artisans.

Niagara County Historical Society Complex: Location: 215 Niagara St Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 Am to 5 Pm, Admission: Donations only, All year round, Erie Canal Discovery Center is part of the complex with a Victorian Parlor, Historic Pantry, Old Toy Room, the Civil War Room and a Changing Exhibit Room,

Car Cruise Night: Location: Ida Fritz Park, Park & West Ave. Dates: every Monday night Hours: 5pm, Cruise night also has music and activities for all ages.

Take a walk along the Erie Canal locks in Lockport; it's free and educational as there are guided signs at each historical location. Don't forget your comfortable shoes & sunscreen!

➤ *Newfane / Olcott* more at [Newfane/Olcott Calendar](#)

Saturday Night Car Cruises, Dates: June 2nd – September 8th

Newfane Kids Fishing Derby, Dates: June 23rd, Location: Newfane/Olcott Lions Club, 778-8531

Fireworks over Lake Ontario, Dates: July 3rd

Patriots Parade, Dates: July 4th

Pirate Festival, Dates: July 6th, 7th, 8th, Location: Olcott, Krull Park

Pirate Festival Car Show, Dates: July 7th

Family puppet Show, Dates: July 14th/15th

Old Olcott Days, Dates: July 28th/ 29th, Hours: 12pm-5pm, 778-8284

Annual Bike Rally, Dates: August 17th, 778-5273

Annual Newfane Town Celebration, Dates: August 18th, Location: Main St

Olcott Beach Carousel Park presents Roaring 20's Community Appreciation Day, Dates: August 26th

Annual Car Show, Dates: September 1st –8am-4pm, Location: Krull Park, Olcott

Niagara Celtic Heritage Festival & Highland Games, www.niagaraceltic.com, Dates: September 15th / 16th –

Apple Harvest Festival, Dates: October 17th, Location: Ide Rd@ W. Creek Rd, Newfane, Hours: 10am-5pm,

 **Olcott Beach Carousel Park, Weekends, 778-7066**

➤ *Niagara Falls* more at [Niagara Falls Calendar](#)

Nik Wallenda Tight Rope Walking across Niagara Falls, Dates: June 15th, Hours: 8pm to 11pm

Healing At the Heart of Niagara (Native American Culture), Dates: June 16th / 17th, Hours: 10am-6pm, Parking Fee, Location: Goat Island, Niagara Falls State Park

Benjamin Franklin Discovery of Electricity, NYPA *, Dates: June 16th, Location: NYPA, Rte 104

➤ *Niagara Falls cont'd*

5th Annual 5K Run/Walk, Dates: June 20th, Location: Goat Island
By the Niagara Falls Boys and Girls Club

Main Street Niagara's Arts and Music Festival, Dates: June 23rd / 24th

Beyond the Barrel Exhibition, June 23rd, Grand Opening, www.thenacc.org

Town of Niagara Bicentennial Celebration Parade, Dates: June 30th, Hours: 11am,
Military Road

City of Niagara Falls Fireworks, Dates: July 4th, Hours: Dusk, Location: at Gill Creek Park
Gazebo located at Hyde Park Blvd and Niagara St

USA Movie Night, Dates: July 5th, Hours: 9pm, Location: 101 Old Falls St

USA Movie Night, Dates: July 12th, Hours: 9pm, Location: 101 Old Falls St

Safety Day (NYPA*), Dates: July 14th

Annual Good News Gospel Festival/Health fair, Dates: July 21st, Hours: 12pm-6pm,
Location: Legends Field

Arts in the Park, Dates: July 21st, Hours: 12pm to 8pm, www.thenacc.org

USA Movie Night, Dates: August 2nd, Hours: 9pm, Location: 101 Old Falls St

Italian Festival, Dates: August 4th/5th, Hours: 12pm to 9pm, Location: 15th and Pine Ave

USA Movie Night, Dates: August 9th, Hours: 9pm, Location: 101 Old Falls St

Touch-a-Truck, Sponsored by local Fire Dept, Dates: August 11th, Location: Old Falls St
Stop by to climb into a fire truck, emergency, maintenance and other larger-than-life vehicles to experience how first-responders and street technicians ride in style. There will also be performances and fun activities for all ages.

USA Movie Night, Dates: August 16th, Hours: 9pm, Location: 101 Old Falls St

USA Movie Night, Dates: August 23rd, Hours: 9pm, Location: 101 Old Falls St

USA Movie Night, Dates: August 30th, Hours: 9pm, Location: 101 Old Falls St

Blues Festival, Dates: September 7th – 9th, <http://www.niagarafallsbluesfest.org/>

Wildlife Festival (NYPA*), Dates: September 22nd/23rd, Hours: 10am-5pm



Niagara Falls State Park:

Observation tower, open year round weather permitting, Admission: \$1

Niagara Falls cont'd

Aquarium of Niagara: Location: 701 Whirlpool Drive Summer Hours: every day 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Admission: Adults \$10.00, Children (3 to 12) \$6.00, Penguin Feedings 10:00AM & 3:00PM-Learn more about these fascinating birds as you watch our aquarists feed and interact with our Peruvian penguins. Visit their website for full special event schedule: www.aquariumofniagara.org/

Oppenheim Park: Location: 2713 Niagara Falls Boulevard Dates: Memorial Day weekend through September, seven days a week from 7AM to 9PM. Basketball courts, volleyball courts, tennis, courts, and a sprinkler pool are all available. A small lake located in the front of the park is stocked for fishing. There are restrooms and playgrounds at each end of the Park.

 **Fireworks every Friday and Sunday, 10pm, May 2012 – September 2012**
 **Sundays 6pm-8pm, Summer Sunday Jazz on the Steps, www.thenacc.org**

***New York Power Authority www.nypa.gov/vc/niagara Rt 104, near Niagara University**

➤ *North Tonawanda* more at [North Tonawanda Calendar](#)

WNY Fun Run, Dates: June 8th/9th

Taste of the Tonawandas, Dates: June 10th

Canal Fest, Dates: July 15th-22nd

The Herschell Carrousel Factory Museum, Dates: June 13 through Sept 6th: Sundays from Noon-4:00 PM, Mon-Sat from 10:00AM - 4:00PM, Location: 180 Thompson St. Admission Price: \$5/adult, \$2.50/child.

Railroad Museum of the Niagara Frontier, Dates: Saturdays 1pm-4pm from June 2nd thru August 25th, Location: 111 Oliver Street Admission: Free, donations appreciated.

Easy Listening Concerts, Dates: Thursdays 7pm-9pm, June 21st thru August 16th, Location: Raymond Klimek Veteran's Park, River Road, Admission: Free

Partners In Art Complex, Dates: All summer, Hours: Tuesday through Saturday 10am-5:30pm, Location: 74 Webster Street Admission: Free, donations appreciated. Local artwork

West Canal Marina, Dates: All summer, Hours: every day 7AM to 9PM mid May through the end of September, Location: 4070 Tonawanda Creek Rd. Admission: Free. Located on the Erie Canal and provides a beautiful setting to hold a picnic, the pier along the canal can be used for either fishing or boat docking.

➤ *Wilson* more at [Wilson Calendar](#)

Kids Fishing Derby in any Niagara County Water, Dates: June 16th, Location: Measuring Station at Wilson Conservation Club, Hours: 1pm, Ages: 7-14

Annual Super Cruise Night, Dates: June 22nd, Hours: 6pm-10pm, Location: Young St

Star Gazing, Dates: June 23rd, 28th, Aug 11th, Hours: Dusk, Location: Calvin E Krueger Park, 350 Ontario St

WCEC Movie Night, Dates: August 2nd, 16th, 23rd, Location: Clarks Park Wilson Harbor, Hours: Dusk

Wilson VFC Field Days, Dates: August 23rd-25th, Hours: (Thur) 6pm-10pm (Fri) 6pm-12am (Sat) 12pm-12am, Location: Young Street

Other Great Summer Ideas

- ☆ Go to a farmers market and talk about healthy foods, where they come from, etc. Learn how to select ripe fruits/veggies, and then use them to go on a picnic at a nearby park.
- ☆ Pick up, or make, a cheap kite and fly it at the park on a windy day.
- ☆ Spend some time at the library learning about wildlife and plants, and then explore one of the local parks and see if you can remember what you learned.
- ☆ Have your little help you wash your car and talk about the responsibilities of owning a car, and the hard work necessary to afford one.
- ☆ Grow a garden! It is lots of fun to watch the plants grow, learn when to pick them, and then enjoy the fruits of your labors. Not enough room to plant a garden? Take a ride to one of the “pick your own” farms in the area to pick your own fruits and veggies.
- ☆ Head to the Falls! Talk about how they came to be, that they never freeze, and the canals big boats use to go around them, take a walk around the parks.

