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## Wise Hope

### It's a case of good

news/bad news for New Mexico's children in the 2019 New Mexico Kids Count Data Book.

That was the first sentence of a press release I received in January from New Mexico Voices for Children.

The most-notable news the Albuquerque-based children's advocacy organization found in the report is a decline in the percentage of New Mexico children living in poverty, from 27 percent in 2018 to 26 percent in 2019.

And the bad news? New Mexico's state ranking in child poverty dropped from 48<sup>th</sup> nationwide to 49<sup>th</sup>.

Let me say upfront: I have been a fan of NM Voices for many years. This nonpartisan, nonprofit organization does honorable work encouraging state legislators to channel rhetoric and good intentions into legislation that will tangibly improve children's health, education and safety. They release the Kids Count Data Book, issued by the national Annie E. Casey Foundation, every year at the start of the state legislative session, in conjunction with policy recommendations for addressing the needs of New Mexico's children.

I can certainly understand the urge to frame news in the best terms possible, especially in a state accustomed to seeing itself at or near the bottom of the list in child well-being. But to me, this was a simple case of bad news/bad news. To have more than a quarter of the children in our state living in poverty — with all the accompanying risks of food insecurity and inadequate access to health care,

child care and secure housing — is horrible. Children of color in particular fare even worse: 30 percent of Hispanic children and 41 percent of Native American children are growing up in families living below the poverty level. In the state-by-state comparison of overall child well-being, there's New Mexico at the bottom of the list, with a big "50" next to it. (Read more about the Kids Count Data Report on page 7.)



By Ozwan Rodriguez, sixth grade

It is good news that there are people who care enough about children to crunch this data from state, county, tribal and school statistics into such a comprehensive analysis. It's good news to see children's needs tracked in quantitative metrics, to support advocacy and fundraising efforts with accurate information.

But the news itself is sad for all of us who care about children. It's sad to see their fear for their planet, safety at school and financial future,

and their encounters with hate and prejudice. I can understand the rage of environmental activist Greta Thunberg and the local members of YUCCA (Youth United for Climate Crisis Action), a program of Earth Care, towards adults who have squandered their responsibility to protect the planet.

It might be tempting to despair, but as a mom I feel almost hardwired to maintain hope.

My husband and I brought our beautiful baby into the world with a promise to love, care for and protect him. That promise hasn't stopped now that he's an adult, and it doesn't stop at the borders of our family. Loving our child spills over into a desire for all children to be well fed, healthy and safe. It feels just wrong to abandon hope for the future we're giving them. Yet I don't want rosy-eyed, naïve hope. I want wise hope. Loving hope. Actionable hope. Where do I find it?

For starters, I look at the many

wonderful people and organizations here in Santa Fe and New Mexico giving their time, energy and wisdom to kids, schools and families. As always, many of them are featured here in *Tumbleweeds*.

I take heart, and hope, from articles like Kathryn York's "Embracing the Earth" about Earth Day activities at the Railyard on April 26. I'm particularly inspired by her sidebar, describing three simple actions we

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**ON THE COVER:** Kaylani Rose Lopez, 5, loves unicorns, rainbows and mermaids, and absolutely adores babies. Her family calls her Lani or Sweetpea, a nickname given to her by her grandpa because she's "the happiest ray of sunshine ever." Being a *Tumbleweeds* cover kid is a family tradition; Kaylani is the younger sister of Micah Asher Lopez, who was on the cover in 2011. Photo © Ana June 2020.

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might take at any time of year that engage children's powers of observation, expression and decision-making — all vital components of maintaining hope.

Protecting wildlife around us is another thing we can do through simpler actions than we might expect. Sally Maxwell, of the Randall Davey Audubon Center, shows us 10 ways we can help critters — particularly birds and insects — in our backyard, porch or schoolyard, in her article, "Welcoming Wildlife."

The desire to protect the environment is built on happy outdoor experiences beginning in early childhood. Even camping? Yes, even camping! Whitney Spivey, a die-hard outdoorswoman and mother of twin toddlers, points out that while camping with toddlers might not be easy, it's probably not as hard as you think. Her suggestions in "Camping with Kids" are ones you might get from a good friend: practical, compassionate and workable.

As we all discover, family life doesn't always go as planned. Antoinette Villamil shares lessons and reassurance about parenting after divorce, in her "Surviving Solo" (and "Cómo criar hijos sola" in Spanish, translated by Flor de María Oliva).

Judy Reinhartz, of the Santa Fe Alliance for Science and a MathAmigos coach, shares a way of teaching math that I haven't seen in *Tumbleweeds* or elsewhere: by incorporating story books that focus on math in daily life. The books and techniques she shares in "Counting on Math" may even stop adults from hindering children's proficiency with their own math aversion!

Modern life can be alienating, and new groups are building multigenerational, communal housing communities where members share public spaces, social events and decision-making. Anne Stirling envisions herself as a "cohousing auntie" in the upcoming CohousingABQ project; see her "Building Community."

St. Patrick's Day is coming, and what better way to celebrate as a family than going to the Rhythm of Fire, 2 p.m. March 15 at the James A. Little Theater. This year's show will feature Irish dance along with flamenco and folklórico dancers and other guest artists. See Belisama co-founder Celia Bassett's "Step to It!" and our calendar for more details.

Here in New Mexico, we have extra-special ways to enjoy nature. You may be inspired by Kate Daley's article, "The Magic Place," to treat your family to a week at Ghost Ranch Education and Retreat Center, just north of Abiquíu, for programs for kids and adults in one of the most magical places in the state.

These articles illustrate the ways we can make a difference for children, day by day. I'm sure you have favorite ways of your own. Maybe one of these stories

will inspire you to new actions. It was a *Tumbleweeds* article on Big Brothers Big Sisters a few years ago that inspired me to sign up as a Big Sister in their school-based program, spending one lunch period a week at a child's school. My Little Brother and I are coming to the end of our third year together. I leave his school every Wednesday with a smile.

Still, I admit, as I look at the state and national statistics, these individual efforts aren't all that I want to see. I want to see systemic change, policy upheavals, drastic reductions in child poverty, hunger and homeless. I want seismic shifts in national priorities. We are lucky to have groups like NM Voices, and the Children's Defense Fund, a national nonpartisan advocacy organization. The systemic changes promoted by these organizations, together with the efforts of local individuals and groups, complement each other in bettering children's lives. That's truly good news.

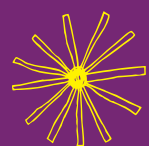


People have been asking me, since I announced last year that I was looking for a new owner for *Tumbleweeds*: Have you sold it yet? No, it's still for sale. If you've been toying the idea of owning a print publication that is actually *growing* in ad revenue, being more engaged with our community, and learning from my 25 years of publishing experience, please give J. Erika Munde, of Sam Goldenberg & Associates Business Brokers, a call at (505) 820-0163. I'm sure you'll enjoy talking with her.



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## Snake avoidance clinic trains dogs to alert humans to rattlers

**The Central New Mexico Brittany Club is hosting** its annual Rattlesnake Avoidance Clinics for Dogs in Eldorado on March 21 and in Rio Rancho on March 22.

Because dogs have heightened senses of smell, vision and hearing, they can detect trouble that humans do not. The clinic's goals are to keep your dog from wanting anything to do with a rattler and to alert others if it spots one. We encourage moms and dads to bring their children to participate as a family with their dog.

Since 2015, the clinics in Eldorado have attracted more than 100 dogs annually. The effectiveness is confirmed in the dozens of firsthand testimonies from our participants about their dogs avoiding rattlers on hikes, walks or just hanging out in their courtyards. Rattlesnakes make house calls in many of our communities!

Terry and Janet Chandler, owners of Rugerheim Kennels in Las Cruces, will again conduct clinics at the grounds of the Eldorado Community Center on March 21, on the hour from 8 a.m. until noon or 1 p.m. depending on the number of registrations. Clinics will also be held March 22, on the West Mesa in Rio Rancho.

Registration is \$65 per dog, open to any breed of dog, and includes one free follow-up clinic conducted by Terry after a year or more. We have seen dogs return one to seven years after training, and nearly all of them wanted nothing to do with the rattlesnake. This training works!

For more information or to register, visit [centralnewmexicobrittanyclub.com/CNMBC\\_Hosted\\_Rattlesnake\\_Avoidance\\_Clinics.html#Registration](http://centralnewmexicobrittanyclub.com/CNMBC_Hosted_Rattlesnake_Avoidance_Clinics.html#Registration). Contact Tom Mauter at [tjmauter@comcast.net](mailto:tjmauter@comcast.net) or (505) 466-6511.

—Tom Mauter, Central New Mexico Brittany Club.

## Kids Count Data Book finds disparities along color lines

**The 2019 New Mexico Kids Count Data Book**, released in January by New Mexico Voices for Children, finds a slight improvement in child poverty rates statewide. The data book also shows that teen birth rates, child health insurance rates and preschool attendance, among other indicators, have also improved over time.

But while our child poverty rate has improved — from 27 percent in last year's data book to 26 percent in this year's report — New Mexico now ranks 49<sup>th</sup> in the nation on this indicator, down from 48<sup>th</sup>. And we've still not fully recovered from the recession, as 5,000 more children live in poverty now than did in 2008. Young children, and Hispanic and Native American children in particular all fare worse on the child poverty indicator (with 28 percent, 30 percent and 41 percent living in poverty, respectively).

"We're clearly not adequately providing opportunity for children of color, who make up the largest segment of our child population," said James Jimenez, executive director of NM Voices.

Children of color are making headway in some indicators, however, with the teen birth rate dropping most dramatically among Hispanic and Native American teens. Our overall improvement in teen birth rates pulls our national ranking from 49<sup>th</sup> in 2008 up to 44<sup>th</sup>. Hispanic and Native American youth also saw the biggest improvements in the percentage of students graduating from high school on time from 2008 to 2017.

However, big disparities are seen for children of color in other indicators.

While the state as a whole saw a larger share of kids living in high-poverty areas, the rate worsened most dramatically for black children, rising from 20 percent in 2012-2016 to 26 percent in 2013-2017.

The annual report includes data on the 16 indicators that are tracked by Kids Count, a program of the Annie E. Casey Foundation, as well as several other indicators. NM Voices releases the data book every year just before the legislative session, together with policy recommendations to help legislators determine what they can do to improve outcomes for the state's children. Some of the policies enacted in the 2019 legislative session should lead to better outcomes within the next few years, including investments in education and tax cuts for families with children. Advocates caution, though, that New Mexico still has a long way to go.

The 2019 New Mexico Kids Count Data Book is available at [nmvoices.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/NMKidsCount-DataBook2019-web.pdf](http://nmvoices.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/NMKidsCount-DataBook2019-web.pdf).

—Sharon Kayne, New Mexico Voices for Children

## Mugs sale supports foster kids

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-designed mugs by local artists, at Mugs for CASA 2020: Help Fill a Foster Child's Cup, 2 to 5 p.m. May 17 at Cafecito at The Trailhead, 922 Shoofly St., Santa Fe, in the Railyard district.

Artists donating mugs include Joel Nakamura; students from Southwestern College's art therapy department; ceramic instructor Heidi Long's students at Santa Fe High School, who make one-of-a-kind mugs that are then painted by various local artists; and Elizabeth Hunt's ceramic artists and students at the Santa Fe Community College.

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) First Judicial District, advocates for abused and severely neglected foster children from Santa Fe, Los Alamos and Rio Arriba Counties. The event is sponsored by Enterprise Bank and Trust.

For more information, contact Annie Rasquin, CASA's executive director, at (505) 820-1500 or [annie@casafirst.org](mailto:annie@casafirst.org).

—Janet Russo, CASA volunteer



Photo by Janet Russo

Joel Nakamura is one of many artists and ceramics students with works for sale at the Mugs for CASA 2020 volunteer recruitment and fundraiser on May 17.



## CAMPING WITH KIDS

It's not easy — but it's not as hard as you think • By Whitney Spivey

### When my twin daughters were born in March

2017, my husband and I promised each other that our regular outdoor adventures wouldn't change. And for the most part, they didn't. We raced 5Ks and summited mountains and cross-country skied and rode bicycles with babies strapped to our backs or rolling along in the double stroller. But the one activity we dragged our feet on was camping.

Why? It just seemed like a lot of work: a lot of planning, a lot of loading the car, a lot of set-up, a lot of take-down and not much sleep. We were new parents, and we were tired (we still are tired). Why would we give up the comfort of our own bed?

But finally, when the girls were 2, we decided to take the plunge. Our good friends, a family with a 3-year-old, were going camping in Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado, so we decided to join them. If they could do it, so could we.

Since that weekend, we've camped numerous times, and each time gets a little easier. Each time also brings a different adventure — which is great, as long as we're prepared. Here are some things we've learned along the way.



Elise Thalacker, Scout Cleveland and Lane Cleveland “cook breakfast” over a “fire” they built at Mesa Verde National Park.

Photo by Lindsay Thalacker

**1. GET ORGANIZED.** If possible, have designated camping gear in bins in your garage. That way, you can just throw everything in the car without wondering if you remembered to pack certain items. For example, instead of raiding your kitchen to pull together everything you'll need for meals, have a camp kitchen ready to go by filling a bin with old silverware, pots, pans, plates and bowls. If you don't have extras of all this stuff on hand, keep an eye out at garage sales. Your kitchen bin should also include shelf-stable essentials such as olive oil and seasonings as well as paper towels and eco-friendly dish soap. Other bins might include sleeping gear (sleeping bags, blankets and pillows) and miscellaneous (a first-aid kit, headlamps and matches). For things that don't quite work in a bin, such as fresh food or the hiking boots you wear all the time, create a packing list that includes these things so you'll never forget them.

**2. STAY CLOSE TO HOME.** At least for your first camping trip, give yourself the option of coming home if necessary. If you live in Santa Fe, head up to Hyde Memorial State Park, which has 50 developed campsites and, for those who want more of a “glamping” experience, three yurts. If you're in Los Alamos, Camp May offers campsites with picnic tables and fire pits just 15 minutes from town. Camping in your backyard is always an option, too. A trial run will make you feel more confident when you're farther afield.

**3. DO YOUR HOMEWORK.** You can read about most campsites online (national and state park, national forest and Bureau of Land Management websites are good places to start). You can find out if they have bathrooms, running water and a place to wash your dirty dishes. Some have picnic tables, fire pits and even showers. Others allow pets in designated areas. Think about what will make your camping experience most enjoyable, and pick a campsite with those amenities. Sometimes you can even reserve campsites in advance online.

**4. KNOW THE AREA.** Besides hanging out at the campsite, what else can you do? Hike? Swim? Paddle? Visit a nature center? Camping at Bandelier National Monument is a great local option because families can hike, explore a museum and participate in ranger-led programs. South of Santa Fe, Pecos National Historical Park offers fly fishing, guided tours, and even a Civil War Encampment every March.

**5. IF YOUR SCHEDULE ALLOWS, CAMP FOR AT LEAST TWO NIGHTS.** Otherwise, your entire trip will be packing and unpacking, and packing and unpacking again. Giving yourself a day in the middle to relax and explore makes all the set up and take down worth it.

**6. CAMP WITH FRIENDS WITH KIDS.** More kids (hopefully) means that they'll entertain one another, and you can enjoy some unplugged quality time with other adults. We live right down the street from our good friends, but everyday life can be so chaotic that we rely on camping to really catch up and check in with each other. Not to mention, we used their stove that one time that ours didn't work.

**7. ACCEPT THAT YOU'RE GOING TO GO AT TODDLER PACE.** Toddlers want to stay busy, but that doesn't mean going for a 10-mile hike (like we would have done pre-kids). We always pack our child carriers to give ourselves the option of hiking longer distances with them on our backs, but it's nice for them to be able to run around, too. They also need supervision, which means you might have to save that book you've been devouring for naptime. We brought balance bikes to Mesa Verde National Park. Balls, buckets and shovels also help pass the time. Often, however, it's best to let their imaginations run. We happened to camp next to a vacant horse corral in Guadalupe Mountains National Park, and our girls pretended



they were horses for the better part of a morning. At another campsite, they spent an hour or two filling the fire pit with grass and sticks, which was a game for them but came in handy later when we wanted to cook dinner.

**8. PACK a VARIETY of FOOD.** Plan meals to cook over a fire or camp stove (if you need inspiration, visit your local library — there are plenty of camping cookbooks out there). Hobo packets — essentially veggies wrapped in aluminum foil and heated over a fire — are super easy. S'mores are always a win. Also make sure to have plenty of snacks — such as dried fruit, nuts and granola bars — on hand. If the adults are cracking beers at dinner, bring fun sparkling waters for the kids.

**9. TRY to maintain a NORMAL SCHEDULE.** If your kid takes naps, try to plan your day around his or her normal naptime. Likewise, stick to a familiar bedtime routine (although we learned the hard way that this can be difficult in the summer when it's light out at 9 p.m.) To make the sleep transition easier, bring along a few comfort items such as stuffed animals, blankets and books.

**10. BRING Layers.** The tricky thing about camping in northern New Mexico is that sometimes the nights can get pretty cold, even in the summer months. We always pack an extra pair of pajamas, socks, hats and blankets to layer on, just in case the temps get chilly.

**11. HAVE the RIGHT GEAR.** This can significantly improve your camping experience. We used our REI dividend to purchase a family-size tent, which means there is plenty of room for everyone. It also means the



Photo by Brenda Fleming

Eli Fleming "helps" with the tent poles.

adults can sneak in after a few beers by the campfire and not worry too much about disturbing the kids. Good lanterns or flashlights will make middle-of-the-night bathroom runs less scary, and a working camp stove allows you to cook without having to make a fire. There are also lots of kids-sized camping items (such as mini sleeping bags and camp chairs) that will make little ones feel like they're on par with the grown-ups. When our girls were potty training, we brought along their little potties — it was easier than constantly scurrying back and forth to the bathroom at the campsite.

**12. Put KIDS to WORK.** Now is a great time to start teaching kids how to pitch in. They can pack a bag with a favorite stuffed animal, blanket and book. They can unroll sleeping bags and collect sticks to fuel the fire. Toddlers won't be able to assemble a tent, but they might be able to put the poles together. Keeping kids involved will make them feel more invested in this family adventure.

**13. Leave no trace.** You wouldn't want someone to sleep at your house and leave a huge mess behind, and camping is no different. Throw away your trash in designated areas or pack it out and take it home with you. Be mindful that improperly secured waste can attract animals — and not just food waste. My friend returned to her campsite after a hike in the Grand Canyon to find dirty diapers strewn all over by a flock of ravens.

**14. If you frequent NATIONAL PARKS, PURCHASE an ANNUAL PASS.** \$80 gets your entire family into as many parks as you can visit in a year. Another \$10 gets you a Passport To Your National Parks booklet, which is a way to keep track of all your adventures with site-specific stamps. Our girls really like stamping their passports, and when they're older I hope they can use the passports as a way to remember all the places we've been.

**15. Stay Positive, and Have fun.** Remember that camping gets easier every time you do it ... and every time you do it, your kids develop a greater appreciation for northern New Mexico, this amazing place we all call home.

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# Welcoming the Wildlife

Ten ways to turn your backyard into an animal wonderland

By Sally Maxwell

Photo by Tom Taylor

**New Mexico is home to more than 150 types** of mammals, 500 birds, 100 amphibians and reptiles, and thousands of insect species. That's a lot of wildlife!

What can you and your family do in your backyard, on your balcony or in your schoolyard to help wildlife thrive in your community? One of the most important things we can do, particularly in urban settings, is offer a habitat. Habitat is a place where animals live that provides food, water, shelter, air and open space.

Here are 10 ways to do just that.

- **Grow native plants.**

Plants are great providers of food, shelter and water for New Mexico's wildlife. Get your hands dirty! Planting a garden or even some pots on the patio can be lots of fun. The more diverse and varied your plant types are, the better for wildlife. Try growing different sizes, shapes and densities to provide the best options for animals. A variety of blooms and flowers will also attract pollinators such as hummingbirds, butterflies and insects. New Mexico's native bees often build nests in the ground, so while you are planting, be sure to leave some bare ground for these important pollinators. To find out which plants are most suitable in your area, visit [audubon.org/native-plants](http://audubon.org/native-plants). Local stores including Plants of the Southwest, Agua Fria Nursery and Payne's Nurseries are great for finding New Mexico's native plants.

- **Leave your yardwork for later.**

Forgot to mow the lawn? Didn't tidy up the dead branches and rustling leaves? Good job! Wildlife need these "unkept" spaces to live. While lawns may be appealing to humans, things like leaf litter, overgrown plants and deadfall are much more appealing to wildlife. Dead trees or snags provide important nesting sites for insects and perches for birds of prey. Leave them be, and see if you can spot a hawk surveying for dinner.

Fallen leaves provide great food for insects, which in turn are food for many other animals. Weeds? Those are just plants! All plants provide food for somebody, help keep moisture in the soil and reduce soil erosion. So, don't worry about your weeding this spring. (You're welcome!)

- **Water is life.**

You don't need a fancy bird bath or a water fountain to impress wildlife — any sort of water will do. To help reduce evaporation in the heat of the New Mexico sun, place your water basin or bowl in the shade. Top it off frequently. Keep insects safe by adding stones to create mini-islands they can rest on.

- **Hungry? They are, too!**

With spring upon us, wildlife are returning from their winter vacation and hibernation. For some, this is a long, tiring journey, and they are in search of a good meal. Put out bird feeders with fatty, high-energy foods, such as

nuts or block suet. For a fun, early-spring craft, make your own bird feeder. Find a pinecone and cover it in peanut butter. Then, roll it in sunflower seeds and hang it in front of your window. Hummingbirds have been travelling from Mexico and Central America when they arrive to New Mexico in early April. Greet them with nectar, by boiling 4 cups of tap water and adding 1 cup of white sugar to it. Stir, wait for it to cool, and put it in a feeder outside. Remember, no red dye for birds! Check out Santa Fe's local Wild Birds Unlimited store for more tips and information.

- **Put up a birdhouse.**

Every spring, birds search for a safe place to lay their eggs. For protection from hungry predators and Santa Fe's variable weather, they need a nesting location that is just right. If you are particularly crafty, building a birdhouse is simple. With some scrap wood and a couple of tools, you can turn your backyard into a nest site. Organiza-



Photo by Samantha Funk.

Top: A bushybird eats a worm, while sitting on a chamisa bush at the Randall Davey Audubon Center. Above: Summer campers investigate the bee hotel at the Audubon Center.



tions like nestwatch.org have nest box designs and more information on how to build a safe, successful home for your neighborhood birds. Then, find a quiet spot and wait. You will know a bird is nesting there when you see it going back and forth with nest-building materials.

• **Open up a bee hotel.**

Just like birds, bees are in search of a safe nesting site each spring. We often think of all bees as raising their young in a hive, but most of New Mexico's native bees are solitary and prefer to nest in small, tight spaces all on their own. Insect "hotels" or "bee houses" can follow many different designs, so you can decide which is best for your backyard. One easy option is to drill different-sized holes in an old log or some scrap wood. When you see mud covering the entrance, you know someone is nesting in there. Once a bee has laid her eggs, she will leave layers of pollen and nectar for her young to eat. Another option is to bundle up some paper straws or hollow reeds inside some PVC pipe or a coffee can and hang it outside.

• **Build healthy soils.**

In order for any habitat to thrive, we need healthy soils. Composting is an effective way to increase the organic matter in soils, making them more rich and fertile, while also increasing their water-holding capacity. When we send food scraps to the landfill, they decompose without oxygen, releasing greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. By collecting and burying them in the ground, nutrients are recycled back to the soil. To avoid unwanted

wildlife in your backyard, dig a small hole to bury your compost.

• **Capture rainwater.**

In our dry Southwestern climate, we need to make the most of the rain we receive. Instead of letting it run off and drain down the street, try to catch and reuse it. Dig small trenches in your backyard to redirect rainwater into your garden beds. Fill in your



A summer camper at the Audubon Center fills up a bee bath with a volunteer Master Gardener.

Photo by Sally Maxwell

trenches with stones to prevent them from washing away. Another easy way to capture and keep moisture in your outdoor space is to mulch. Grass clippings, trimmed leaves, bits of bark or whatever you have around will do. Just spread these materials out across bare soil to prevent evaporation.

• **Keep your feline friend inside.**

While we all love our furry friends, outdoor house cats are devastating bird populations around the world. In the United States alone, cats kill over 3 billion birds every year. By keeping these predators indoors, we can keep them safe while helping birds and other small animals thrive in urban habitats.

• **Learn about your wild neighbors.**

Sit outside, whether that is in your backyard, your neighborhood park or your schoolyard, and observe life around you. Learn the names and behaviors of the animals you see. Practice using your senses to observe your wild neighbors. Bring a notebook and record your observations. Try closing your eyes, listening for five minutes and counting all the sounds you hear and write them down afterwards. The more time you spend observing, the more you'll notice. Most of all, enjoy learning about the natural world around you!

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# COUNTING ON LITERATURE

Combining literacy with math education doubles opportunities for learning

By Judy Reinhartz

**Weaving children’s literature into mathematics has been** gaining traction in education for many reasons. One of the most important has been that math proficiency is linked to reading proficiency. Supporting math learning through literature offers opportunities to double children’s learning. Math is more than a content game — it also is a language game. But most importantly, books spark students’ interest, and in doing so promote the use of math vocabulary, engage students in meaningful math talks and encourage them to make connections.

Using literature has many benefits, among them humanizing math learning, making math more relatable and approachable, and serving as a purposeful tool that demonstrates interconnectedness in learning. I am currently sharing with several teachers, as part of the MathAmigos literacy and math initiative, many merits of using literature to teach various math concepts in grades K-6. Many of the books suggested below have been field-tested by the participating teachers. I am happy to report their students are taking to these books with great enthusiasm as they are used to introduce, review and reinforce specific grade-level math concepts.

*I’m Trying to Love Math* by Bethany Barton (2019) takes students on an incredible and humorous journey, demonstrating how math is used. This book draws readers in and gets them to reflect on their feelings toward math. By the end of the book, they will see math in a new light. The dialogue in this book states what all of us at one time or another probably felt about math; it is validating to put these feelings into words. What a rich discussion parents and teachers can have with their children and students, starting with the line, “If you ask me, math is not very lovable.” Getting kids to attach emotion to a subject such as math is an important first step in understanding it, and Barton’s book gets the conversation started.

Literature takes readers on vicarious math journeys, embedding real problems and situations of interest through their characters, settings and plots. Literature does its best work when it gives math a human face; otherwise it is reduced to arithmetic. In his poem, “Arithmetic,” Carl Sandburg describes it as “numbers you squeeze from your head to your hand to your pencil to your paper till you get the answer.”

Take for example, this hypothetical discussion between two students: “That’s not a square! It’s too fat!” “I’m telling you, it is a square. It’s got four straight sides, see? One, two, three, four! It doesn’t matter that I made it fat.” *The Greedy Triangle* (2008), Marilyn Burns’ book on shapes and polygons, explores the students’ dilemma by tracing the life of a bored triangle, who visits a shape-shifter to add more and more sides and angles to his shape to make his life more interesting.

Where would we be without the zero? That’s the question addressed in Joan Holub’s book *Zero the Hero* (2012), where the caped superhero shows his value is innumerable. *Coyotes All Around* (2003) by Stuart J. Murphy addresses the topic of rounding. In these books, and many others that can be found on the *Tumbleweeds* website, [sftumbleweeds.com](http://sftumbleweeds.com), readers are taken to faraway places to solve problems, meet challenges and focus on different predicaments. By asking children math-related questions while reading a book, learning math becomes a language game. When given the encouragement to explain what is taking place in the book, readers are learning math and they don’t even realize it. Asking them how they would have solved the problems affords opportunities to use math terms and symbols to explain their ideas. By reading a math-themed book, reasoning leads to higher-order critical thinking.

Fiction and nonfiction math-themed books serve as motivational tools that connect children to a variety of topics in pleasurable and authentic ways. Readers begin to regard math as spontaneous and a natural result of thinking, whether it be in the real world or an imagined one. Children’s literature can get readers to this level of math thinking by backing into it.





In *The Lion's Share: A Tale of Halving Cake and Eating It, Too* (2009), Matthew McElligott embeds multiplication and fractions in a lively illustrated book. An ant is invited to the lion's dinner party where all should be on their best behavior, but in the end they are not, eating all the cake and leaving none for the host. Stop reading after the partygoers displayed less than their best behavior and ask the question, "How would you solve the dilemma of not having any dessert to share?" Then continue reading on to see how the ant solved the problem.

To keep the fraction action going, read Bruce McMillan's delicious tale *Eating Fractions* (1991), *Apple Fractions* (2002) by Jerry Pallotta, or *Pizza Pizzazz* (2002) by Carol A. Losi. Pallotta's book is an excellent introduction to the topic, and using a real apple as you read models the fractional parts of the apples in the book. Or, read about Mario the Pizza Man, who bakes the perfect pizzas at his Pizza Planet for two teenagers, three firemen, five farmers and a woman with seven dogs. I think you get the idea: The pizzas are cut into different numbers of pieces based on the sizes of the groups.

In the beautifully illustrated book *One Grain of Rice: A Mathematical Folktale* (1997) by Demi, readers are swept off to a country across the globe and introduced to a different culture and a new word for a king: *raja*. The question to answer is this: How does one grain of rice make a difference? Students use six- and seven-digit numbers to keep track of how much rice Rani, a village girl, accumulates after receiving a doubling amount of rice for each of 30 days. The first day one grain, the second day two grains, the third day three, and so on. What do you think happens after 30 days? You will want to read the book to find out. This fascinating folktale embeds the concepts of place value. Often, students struggle with making the number 4,096 — one of the numbers they encounter — because it has a 0 in it. This may be a good time to read the book *Zero the Hero*.

In *The Great Divide* (1991) by Dayle Ann Dodds, readers become part of a thrilling race. Before they know it, they have solved a math problem to narrow the field of racers as they take part in a cross-country mathematical marathon. The competition starts with 80 racers side by side, but after encountering many natural obstacles, "half take a tumble, their tires go pop! Half carry on, never to stop." Dodds demonstrates division by telling a story rather than describing how it works. With its colorful illustrations, readers are drawn into the book without realizing it.

Yet another book that reinforces the concept of division is Stuart J. Murphy's *Divide and Ride* (1997). It is a great way to get readers to use math vocabulary including "groups of," "sets of," "remainder," number of kids "per" seat, "divide" and "left over" in retelling the story. The author includes several activities at the end to get readers to "mine" additional math content from the book.

Many people think of children's literature and math as an unlikely power couple. They underestimate the role that literature can play in strengthening children's math understanding, knowledge and skills. Somewhere along the line, it was decided to teach mathematics and language arts in subject silos that rarely intersect. But here, mathematics and language arts are two sides of the same coin.

For me, literature serves as a natural catalyst to stimulate children's thinking as they learn about the world of numbers in their daily lives and to make sense of them. Math-themed stories or poems take the readers to carnivals and parties and on trips close to home or to far-away places, connecting math with high-interest storylines, providing starting points for meaningful conversations that enhance number sense, celebrate math as a language, integrate math across the curriculum and facilitate visualizing mathematical concepts outside of unexciting workbooks. Literature empowers readers to think, talk and write outside the math box.

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# Family Trips

## The Magic Place

A week at Ghost Ranch leaves a lasting impression

By Kate Daley



### I had never seen my 5-year-old daughter running

so freely — sun-kissed hair flowing, arms swinging, wearing an enormous smile. She ran wild across the alfalfa field, nary a fence in sight, on a small patch of the 21,000-acre expanse known as Ghost Ranch.

We had just arrived from Santa Fe, and the magic of “the magic place” — as the ranch has been called throughout the years by desert pilgrims, artists and seekers — had already shown itself in the look of wonder on my child’s face.

After our weeklong stay, she would never be the same. And neither would I.

There are moments in the life of every mother that are bridges into new phases of relationship and trust. I experienced a distinct “crossing over” the next morning at breakfast in the ranch’s dining hall. We had just sat at a picnic table outside, with

crisp morning views of the omnipresent Pederal Mesa (which my daughter recognized from paintings at the Georgia O’Keeffe Museum) in the distance when she asked a simple question.

“Mama, I need a spoon. Can I get it?”

This innocuous display of independence caught me off guard.

“Um. OK?”

And off she ran, hair flowing once again, and — poof! — she disappeared into the dining hall. My daughter, who, with the exception of preschool, had for almost six years rarely been out of my sight, just ran into a large, unfamiliar building filled with a few hundred complete strangers.

I sat in uncertainty, bouncing between panic and composure: *What if she got lost? Well, it’s one big room, so not likely. What if someone was mean to her? Well, that might happen to her someday, but probably not here because every person we’ve come across so far has been very kind. What if there’s a mountain lion? Well, now you’re being ridiculous....*

She bounded out, spoon in hand and new friend in tow.

To her, no big deal. To me, symbolic milestone. Her simple retrieval of forgotten cutlery was, for me, an important step in her self-autonomy and my letting go (a little).

Over the following days in late July, she would meet and befriend far more people

than I. There were constant waves and smiles and hellos from folks she met on her strolls through the dining hall or during youth activities. I did not know she was so outgoing. Maybe she wasn’t until now.

We had come to Ghost Ranch this particular week because it was geared towards family. The ranch always welcomes families and children, but this week the ranch offers programing specifically for parents, children and even grandparents at reasonable, all-inclusive rates.

In the mornings, my daughter met up with her friends and counselors at the dining hall and went off for the youth activity program. Parents and grandparents have the opportunity to take a condensed course in subjects like songwriting, pastels, painting or glasswork while kids are at play.

She played in mud and built fairy houses at the base of a grand cottonwood tree. She and her new friends enlisted college staff to judge these fairy homes. After careful deliberation, the college kids awarded first place to each of the three fairy house architects in different categories.

College staff have for years played an important role at Ghost Ranch. Young women and men come from across the country to spend their summers on the ranch. The youth activities, which are for kids as young as 2 to teenagers, are run by college staff “counselors.” The counselors were attentive and fun and wrangled the kids up for grand adventures in the mountains and on the water.

With her new posse of friends and led by a college staffer, my daughter hiked Kitchen Mesa — in pink cowgirl boots, no less — and canoed on Abiquiu Lake. She was respected when she chose not to swim in the lake. She and another kid helped save a fallen baby bird.

During our free family time, we saw a deer munching apples straight from the tree after the monsoon rains. My daughter got close to the resident flock of Navajo-Churro sheep that we learned are descendents of the sheep brought to the area by the Spaniards in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. We visited horses at the Ghost Ranch corral and met the nicest horse wranglers in the West. We even saw — and kept a safe distance from — a rattlesnake.



A week at Ghost Ranch means canoeing, hiking, learning, making friends, and running wild with nary a fence in sight.

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We also visited the two Ghost Ranch museums — both named after women! — the Florence Hawley Ellis Museum of Anthropology and the Ruth Hall Museum of Paleontology. The museums are small and easily digested — perfect for a short 5-year-old attention span. The paleontology museum offering fossils and skeletons, dinosaur replicas and numerous photographs, while the anthropology museum displays ancient artifacts from Paleo-Indian culture, pottery and weavings from local Pueblos, and exhibits of work by local artists.

From the museums we'd often head to the small but sweet library housed in an old adobe that was once the home of the Robert Wood Johnson family (of Johnson & Johnson) when they visited the ranch. Open 24 hours, the library has a focused and extensive collection on art, Southwestern research, religion and, thanks to a generous donation from Ghost Ranch's famous neighbor Shirley MacLaine, metaphysics.

My daughter flipped through and "read" the dinosaur books we checked out of the library while I also read an actual book — something I hadn't done with focused attention in quite a long time. Not once did she ask for her iPad, not once did I reach for my iPhone. She played with her new friends outside in the grass until dark, then they found a flashlight and played some more. She memorized our room code so she and her friend could run far ahead of me to our room. They'd be giggling and eating snacks on the bed by the time I finally caught up.

Looking back on that week last summer, I know being at the ranch made a real, positive and profound impression on my daughter. I know she learned an appreciation for nature. I know being at Ghost Ranch made her realize the kindness of strangers. I know the week at Ghost Ranch allowed me to release her just a little bit. And I know we will be back.

*Kate Daley and her family live in Santa Fe.*



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## Earth Day at the Railyard

As youth help lead the global call for climate action, Santa Fe plans a family-friendly celebration

By Kathryn York

### I never thought I'd rejoice in snow.

Growing up in New England, where intense winter winds pummel snow throughout towns to create great towers of white and layer streets in dangerous coats of ice, I soon learned to be wary when the skies turned that distinctive shade of gray.

Here in Santa Fe, however, I breathe a sigh of relief with each snowfall and lasting precipitation. The importance of water is ingrained into our local psyche. It's considered foolish to complain about precipitation when it's so integral to our survival and that of the thirsting desert ecosystem. We always need it. Those winters when we see a bare Santa Fe Baldy, deprived of snowpack, we worry about the aquifers. Even our fourth-graders participate in the city's annual Children's Water Fiesta, exploring both the properties and importance of water in our arid climate. Calling Santa Fe home means being acutely aware of the weather and changes to the climate.

Both locally *and* globally, climate change has taken center stage in recent years. From extreme weather events to divesting from fossil fuels — topics centered on climate change are everywhere. Sometimes it can feel daunting and overwhelming. If we as adults feel the intense gravity of climate change, how are our kids grasping these serious topics?

Though we'd love to protect our children from life's heavier realities, the truth is our youth are constantly being exposed to issues of climate change. In a time of uncertainty and hardship, it can be hard to see positive efforts. When we look a little deeper, however, we can find sparks of inspiration.

Around the globe, young people are imploring the world, and those "adults in the room," to take action. Desperate pleas from teen activist Greta Thunberg pushed climate change to the forefront of a global conversation with her powerful address to the United Nations and her #FridaysforFuture movement, but she wasn't the only one making waves in the environmental movement. Consider young activists such as Jamie Margolin, the 16-year-old founder of the Zero Hour movement working to spread the word on climate change in communities worldwide; and Autumn Peltier, an internationally recognized 13-year-old advocate for clean water. The youth-led Sunrise Movement also brought a new sense of urgency to the topic with confrontations between 8-year-old children and well-respected senators from even the most progressive states.

Most inspiring for us here in Santa Fe are the efforts of our local youth. Youth United for Climate Crisis Action (YUCCA) organized a massive march and



Turquoise Trail Charter Elementary School's Coyote Chorus students perform at the 2019 Railyard Park Earth Day Celebration, while youth enjoy interactive and educational opportunities.

Climate Strike in September and continue to organize around issues of climate change. These young people and their adult allies have taken the call for climate action to our community. Maybe this call for change is not so much about what we can teach our children, but rather, what they can teach us.

In Santa Fe, we are urging our community to do just that: listen to our children and heed the call to take action for our future. Spring brings a glorious reawakening in nature; it also brings a heightened awareness of all that is changing in our world. There's no better time to explore how we can grow and adapt in this changing climate.

April 2020 will mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day nationally. This year's theme is Climate Action. What better way to engage the whole community than a family-friendly celebration in the heart of our city? The Railyard Park invites one and all to join a free Earth Day Celebration from noon to 4 p.m. April 26, with a variety of interactive learning stations, musical groups and healthy food offerings. In an effort to eliminate the impact of waste and litter at large-scale events, the celebration will be "zero waste." Vendors will offer low-waste, compostable and recyclable packaging options, and trash stations will be placed

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# Three small ways you can make a big difference

Climate change is here, in our world, in our community, even in our backyard. For the average citizen, it can be quite daunting. Maybe you are a parent concerned for your child's future, a teen eagerly awaiting your chance to vote, or a young person who's just learned about climate change in the classroom. Together, we can make a difference. Here are three ways kids, adults and people of all ages can make a difference in their day-to-day life:

**Start small.** Examine your daily habits. Enjoy the occasional iced coffee or soda? Consider taking your next cold drink without a straw. Regular meat eater? Try dedicating just one day a week to meals without meat. Maybe you're on the lookout for a new set of dishes or a wardrobe refresh. Before buying new, check out your local thrift store. If it's a nice day out, opt to bike or walk to your next destination instead of driving your car. Curious about how to best engage in your community? Explore local volunteer opportunities. With a multitude of options for leading a more environmentally-friendly life, it's easy to feel overwhelmed or compelled to do it all. Just remember, no one's perfect. So don't let "great" be the enemy of good enough. In 2020, it's all about picking one action to commit

to for the year. Pick something that feels right for you.

**Listen and observe.** Choose a place to sit — or stand, if that's more comfortable — and make a practice of observing the world around you, whether you're at home, your local park or somewhere else in your community. Notice the smells, the sky, the plants, the little creatures that slink by from time to time. Describe it. Write it down. Draw all that you see. Consider how your surroundings change with the passage of time — leaves tumbling to

the ground, snow collecting on tree branches, flowers blooming in spring. By communing with nature, you become aware of your local ecosystem. Such knowledge is a foundation for nurturing our Earth, understanding its needs and truly appreciating its wonders.

**Share your story.** Write about the first time you felt truly connected to the world around you. Paint a picture of your favorite wild animal. Tell your friend who just moved to town why water is so important to our community. When it comes to your relationship with the planet, there are so many ways to share your love and concern with the rest of the world. Writing, talking, art-making, scientific data analysis — pick your method and share away. Newspaper submissions, art installations, online blogs and even social media posts are great ways of spreading the word. You have the power to make a difference simply by using your voice. Expressing your love and care for the Earth can inspire others to take action as well.

—Kathryn York

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throughout the park. Visitors can learn how to properly sort their waste between recycle, trash and compost, too.

In addition to the Earth Day Celebration, a range of organizations and community partners will celebrate an entire Earth Month. Learn from local nonprofits, businesses and organizations to see what they are doing to protect our environment and promote healthy interactions with our Earth. Then choose your own climate action to commit to in 2020. Santa Fe's commitment to climate action will be visually manifested on a pledge board, where everyone's individual actions will be collected together.

For the past year, the Railyard Park Conservancy has hosted a variety of events specially designed to get kids involved and engaged with their local community and ecosystem. For example, Sand Play, the Conservancy's popular nature-based children's program, offers toddlers and elementary school children a place to explore, discover and think creatively through sand, water, toys and kitchen utensils. Sand Play will be an important feature at this year's Earth Day Celebration, as a fun and easy way for kids to connect with nature. There will also be opportunities for participants to learn how they can support the Railyard Park's Graze Days program, a three-year pilot project focused on improving the park's ability to sequester carbon using goats and sheep. This is a critical function of our high-desert grasslands environment.

Climate action isn't restricted to raising a sign at a rally. It's engaging with one's community. It's loving our Earth, being open to learning about one's surroundings, and sharing stories with others. It's asking questions and speaking up. We all must struggle with the challenges of our imperfect lives, but starting somewhere is a whole lot better than not starting at all. Yes, climate change can be daunting, but when we come together most anything can be surmountable. The 2020 Railyard Park Earth Day Celebration is designed to educate and inspire the youth as well as the adults in our community. Let your voice be heard and share your pledge to make a difference this year.

For the most up-to-date information, visit [railyardpark.org](http://railyardpark.org). To volunteer, email [shannon@railyardpark.org](mailto:shannon@railyardpark.org)

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Irish dance takes center stage at Belisama

By Celia Bassett

## Irish dance is iconic and immediately placeable

— on St. Patrick’s Day and all year —and for the children and adults who learn to perform it, the dancing brings a host of lifelong benefits. From mentorship and community-building to strengthening physical and mental skills, this traditional dance form has a vital place in the modern world.

Belisama Irish Dance School started in Santa Fe in 2006, growing out of a desire to offer dancers from age 5 to adult a space for learning Irish dance in a fun, creative, judgment-free environment. Irish dance is unique in the dance world, and not all schools are the same. We feel that some of the most important features of our program offer significant benefits to children and adults, in the studio and beyond.

Belisama has always taught Irish dance using a “family” style, meaning classes include students of mixed levels and ages. This creates an atmosphere of mentorship, where students are encouraged to learn how to teach what they are themselves learning, deepening their understanding of the material.

Other benefits of mixed-age and mixed-level classes: Students can learn at their own pace, through individualized weekly lessons, and interaction among social and peer groups occurs naturally in the classes, so students get to know each other well and build community. I don’t generally see some of the clique behavior that I’ve seen in other activities, because we really encourage all the dancers to support each other and the learning space that they are in.

Irish dance is composed of steps that are set to reels, jigs and hornpipes — traditional styles of Irish music. Dancers wear softshoes (for girls, these “ghillies” resemble ballet shoes, and for boys they resemble jazz shoes with hard heels made of fiberglass) and hardshoes, which are similar to tap shoes but with fiberglass tips and heels.

The dancers learn that different musical rhythms evoke different dance styles. For example, a softshoe slip jig will ideally be light and graceful, while a hornpipe requires quick, sharp, precise rhythmic steps. Each dance has multiple intricate steps that are on the left and right foot. There are few opportunities in everyday life for children and adults to practice physical skills that cross the body midline — dance is a really fun way to do that.

We also learn ceili dances — traditional social dances, something akin to American square dance. Dancers, each with a partner, are compiled into groups, with groups in Ireland often named for towns where they originated, such as The Waves of Tory, the Walls of Limerick, and the Siege of Carrick. Imagine each community in Ireland coming together in a church hall with a live band and dancing together. That is what our ceili dances were born from!

Irish dance students master much more than dance steps. They also learn how to count music and distinguish between different time signatures. Dancers see gains in proprioception (awareness of the position and movement of one’s own body and its parts), balance, coordination and strength. Dancing helps students develop memory and problem-solving skills and perseverance.

Many of our young dancers have told us they feel dance has helped them excel



Ella Fisk and Ella Javernick perform “St. Patrick’s Day,” a traditional hardshoe dance.

Photos by James Cleveland Watley

academically and they find connections between what they learn in the studio and what they do in the classroom. Irish dance is unique in that it is both a solo and a team sport. Dancers build strong friendships over their years of participation, staying in touch through college and beyond. It is inspiring to see them cheering each other on, both in dance and in their other life ventures.

Belisama students may choose to dance purely recreationally or to perform or compete. As a school, we don’t require our students to perform or compete, but we encourage and support their wishes. Competition is a chance for dancers to showcase their hard work and earn a medal or even a title. Dancers compete with other students of their same age in four basic dances: the reel, slip jig, treble jig, and hornpipe. They may also compete in team events and other traditional dances, and there are dramatic and costumed events as well.

Performance is where we have a lot of creative fun! Over the years, Belisama students have been lucky to perform alongside many big names in Irish music, including Natalie MacMaster, Lunasa, Leahy, and Eileen Ivers. We participate in a variety of community shows annually, such as the Santa Fe Renaissance Faire, the Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival, Festival of Trees and Mono Mundo.



We've always had students who bring skills from other areas of their lives, and we've enjoyed incorporating other styles of dance into our show. Flamenco, American tap, tango, Bollywood, jazz, modern, ballet and other styles have merged with Irish to create exciting show numbers in our annual show, Rhythm of Fire. Another fun part of our annual show has been exploring the music of other decades by including a suite of songs from, for example, 1940s jazz classics or 1970s disco. The dancers are encouraged to make up steps that they enjoy and that show off their personal style, and to put together costumes that show off their unique flair.

For Rhythm of Fire 2020, our annual St. Patrick's Day performance, we are lucky to be joined by a few wonderful guest artists. Flamenco and folklórico dancers from Aspen Santa Fe Ballet's school will return, as will our own talented fiddler and dance alum Maria Jones. We are happy to welcome a Scottish dance school from Albuquerque as well. New Mexico culture incorporates a wide variety of traditional rhythmic dance styles, and we are excited to bring a show to our Santa Fe community that unites many of these styles.

We hope to share the energy, joy and fun of Irish dance with you soon! Sign up for a class in Santa Fe

or Los Alamos, invite our dancers to perform for a local event, or join us for Rhythm of Fire 2020 at 2 p.m. March 15, at the James A. Little Theater, on the campus of the New Mexico School for the Deaf in Santa Fe. For information and updates on class registration, special events, or ticket purchases, follow Belisama Irish Dance on Facebook and Instagram or visit [belisamairishdance.com](http://belisamairishdance.com).

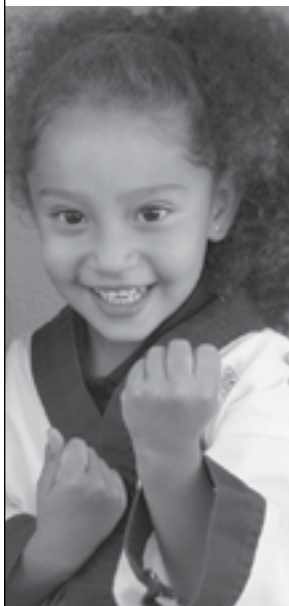
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Belisama's advanced students perform new dances, such as "Belisama Stomp," choreographed by Sean Curran, and "Ni Liom Fein," by Celia Bassett, every year at the Rhythm of Fire show.

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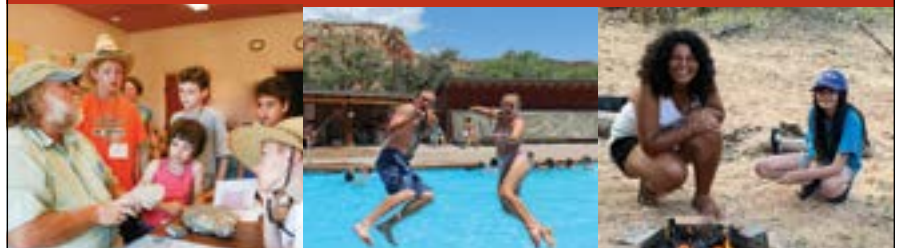
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## Surviving Solo



Flying solo as a parent requires taking care of yourself, accepting you will make mistakes, falling apart and picking yourself up again.

**I grew up watching my parents' hurricane of a marriage.** When they weren't arguing, my mother's passive aggressiveness seethed while my father sat endlessly in front of the TV, cigarette in hand, overly medicated on a cocktail of antipsychotics, antidepressants and anti-anxiety drugs to stabilize his moods.

*I'd rather never marry than live like that, I vowed.*

Then I met a man who was everything my father wasn't: tall, confident, *not* mentally ill, and with a hot foreign accent to boot. He had a Ph.D. and was, it seemed, quite a catch. After a wild one-year courtship, we married. Surely, I thought smugly, I've figured out how to avoid the pitfalls that plagued my parents.

More than half of my seven-year marriage was spent in weekly couple's counseling. No use relaying who said or did what: With multiple life stressors and vastly different worldviews, the love we had for each other ebbed away, dissolving into resentment. We separated – first trying to live in two separate condos, mine on top of his. (Note to readers: Do not try this at home.)

Our son, just 4, took to hitting and screaming at his parents and acting out at preschool. He developed a flair for tantrums because his rages brought his parents together again, however fleetingly. As I shuffled through the chaos, my digestive system was ravaged, withering me to 90 pounds. Friends begged me to eat, but everything made me sick. How could it be otherwise? The life I'd wanted so badly was kaput.

In our new upstairs/downstairs homes, upon hearing my new “was-band” flush the toilet each morning, it was clear the new living arrangement was less than ideal. I moved across town, while my ex retreated into himself.

The challenges seemed insurmountable most days. My health was in shambles, and I was 40 years old with a part-time job and onerous student loan debt. Even with child support, how was I going to make it on my own with a preschooler? I'd come to lean on my husband, and without him, I feared I would simply collapse. Moreover, where had I gone so astray? It was one thing to end a marriage but

Break a dish, lean on your friends, and other lessons from the trenches

By Antoinette Villamil

another animal altogether to watch my child suffer from his parents' discord.

The choice to end a long-term relationship, especially with a young child, left me feeling powerless, terrified and unbelievably lonely. With no family within 1,000 miles, how was I supposed to work full-time and raise a kid? Who was there to lean on?

With support from dear friends, I somehow waded through the most arduous period of my life. If you are unlucky enough to leave a long-term partnership and start flying solo, here are some tips that helped me when I was going through this.

### *Things Falling Apart*

• **Give yourself permission to crumble.** That first week after my husband moved out had me ambling around the house in my bathrobe in a daze, missing my child fiercely. You'll need time

to grieve — be sure to take it.

- **Accept that you will make mistakes.** Rather than berating yourself, ask: How can you better own your humanness? Oftentimes, I've found not getting what we want is a thinly veiled blessing. With this perspective, there are fewer “mistakes.”
- **Don't badmouth your ex in front of your children.** Doing so is categorically unfair to your children and will only affect them negatively. If you need to vent, call a friend when your children cannot hear you.
- **If you don't already have one, find a therapist.** In fact, find two: one for you, one for your children.
- **Take care of yourself, finding stress-relieving tools that work for you:** Meditation, yoga, journaling, primal screaming, dish smashing. There are countless modalities. I was a fan of smashing dishes but switched to ice cubes when I ran low on dinner plates. It was less expensive and much safer.

### *Pulling Things Back Together*

- **Find your village.** People love to help! Let them. Humans are social creatures, and even the most ardent introverts need connection. When licking your wounds, don't over-isolate. Plus, when you're sick and need backup, you'll have people you can call, even if they are mere acquaintances or co-workers.
- **Make a budget. And stick to it.** There are countless budgeting apps to make the process easier. Also be sure to have an emergency fund as part of your budget so you don't fall into credit card debt.
- **Downsize your life.** I've seen too many friends face financial ruin because they didn't want to give up their big family home post-divorce. Focus on what you *really* need.
- **Create a new routine.** Your life was just upended, and your old reality has been shattered. You'll need things to help ground you and something to move towards. Even work and regular exercise help.

Courtesy photos



## Trusting Things Will Work Out

- **Consider the (unofficial) 80/20 rule for parenting**, as told to me by a friend who raised two girls on her own: If you're a good parent 80 percent of the time, your kids will be just fine. If you don't have full custody and your ex isn't a positive influence, then work to raise kids who are resilient and discerning. (Thankfully, my ex is a reliable co-parent.)
- **Talk to your kids about the changes in simple ways they will understand.** Don't try to pull them up to an adult level. And remember, kids often blame themselves for their parents' divorce, so give them lots of reassurance that it isn't their fault. They desperately need to know that even if marriages break, your love for them never will.
- **Make peace with your choices.** This may take a while, especially when you are spending less time with your children. You'll need to find acceptance, even if forgiveness feels a long way off.
- **Introduce a new love interest into your kids' lives with caution.** Your children need stability now more than ever. Enjoy the single life, but don't bring new parental figures home until you know they are there to stay. (I learned the hard way with this one.)
- **Pick yourself up again**, and enjoy the process of reinvention. What are your talents, hopes and goals? Instead of just moving away from your old life, what can you move towards? Having a focal point makes all the difference.

A status update, two years since my marriage ended: My son is happy and bright, although he still has sad moments when he shuffles between homes. My health is solid, and I have a career that fulfills me greatly, allowing a flexible schedule so I can be an available parent. I am slowly easing into a new partnership that is healthy and mutual. Life feels full again, something I could not have imagined two years prior.

The day after Christmas, my ex stopped by to help our son with a new LEGO set. The light from the setting sun lit the room in burnt orange, and I hummed to myself, enjoying the scene. Maksim told silly jokes ("Why does a duck have tail feathers? To cover its butt quack!") while I ladled pasta with homemade marinara into bowls. If one were to peer into my living room, we would look like the happy family I'd hoped for.

Regardless of labels, the presence of a few loving adults is what a child needs to thrive, and my son has two parents both deeply committed to filling the role.

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## Weaving Your Safety Net

### Local resources

- **Many Mothers Postpartum Parenting Group:** For caregivers with babies up to about 18 months. See the Many Mothers Facebook page for dates and times.
- **Raising Santa Fe:** This local Facebook group is "for women (cisgender and transgender), transgender and non-binary people (of all genders) who are parents and caregivers only who live in Santa Fe, NM (or surrounding areas) or those moving here."

### Books for children

- **Living with Mom and Living with Dad** by Melanie Walsh (2012), geared toward young children.
- **When Mom and Dad Separate: Children Can Learn to Cope with Grief from Divorce** by Marge Heegaard (1996). A great workbook, to be illustrated by children, that gives them the language for complicated feelings.

### Books for adults

- **When Things Fall Apart: Heart Advice for Difficult Times** by Pema Chodron (2002).
- **Living Fearlessly: Bringing Out Your Inner Soul Strength** by Paramahansa Yogananda (2003).

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## Cómo criar hijos sola

Romper platos, apoyarse en las amistades y otras lecciones

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Criar hijos después de divorciarse requiere confianza, flexibilidad y toda una comunidad de apoyo.

### Crecí viendo el huracán que era el matrimonio

de mis padres. Cuando no estaban discutiendo, la agresividad pasiva de mi madre hervía mientras que mi padre se sentaba cigarrillo en mano frente a la tele, interminablemente, súper medicado con un cóctel de drogas contra la psicosis, depresión y ansiedad para estabilizar su humor.

*Prefiero no casarme que vivir así, juré.*

Luego conocí a un hombre todo lo contrario a mi padre: alto, lleno de confianza, sin enfermedades mentales y con un acento extranjero seductor. Tenía un doctorado y parecía ser todo un partido. Después de un año de noviazgo, nos casamos. Seguro que he encontrado la manera de evitar las dificultades que atormentaron a mis padres, pensé con suficiencia.

Más de la mitad de los siete años de mi matrimonio fuimos a terapia de parejas semanalmente. No vale la pena decir quién dijo o hizo qué. Con muchos factores de vida que causan tensiones y visiones del mundo muy diferentes, el amor que nos teníamos fue desapareciendo y convirtiéndose en resentimiento. Nos separamos — primero tratamos de vivir en dos condominios separados, el mío arriba del suyo. (Nota a los lectores: no traten de copiarlo).

A nuestro hijo, de tan sólo cuatro años de edad, le dio por golpear y gritarle a sus padres y portarse mal en la escuela. Desarrolló un talento para los berrinches porque sus rabietas juntaban a sus padres otra vez, aunque fuera fugazmente. Mientras yo me desplazaba por el caos, mi sistema digestivo fue devastado, debilitándome hasta llegar a pesar 90 libras. Mis amistades me rogaban que comiera, pero todo me hacía mal. ¿Cómo no iba a ser así? La vida que yo tanto deseaba estaba terminada.

En nuestros nuevos domicilios, cada mañana al escuchar a mi ex echar agua en el inodoro resultaba claro que el nuevo arreglo de vivienda era menos que ideal. Me mudé al otro lado de la ciudad, mientras que él se encerraba en sí mismo.

Los desafíos parecían insuperables la mayor parte del tiempo. Mi salud era un desastre y yo tenía 40 años de edad, con un trabajo de tiempo parcial y una onerosa deuda estudiantil. Aún con pensión alimenticia, ¿cómo iba a hacer para salir adelante con un niño de edad preescolar? Había llegado a respaldarme en mi esposo y sin él simplemente temía colapsar. ¿Dónde me había extraviado así? Una cosa era terminar un matrimonio, pero otra completamente ver a mi hijo sufrir por la discordia entre sus padres.

La opción de terminar una relación de largo plazo, especialmente con un hijo pequeño, me dejó sintiéndome impotente, aterrorizada e increíblemente sola. Sin familia en 1.000 millas, ¿cómo podía trabajar a tiempo completo y criar a un niño? ¿En quién respaldarme?

Con el apoyo de queridos amigos, de alguna manera pasé por el más arduo periodo de mi vida. Si Ud. tiene el infortunio de dejar una relación de largo plazo y empezar sola, aquí hay algunas ideas que me ayudaron a mí cuando estaba pasando por esa experiencia.

### Todo se desmorona

- **Dése permiso para desmoronarse.** Esa primera semana después de que mi esposo se mudó me tenía deambulando por la casa en bata, confundida, extrañando a mi hijo enormemente. Necesitará tiempo para llorar por la pérdida — asegúrese de hacerlo.
- **Acepte que cometerá errores.** En lugar de reprenderse, pregúntese: ¿Cómo puedo reconocer mi propia humanidad? Con frecuencia, me he dado cuenta que no obtener lo deseado es una bendición ligeramente encubierta. Con esta perspectiva hay menos “errores”.
- **No hable mal de su ex enfrente de sus hijos.** Hacerlo es categóricamente injusto para los niños y sólo les afectará negativamente. Si necesita desahogarse, llame a una amiga cuando sus hijos no puedan escucharla.
- **Si todavía no tiene, busque un terapeuta.** De hecho, dos: una para usted y una para sus hijos.
- **Cúidese, halle maneras que funcionen para usted para deshacerse de la tensión:** meditación, yoga, llevar un diario, gritar a pulmón abierto, romper platos. Hay innumerables modalidades. A mí me gustaba romper platos, pero los cambié por cubos de hielo cuando se me fue acabando la vajilla. Fue más barato y menos peligroso.

### Todo se puede rehacer

- **Encuentre su comunidad.** A la gente le encanta ayudar. Permítales que lo hagan. Los seres humanos somos seres sociales y hasta los más ardientes introvertidos necesitan conexiones. Cuando se esté relamiendo sus heridas, no se aisle. Además, cuando esté enferma y necesite ayuda, tendrá a quien llamar aunque sean sólo conocidas o compañeras de trabajo.





# Como formar su red de seguridad

## Servicios locales

- **Many Mothers — grupo de crianza postparto:** Para quienes cuidan bebés hasta de 18 meses de edad. Vea Many Mothers en Facebook para fechas y horarios.
- **Raising Santa Fe:** Este grupo local de Facebook es para “mujeres cisgénero y transexuales), transgénero y personas no binarias (de todo género) que tienen hijos o cuidan niños y viven en Santa Fe (o áreas aledañas) o aquellos que van a mudarse aquí”.

## Libros para niños

- **Mis padres todavía me quieren aunque se divorcien: Una historia y libro del proceso de curación para niños,** Dra. Lois Nightingale (2016).
- **Cuando papá y mamá se separaron + 7 consejos prácticos para niños (separación),** Emily Menéndez-Aponte (2009).

## Libros para adultos

- **El Poder del fénix: Renacer de una separación o divorcio,** Graciela Nemer Pelliza (2019).
- **El pequeño libro del divorcio,** Rosaura Rodríguez (2000).

- **Haga un presupuesto y adhiérase a él.** Hay muchas aplicaciones para hacer el proceso más fácil. También asegúrese de tener un fondo para emergencias como parte de su presupuesto para no caer en las deudas de tarjetas de crédito.
- **Simplifique su vida.** He visto a muchos amigos enfrentarse a la ruina económica porque no quisieron renunciar a su casa de familia grande después de divorciarse. Concéntrese en lo que realmente necesita.
- **Desarrolle una nueva rutina.** Su vida y su realidad han cambiado. Necesitará algo que la ayude a sentirse segura en donde se encuentra y algo que la haga avanzar. Hasta el trabajo y los ejercicios con regularidad ayudan.

## Confíe en que todo resultará bien

- **Considere la regla (no oficial) 80/20 de criar hijos,** como me la presentó una amiga que crió a dos niñas ella sola: Si eres buena madre el 80 por ciento del tiempo, a tus hijos les irá bien. Si no tiene la custodia completa y su ex no es una buena influencia, trabaje para criar hijos que sean fuertes y perspicaces. (Afortunadamente, mi ex es un copadre confiable.)
- **Hable con sus hijos sobre los cambios en maneras simples que les permitan entender.** No trate de llevarlos a un nivel de adultos. Y, recuerde, los niños frecuentemente se culpan por el divorcio de sus padres, así es que asegúreles que no es su culpa. Desesperadamente necesitan saber que aunque el matrimonio terminó, el amor de los padres para ellos nunca termina.
- **Haga las paces con sus decisiones.** Esto talvez tome un poco de tiempo, especialmente cuando usted pasa menos horas con sus hijos. Necesitará encontrar aceptación, aunque el perdón parezca todavía muy lejano.
- **Presente un nuevo interés romántico en la vida de sus hijos con mucha cautela.** Sus hijos necesitan estabilidad ahora más que nunca. Disfrute la vida de soltera, y no traiga una nueva figura paterna a su hogar hasta que usted sepa que será duradera. (Yo aprendí esto por las malas).
- **Levántese y disfrute el proceso de reinención.** ¿Cuáles son sus talentos, esperanzas, metas? En lugar de alejarse de su vida anterior únicamente, ¿hacia dónde puede dirigirse? Tener un punto focal hace toda la diferencia. Hace dos años que mi matrimonio terminó. Mi hijo es feliz e inteligente, aunque todavía tiene momentos de tristeza cuando va de hogar a hogar. Mi salud está sólida y tengo una carrera llenadora que me permite un horario flexible para poder ser una madre de familia. Poco a poco me estoy acostumbrando a mi nueva situación de colaboración, la cual es saludable y mutua. La vida parece plena nuevamente, algo que no podía haberme imaginado en los dos años anteriores.

El día después de Navidad, mi ex pasó a casa para ayudar a nuestro hijo con un nuevo juego de Legos. La luz de la caída del sol iluminó el cuarto de un fuerte color naranja y yo tarareaba disfrutando el momento. Maksim contaba

chistes tontos mientras yo servía pasta hecha en casa. Si alguien nos viera en la sala, vería la familia feliz que yo añoraba.

Sin importar las etiquetas, la presencia de unos cuantos adultos amorosos es lo que un niño necesita para florecer y mi hijo tiene dos padres profundamente comprometidos a llenar ese papel.

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# BUILDING COMMUNITY

Cohousing supports all generations

By Anne Stirling

## I have sought community in many ways

over the years — be it how I managed a business, facilitated groups, served on boards or shared living spaces — yet it seemed transitory. My philosophy has always been that acting in everyone's best interest works out to being in everyone's best interest. It took me a while to realize I was often alone in this effort, which made creating the community feeling I sought difficult to sustain.

Then I learned about cohousing. As I looked to my “third act” in life, the idea of simplifying, downsizing and having my own private home, yet sharing public spaces and activities with others of all ages and backgrounds, held tremendous appeal for me.

The term “cohousing” originated in Denmark in the late 1960s. I knew cohousing communities already existed in various parts of New Mexico and around the world, with new ones forming all the time. When I learned about the vision and values for CohousingABQ, a project currently in the design phase, it spoke to me because it included creating an inclusive, diverse multigenerational community operating with kindness and compassion. The website asked: “Have you ever dreamed of living in a neighborhood where neighbors know one another well, children can play and explore safely and seniors are able to age in their own homes?”

I was a goner. The idea of being around young families was invigorating, especially as I'm looking to my own future. I don't want to be dimming my light and expectations for myself. I look forward to being a cohousing “auntie” and finding those natural ways to connect and be a kind person in the children's lives and for them to be in mine. Mutuality matters. Plus, in these times of parents doing so much, often without the right support or others to rely on, I imagine all of us cohousing aunties and grandpas in the community can be a valuable source of care and presence. Also, the children's community and experience of reliable adults around them can expand. With some families living an ocean away from their family of origin, we get to choose to create community that works for everybody.

Many of our future neighbors in this cohousing group started life outside the United States: I'm from Canada; Marlies is from Austria; Setso is from Bulgaria. So far, our group represents at least eight countries, which makes for a wonderful variety of dishes at our potlucks, satisfying our vegans and our barbecue rib lovers. Our diversity of experience, ages, backgrounds and preferences is vast, but we have common ground through our intention to be kind and compassionate.

As a way to structure ourselves and organize, we agreed on consent-based decision-making. For now, we are exploring the Sociocracy model, so that each voice is heard. Building trust and understanding takes time, and it is what grows a strong, healthy community. It can seem ambitious, full of goodness and sometimes wobbly, yet together we keep showing up. At stressful moments when we go around the room to check in, we find the connection and shared sense of community is the strongest tie of all.

One of the founding members, Marlies, is our agreed-upon project manager. She is a mother of two, and uses her great mom qualities — like patience, clarity and fairness — as she navigates this new territory. As a future neighbor of this project, I, like the others, have become one of the “developers.” There is no outside company deciding for us; we decide what matters to us. We bought the land in southwest Albuquerque and hired the right professionals to make it happen. Our project incorporates the passive house standard, solar panels, conservation, zero waste, use of gray water, an orchard and organic gardens. That means my

values are supported by this project and community. Some members know far more than I do about zero waste, shared power governance or organic gardening, yet to learn with others with the passion and knowledge is a beautiful and encouraging thing. Imagine what I might learn from the young people!

Cohousing design includes parking vehicles on the perimeter of the property, which allows kids to safely run from home to home, in the play areas and to the Common House. The Common House is shared by all, with amenities including a large kitchen, pantry and indoor/outdoor dining areas to accommodate the community as desired. My cooking gene may have been in repose these past few years, but I suspect that with many cooks, bakers, growers and eaters around I will easily get back into the kitchen enjoying creating tasty dishes as part of a group.

Once we have the majority of home units spoken for, we will begin the build. Ultimately the project will include a total of 27 privately owned, net-zero energy homes with one-, two-, three- and four-bedroom options, and a smaller casita unit, clustered around shared open space. The homes are smaller as a way to



Multigenerational activities at CohousingABQ include cider pressing, cooking, baking bread, exploring the grounds and holding meetings, with the goal of building a healthy, cohesive community.

Photos by CohousingABQ members



simplify and conserve. Private homes range from a less than 500-square-foot casita to a four-bedroom home just over 1,500 square feet. The Common House offers a way to share amenities and space we might need, including two guest rooms. As of this writing, nine homes are still available.

Estimated home prices (subject to change based on current market and building conditions) will range from \$125,000 to \$430,000, comparable to prices of newly built energy-efficient homes in Albuquerque. Use of the common house for community activities and shared meals, including guest suites for residents' visitors, is included in the price of the home.

Other community amenities will include a shared farming area with an orchard and year-round greenhouse. We have discussed adding a natural outdoor pool based on biological processes and an adventure playground for the kids.

We currently meet regularly for socials, celebrations, baking workshops, learning tours, working on teams and general meetings. At these meetings, we receive updates and discuss the pertinent issues at hand. That includes updates from all the teams (or circles) working on specific tasks to further the cohousing project. We have capable people from all walks of life donating their time, energy and expertise for the group-at-large.

While the adults meet, the children play in another room or outside with a play-sitter, then join us for a potluck. At first, I found the children's presence distracting at meetings — coming in and out, making sounds in the hall, or maybe throwing a ball through a window (OK, just once so far). It was a new energy I needed to adjust to as it wasn't on my radar. Now I realize how many parents have to go to meetings and other commitments where there is little consideration for their children.

Recently, during the after-meeting potluck, there was an informal circle of kids (the eldest is 8) eating, talking and giggling. They seemed to be great friends with one another already, looking forward to the day they can just run across the grass to one another's home. I imagine that holds great appeal for their parents, too.

Who doesn't need a cohousing auntie? I think the chocolate gold coins I gave the children at our holiday party was a nice auntie touch. (Hey, I gave it in the spirit of kindness and compassion. And with their parents' permission!)

To learn more, visit [cohousingabq.org](http://cohousingabq.org), email [cohousingabq@gmail.com](mailto:cohousingabq@gmail.com) or call (505) 227-1301.

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# Spring Break & Summer Camp Directory



By Gabriella Narvaiz, third grade

## SPRING BREAK CAMPS & PROGRAMS

### CORBEAU STUDIO - STAY CURIOUS SPRING BREAK CAMP

This weeklong camp from March 16 to 20 is designed for curious young creatives, ages 7 to 10. Children join multimedia artist, performer and creativity guide Laetitia Meffre for an integrative curriculum of expressive arts. Individual attention and intimate group experiences encourage self-discovery, creativity and wonderment. \$330 per child. Visit [corbeau.studio](http://corbeau.studio) or email [corbeaustudio@gmail.com](mailto:corbeaustudio@gmail.com) to learn more and register. See our summer listing for more curious opportunities.

### JEFF SPEAKMAN'S KENPO 5.0

Voted Best of Santa Fe! Our program will help your child learn life skills, such as self-confidence, respect, nonviolent conflict resolution and self-discipline, in an active and fun environment. March 16 to 20, for children ages 6 through 12, from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. \$199. After-school program also available. Space is limited. For details, call (505) 412-2428, email [kenpo5.0santafe@gmail.com](mailto:kenpo5.0santafe@gmail.com), or visit [jeffspeakmankenponm.com](http://jeffspeakmankenponm.com).

### JOY MONTESSORI SPRING BREAK CAMP

Snow Begone & Justice Camp Collaboration: Spend the week "willing-in" the warm weather, with garden planning and projects, making spring crafts and cooking fresh spring cuisine. Discuss bullying, hunger and poverty. March 16 to 20, \$275. See our Summer Camp listing below. Also, ask about our No School Day camps and Parents Night Out throughout the school year. Visit [joymontessori-nm.com](http://joymontessori-nm.com) or call (505) 795-0451 for details.

### RANDALL DAVEY AUDUBON SPRING BREAK CAMP

School may be out, but the learning never stops! Join us for a fun week of nature-based games and activities that encourage an understanding, appreciation and love of nature. Audubon educators guide campers through hands-on science explorations and outdoor fun while surrounded by the natural beauty of Santa Fe. March 16 to 20, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., \$250. Extended care is available. For more information, visit [nm.audubon.org/camp-programs](http://nm.audubon.org/camp-programs), call (505) 983-4609 or email [sally.maxwell@audubon.org](mailto:sally.maxwell@audubon.org).

### SANTA FE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM SPRING BREAK CAMP

"Star Wars"-inspired exploration: Return of the ArtBots. Students will craft a light saber, design a Jedi cloak and engineer a droid that draws. Weeklong STEAM Camp for ages 6 to 12, March 16 to 20, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., \$285/week. Extended care and some scholarships are available. For details, visit [santafechildrensmuseum.org](http://santafechildrensmuseum.org). Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe, (505) 989-8359.

### WISE FOOL SPRING BREAK CIRCUS CAMP

Kids ages 7 to 12 run away with the circus! Students in this popular circus camp are physically active, practice teamwork and have a ton of fun. Learn still-walking, unicycling, aerial fabric, trapeze, juggling, puppet-making, clowning and more, all in a safe, noncompetitive environment. March 16 to 20, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Camp fills up quickly. Tuition assistance is available. \$285. [wisefoolnewmexico.org](http://wisefoolnewmexico.org). (505) 992-2588. Wise Fool Studios, 1131-B Siler Road, Santa Fe.

## SUMMER CAMPS & PROGRAMS

### ACEQUIA MADRE GARDEN CAMP

Bring your young ones to our incredible Garden Camp at the Acequia Madre Elementary School Garden. Weeklong camps runs May 25 to 29, June 1 to 5, June 8 to 12, June 15 to 19 and June 22 to 26 for grades K through 6 from all schools. Campers explore the wonders of gardening, team-building games, earth skills, creative art and free play in a gorgeous garden setting with cooled indoor classroom. \$190/week. Contact [sol@pollination-project.org](mailto:sol@pollination-project.org) to sign up.

### ACEQUIA MADRE LITTLE THEATER CAMP

Join us for the third exciting year of our summer acting camp for ages 7 to 13 at Acequia Madre Elementary School, open to the community. Six-week camp runs June 8 to July 10, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Children will learn history, write the script and perform in a musical theater production, "A Sleepover at the White House," about American presidents. For more information call Rachel Montez, (505) 501-3215.

### BELISAMA IRISH DANCE

Belisama Irish Dance offers classes for the whole family to enjoy. Performance opportunities in the community, local competition and fun choreography classes. Ages 5 and up. Santa Fe and Los Alamos locations. Call Adrienne Bellis, director, (505) 670-2152, or go to [belisamadance.com](http://belisamadance.com).

### CAMP HORSEMAN

St. Michael's High School is pleased to offer Camp Horsemen Summer 2020 for elementary- and middle-school-aged children. From soccer and art to baseball and science, kids will have a fun and memorable summer on our 25-acre campus as they develop and expand their skills and knowledge. Camp Horsemen not only provides a safe environment for kids but also offers the most affordable summer camps in Santa Fe. Different camps are offered each week. Visit [stmichaelsf.org](http://stmichaelsf.org) for details.

### CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE COMPANY

Santa Fe's most active and enriched summer camp for kindergarten through seventh grade for 33 years! CAC's focus is age-appropriate outdoor field trips that include rock climbing, kayaking, hiking and survival skills, along with gardening, cooking, science, art and yoga, taught by caring, well-educated staff. Weekly camps May 25 through Aug. 7. Field trips to Albuquerque every Friday for older groups. Full-day (7:45 a.m. to 6 p.m.), or short-day program (7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) for day campers only. 935 Alto St., Santa Fe. Register online, [childrensventurecompany.org](http://childrensventurecompany.org), or call (505) 988-7201.

### CHRIST CHURCH SANTA FE FREE SUMMER/MISSION CAMP

This year's focus is on Pastor Josh Charette of Billings, Montana, and his outreach to Native Americans in the Billings area. Come for the fun, new friends, and to learn something new about Native American culture. June 8 to 12, for ages 4 to 12. Hours are 9 a.m. to noon. Lunch is at home, but snacks are provided. We are located at the corner of Don Gaspar Avenue and Cordova Road, at 1213 Don Gaspar Ave. Call (505) 982-8817 or visit [christchurchsantafe.org](http://christchurchsantafe.org) to register.

### CITY OF SANTA FE 2020 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM

Eight-week program, June 1 through July 24, at various Santa Fe locations to be announced for ages 6 to 12, and teen program for ages 13 and up. Sliding-scale fee. Registration opens in May online, or at 500 Market St., Suite 200, for those who do not have access to a computer. A birth certificate for 6-year-olds and proof of annual household income are required. Registration form and locations will be posted at [www.santafenm.gov/summer\\_youth\\_program](http://www.santafenm.gov/summer_youth_program).

### CORBEAU STUDIO - STAY CURIOUS SUMMER CAMPS

These weeklong camps from May 25 to 29 (for ages 6 to 8) and June 1 to 5 (for ages 8 to 10) are designed for curious young creatives. Children join multimedia artist, performer and creativity guide Laetitia Meffre for an integrative curriculum of expressive arts. Individual attention and intimate group experiences encourage self-discovery, creativity and wonderment. \$330 per five-day session. Visit [www.corbeau.studio](http://www.corbeau.studio) or email [corbeaustudio@gmail.com](mailto:corbeaustudio@gmail.com) to learn more and register. See our Spring break listing for more curious opportunities.

### DRAGONFLY ART STUDIO SUMMER CAMP

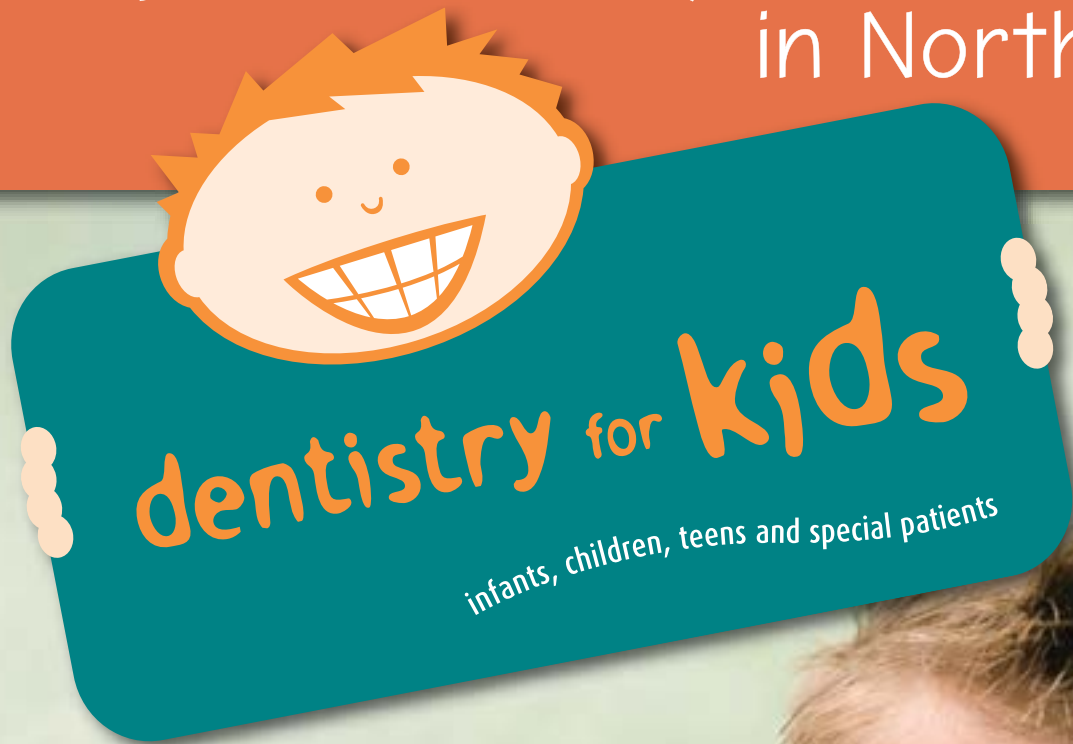
Best of Santa Fe Winner! Fine art classes for ages 5 to 16 are designed to stimulate imagination, creativity and experimentation with a range of art media and materials. Summer camp meets Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in May, June, July and August. Various weekly themes. Our after-school art classes meet one day per week, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. and include a student art show. We also offer birthday parties and "No School" Art Days. Visit [dragonflyartsf.com](http://dragonflyartsf.com) or call Oceanna at (505) 670-5019.

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## GENTLE SHEPHERD PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

Four-week camp in June for children ages 3 to 5, Monday to Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with three and four day per week options. After-care available until 3 p.m. Weekly themes focus on gardening, nature, camping, music, animals, drama and more. 209 E. Barcelona Road, Santa Fe, (505) 577-5344 or (505) 983-9383.

## HANDS-ON HERITAGE

Four-week experiential learning program for kids entering grades four to eight. Participants go on two field trips per week to explore the environment, history and culture of northern New Mexico. They also garden, cook and do art projects, among other hands-on activities. Breakfast and lunch provided. July 6 to 31. SFPS bus transportation may be provided in some districts. Location TBD. \$50 per week, scholarships available. Email [handsonheritagesantafe@gmail.com](mailto:handsonheritagesantafe@gmail.com) and follow us on Facebook for updates: [facebook.com/HandsOnHeritageSantaFe](https://www.facebook.com/HandsOnHeritageSantaFe). Hablamos español.

## JEFF SPEAKMAN'S KENPO 5.0

Voted Best of Santa Fe! Kids 6 to 12 learn martial arts and enjoy arts and crafts, games and movies, gaining self-confidence, respect, nonviolent conflict resolution skills and self-discipline. Session 1: May 26 to 29 and June 1 to 5; Session 2: June 8 to 12 and June 15 to 19; Session 3: June 22 to 26 and June 29 to July 3; Session 4: July 27 to 31 and Aug. 3 to 7. \$199/week or \$350/two weeks, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Ask about Martial Arts After-School. (505) 412-2428, [kenpo5.0santafe@gmail.com](mailto:kenpo5.0santafe@gmail.com), or [jeffspeakmankenponm.com](http://jeffspeakmankenponm.com).

## JOY MONTESSORI SUMMER CAMPS

Weekly camp sessions from May 11 to Aug. 21. Themes include arts and crafts, gardening, talent shows, board gaming, learning Spanish, fun in the kitchen and many more. Ask about our No School Day camps and Parents Night Out throughout the school year. Visit [joymontessori-nm.com](http://joymontessori-nm.com) or call (505) 795-0451.

## LITTLE EARTH SCHOOL SUMMER DAY CAMP

Memorable summer experiences for children ages 4 to 9, June 1 through Aug. 7. Five two-week sessions for all ages. Minimum enrollment: one session. Four or five days per week. Ten percent tuition discount for children who enroll for the entire summer. Art, cooking, weekly nature field trips, swimming and games. Low student-teacher ratio. Enrollment limited. For more information or to request a brochure and pre-registration form, call 988-1968. 321 West Zia Road, [littlearthschool.org](http://littlearthschool.org).

## MARTIAL ARTS TRAINING CENTER SUMMER CAMP

Summer camps from June through August: Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Kids ages 7 to 13 will gain self-confidence while having a great time. Black Belt forms, bo staff, nunchaku to music, ninja games, throwing stars, art projects, water balloons. Lots of movement and safe fun. Great facility on the corner of Agua Fria and Siler Road upstairs, in Santa Fe. Visit [karatesantafe.biz](http://karatesantafe.biz) or call (505) 982-7083.

## MAY CENTER SUMMER LEAP

Help your child take a LEAP this summer in reading, writing, math and executive functioning skills. Early Childhood Summer Program: June 22 through July 31 and Summer LEAP Programs: July 6 through July 31 for students entering first through eighth grade. For details, call (505) 983-7407 or visit [maycenter.org](http://maycenter.org).

## MOUNTAIN KIDS!

Mountain Kids! is Santa Fe's camp for outdoor adventure and nature connection. Check out our new Mountaineers Program for Teens in 2020! Campers ages 5 to 16 go on



By Emily Sanchez, fifth grade

daily adventures in the mountains to explore and learn through imaginative play, skill-building and guided activities. Campers develop self-confidence, teamwork, wilderness skills, and a love of nature and all it provides. Bugs and Birds, Forts and Forests, Backpacking, Mountain Biking, Kayaking, Cooking in Nature, Campouts and more! Check out all of our offerings at [www.sfmountainkids.com](http://www.sfmountainkids.com).

## MOVEWEST CENTER FOR MOVEMENT EXPLORATION

Spring classes for children in creative dance, and summer classes and workshops for all ages. Creative dance encourages children to think critically and creatively, understand improvisational structures and choreographic techniques, and gain a sense of movement through time and space. The act of moving with attention and intention becomes art. Find us at the Dance Space Santa Fe. For class information and registration: [movewestinfo@owldancer.net](mailto:movewestinfo@owldancer.net) (505) 920-6235. MoveWest is a not-for-profit 501 (C)(3).

## NDI-NEW MEXICO SUMMER DANCE

NDI provides world-class instruction to over 2,000 children in Santa Fe and Albuquerque. Summer sessions at The Dance Barns in Santa Fe are offered in June and July for ages 3 to 18 in creative movement, jazz, tap, ballet, modern and more. Registration opens in March. Call (505) 795-7088 or visit [ndi-nm.org](http://ndi-nm.org).

## PANDEMONIUM PRODUCTIONS' MUSICAL THEATER SUMMER CAMP

Join the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary season! For ages 7 to 17, June 15 through July 26. Study acting, singing and dancing and perform in a Broadway-style musical at the James A. Little Theatre. Past shows have included "Frozen," "The Little

Mermaid," "The Lion King," "Newsies," "Grease" and more. Rehearsals at the New Mexico School for the Arts, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Space limited; scholarships available. \$795 if paid in full. \$100 deposit required with registration. For more information, call (505) 920-070 or visit [pandemoniumprod.org](http://pandemoniumprod.org).

## QUEEN BEE KIDS MUSIC CAMPS

Come jam with us! Queen Bee offers weeklong day camps in June and July for kids ages 5 to 14 with a variety of themes. From bluegrass to beat-making, kiddos learn skills on individual instruments and unleash their musical curiosity. Camps are held in Santa Fe and Crested Butte and are for beginner and intermediate players. Visit [queenbeemusicassociation.org](http://queenbeemusicassociation.org) for more information.

## RANDALL DAVEY AUDUBON SUMMER ADVENTURE CAMPS

Not your ordinary summer camp! Ten weeks of nature day camps for ages 5 through 12. Each week emphasizes a new theme where campers can discover, investigate and play through activities that encourage an understanding, appreciation and love of nature. Audubon educators guide campers through hands-on science explorations and outdoor fun while surrounded by the natural beauty of Santa Fe. Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$250. Extended care available. Visit [nm.audubon.org/summercamp](http://nm.audubon.org/summercamp), call (505) 983-4609 or email [sally.maxwell@audubon.org](mailto:sally.maxwell@audubon.org).

## RIO GRANDE SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

Weekly camps for grades K through six and a pre-K camp for 3- and 4- year olds, June through August, integrate enriched learning experiences with play, creative expression and adventure-based learning. Morning, afternoon and full-day options available. Campers attending the morning session choose an enrichment class in which they learn alongside our educators. Afternoon sessions take advantage of a lovely, safe five-acre campus and focus on adventure education, design-thinking, and trips to museums and other exciting locales. Rio Grande School. 715 Camino Cabra, Santa Fe, (505) 983-1621.

## SANTA FE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM SUMMER CAMP

Explore six unique themes during weeklong STEAM camps for ages 6 to 12. Fun-filled adventures will include geology, aviation, astronomy, art, music and more! June 15 to July 24, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. \$285/week. Extended care available. Limited scholarships available. For details, visit [santafechildrensmuseum.org](http://santafechildrensmuseum.org). Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe, (505) 989-8359.

## SANTA FE CLIMBING CENTER CAMPS & CLASSES

Summer camps with indoor and outdoor climbing, wilderness survival skills, hikes and other outdoor adventure-based activities. Weeklong camps from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., \$349 per week. Multi-day summer camps for ages 5 to 8, May 26, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Aug. 3, 10 and 17. Ages 9 to 13: June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, July 27, Aug. 3, 10 and 17. Ages 12 to 15: July 27. 3008 Cielo Court. Call (505) 986-8944 or visit [climbsantafe.com/camps/](http://climbsantafe.com/camps/).

## SANTA FE PUBLIC SCHOOL ARTS CAMP

SFPS Music and Art Camp classes include general music and art for grades K through 12, June 1 to 26, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon, and culminates in a performance after each two-week session. Location to be determined. Tuition is \$300/child. Limited partial-scholarships available. Register by May 1. For more information and an application, contact Janine Sammeth, SFPS Summer Arts Camp Coordinator, at [jsammeth@sfps.k12.nm.us](mailto:jsammeth@sfps.k12.nm.us) or (505) 467-4938.

## SANTA FE SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS & SCIENCES CAMPS

Weekly, theme-based camps for ages 3 to 14 include Mine Craft (ages 10 to 14), Pokémon (ages 7 to 9), Insectomania (ages 5 to 6), Get Gardening (ages 3 to 4). June 8 to July



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31, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Extended care available 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Most camps \$230/week. Scholarships available. Experienced teachers with low camper-to-teacher ratio. Registration begins in February. For the full listing of more than 30 camp themes visit [santafeschool.org](http://santafeschool.org), (505) 438-8585.

## SANTA FE TENNIS AND SWIM CLUB SUMMER CAMPS

Located at 1755 Camino Corrales in the scenic Museum Hill neighborhood, Santa Fe Tennis & Swim Club offers a wonderful family experience with tennis, swimming, pickleball and junior programs. Family Pool Passes are on sale now. Our High Altitude Tennis Academy Camp (ages 8 and up) runs through the summer. We also offer after-school programs. Visit [santafetennis.net](http://santafetennis.net) or [santafetennisacademy.com](http://santafetennisacademy.com) for more information, or call (505) 988-4100.

## SANTA FE WALDORF SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

We offer two summer camp programs open to the community: Discovery Camps, for children in grades two through seven, offers eight weeklong themed sessions June 8 to Aug. 14, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., pre- and after-care available. Sunflower Camps, for children ages 5 to 7, offers eight fun-filled weeks (four days only) June 8 to July 30, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Early bird pricing until May 15. For more information or to register, visit [santafewaldorf.org/camps](http://santafewaldorf.org/camps).

## SCHOOL OF ASPEN SANTA FE BALLET SUMMER SESSIONS

Learn in a supportive environment that fosters confidence, technique and artistry. Classes for children ages 3 and up in creative dance, ballet, jazz, folklórico, modern and more. Summer session classes start June 8. Registration opens March 2. For more information call (505) 983-5591 or visit [aspensantafeballet.com](http://aspensantafeballet.com).

## SFPS + VITAL SPACES

SFPS + Vital Spaces Summer Arts and Creativity Camps are open to students entering grades six to eight. Located on the Midtown campus, camps are team-taught by notable, local artists and certified SFPS art teachers. Themes include: Art + Social Justice: impactful art in challenging times; Word + Image: zines, graphic novels and storytelling; and Mixed + Digital Media: cutting edge visual communication. One-week sessions run throughout the month of June. \$75/week. For more information, contact [hannah@vitalspaces.org](mailto:hannah@vitalspaces.org).

## SKATE SCHOOL SANTA FE

Ramps and Bowls Camps: Expert instruction for ages 8 and up, mornings at public skate parks, afternoons at our indoor skate park, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 1 to 5, June 8 to 12, June 29 to July 3, July 13 to 17, July 20 to 24. \$295. Longboard Camps: Ride the school's boards and learn to turn, stop and slide, on local bike paths and our indoor park, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 26 to 28, June 15 to 17, July 6 to 8, July 27 to 29. Ages 9 and up. \$200. 825 Early St. #H, (505) 474-0074. [skateboardsafety.com](http://skateboardsafety.com).

## THE CANDYMAN STRINGS & THINGS SUMMER ROCK CAMP

At the Candyman Strings & Things Summer Rock Camp, participants will form a band with peers, learn songs from their favorite bands and improve their playing skills. Bands will develop their identity and logo, record an album at a professional recording studio, interview live on the radio, perform at a rock concert and more. Participants also enjoy pizza parties, camp photos and videos, digital albums and a camp T-shirt or cap. Call (505) 983-5906 or visit [candymanstrings.com](http://candymanstrings.com) for dates, registration and more information.

## VISTA GRANDE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Imagine Your Story! Summer Reading Program for pre-K through third grade, every Wednesday from June 10 to July

22, 2-3 p.m. Kids of all ages can participate in the contest by completing reading logs, regardless of program attendance. All readers will be entered in a raffle for prizes. 14 Avenida Torreon, Eldorado at Santa Fe, call (505) 466-7323 or visit [vglibrary.org](http://vglibrary.org).

## WALDORF PARENT AND CHILD SUMMER PROGRAM

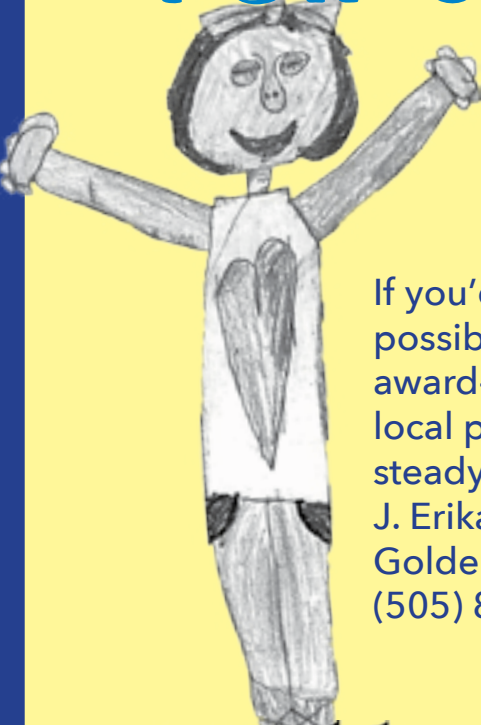
At Waldorf, we offer a warm and gentle welcome to the littlest learners — and their caregivers, too! Classes include creative free play, early socialization, fresh ideas for parenting, plus songs and games that delight children and caregivers alike. Morning Glory classes for children ages 1 to 3, and Sweet Pea classes for ages 3 to 5 years. Open to all families whether or not they are enrolled at Santa Fe Waldorf School. Classes offered throughout the year. For more information, dates and cost, please visit [santafewaldorf.org/parent-and-child](http://santafewaldorf.org/parent-and-child).

## WISE FOOL SUMMER CIRCUS CAMP

Kids in first through 12<sup>th</sup> grade run away with the circus! Students in our popular circus camps are physically active, learn teamwork and have a ton of fun. Learn still-walking, unicycling, aerial fabric, trapeze, juggling, puppet-making, clowning and more. All in a safe, noncompetitive environment. June 15 through July 31, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Camps fill up quickly. Tuition assistance and after-care available. Cost varies based on age and session. [www.wisefoolnewmexico.org](http://www.wisefoolnewmexico.org). (505) 992-2588. Wise Fool Studios, 1131-B Siler Road, Santa Fe.

**One more chance! Our Directory of Summer Camps & Programs will run again in our Summer 2020 issue. Submit a new listing, or any changes to your program description in this issue, by May 1 at [sfumbleweeds.com/directory-submissions](http://sfumbleweeds.com/directory-submissions) or [calendar@sfumbleweeds.com](mailto:calendar@sfumbleweeds.com).**

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# Spring 2020 Calendar – March

Events are free, or included in the price of museum admission, unless otherwise noted. Be sure to check our website, [sftumbleweeds.com/calendar](http://sftumbleweeds.com/calendar), for events scheduled after we go to press.

## MARCH

### 1 SUNDAY, 10 A.M.-5 P.M. Free First Sundays

Admission is free on the first Sunday of every month to New Mexico residents with ID to the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture, 710 Camino Lejo, Santa Fe; Museum of International Folk Art, 706 Camino Lejo, Santa Fe; New Mexico History Museum, 113 Lincoln Ave., Santa Fe; New Mexico Museum of Art, 107 W. Palace Ave., Santa Fe; and the New Mexico Museum of Natural History & Science, 1801 Mountain Road NW, Albuquerque (regular admission fees apply for DynaTheater and Planetarium).

### 1 SUNDAY, 11 A.M.-12:30 P.M. Family Mornings at Folk Art

A free program for all ages featuring story time, hands-on art activities and explorations in the galleries. Today's theme is "Let's Make Music." Museum of International Folk Art, 706 Camino Lejo, Santa Fe, (505) 476-1200.

### 1 SUNDAY, NOON-5 P.M. Stargazer Portable Planetarium

Stargazer docks at the museum every weekend for "Saturday Shows" and "Sunday Movies." Reserve your spot at the front desk for these shows, free with museum admission. Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe, (505) 989-8359.

### 1 SUNDAY, 3-4 P.M. Meef Cornelius and Friends

Come say "hi" to Cornelius, the museum's beloved corn snake, while he enjoys his weekly feeding. Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe, (505) 989-8359.

### 2 MONDAY, 9-11 A.M. Toddler Time Mondays

Explora opens an hour early for toddlers and their caretakers. Explore early childhood exhibit areas, enjoy story time and join in a music jam. Explora, 1701 Mountain Road NW, Albuquerque, (505) 224-8300.

### 2 MONDAY, 10-11 A.M. Nature Playtime

A different topic every week, with activities, crafts, stories, hikes and more. Ages 0 to 5 and caregivers. Los Alamos Nature Center, 2600 Canyon Road, Los Alamos, (505) 662-0460.

### 2 MONDAY, 10 A.M.-NOON Toddler Tales

Morning reading sessions and music for toddlers and their guardians, followed by an open art studio for children. RSVP at [meowwolf.com](http://meowwolf.com). Meow Wolf, 1352 Rufina Circle, Santa Fe, (505) 395-6369.

### 2 MONDAY, 4:30-6 P.M. Table Top Games

Choose from a selection of games or bring your own. All ages welcome. Oliver La Farge Branch Library, 1730 Llano St., Santa Fe, (505) 955-4863.



By Armando, sixth grade

### 3 TUESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M. Books and Babies

Books, songs and finger games for ages 6 months to 2 years. Main Library, 145 Washington Ave., Santa Fe, (505) 955-6837.

### 3 TUESDAY, 10:30-11:15 A.M. Preschool Story Time

Stories, rhymes, songs and crafts for ages 2 to 5. Oliver La Farge Branch Library, 1730 Llano St., Santa Fe, (505) 955-4863.

### 3 TUESDAY, NOON-4:30 P.M. Plant Tuesdays

Every Tuesday afternoon, plant expert Chick Keller is in the Herbarium to answer your questions. Los Alamos Nature Center, 2600 Canyon Road, Los Alamos, (505) 662-0460.

### 3 TUESDAY, 4-4:30 P.M. Bilingual Books and Babies

Books, songs and finger games for ages 6 months to 2 years. Oliver La Farge Branch Library, 1730 Llano St., Santa Fe, (505) 955-4863.

### 4 WEDNESDAY, 9-11 A.M. Wee Wednesday

Toddlers and parents, enjoy a morning of discovery and play designed just for you! Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe, (505) 989-8359.

### 4 WEDNESDAY, 10 A.M.-NOON Bird Wednesdays

Every Wednesday, bird expert Robert Walker is in the Observation Room to talk about birds and answer questions. Los Alamos Nature Center, 2600 Canyon Road, Los Alamos, (505) 662-0460.

### 4 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M. Bilingual Books and Babies

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### 4 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M. Books and Babies

Books, songs and finger games for ages 6 months to 2 years. Oliver La Farge Branch Library, 1730 Llano St., Santa Fe, (505) 955-4863.

### 4 WEDNESDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M. Preschool Story Time

Stories, rhymes, songs and crafts for ages 2 to 5. Southside Branch Library, 6599 Jaguar Drive, Santa Fe, (505) 955-2828.

### 4 WEDNESDAY, 3-3:30 P.M. Sky Show

Join one of the Pajarito Environmental Education Center's astronomers for an open house in the planetarium. Enjoy a 15-minute sky show and ask questions about the night sky. Los Alamos Nature Center, 2600 Canyon Road, Los Alamos, (505) 662-0460.

### 4 WEDNESDAY, 4-4:30 P.M. Bilingual Books and Babies

Books, songs and finger games for ages 6 months to 2 years. Southside Branch Library, 6599 Jaguar Drive, Santa Fe, (505) 955-2828.

### 4 WEDNESDAY, 4-5 P.M. Yoga for Pregnant Women and New Moms

A gentle yoga class inspired by the cycles and wisdom of nature. Gain flexibility and build strength in preparation for, or in recovery from childbirth. United Way Learning Center, 3164 Agua Fria St., Santa Fe, (505) 819-0137.

### 4 WEDNESDAY, 5:45-7:45 P.M. Children's Chess Club

Learn to play chess, improve your techniques and participate in competitions. Main Library, 145 Washington Ave., Santa Fe, (505) 955-6837.

### 5 THURSDAY, 10:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M. Seeds and Sprouts

Hands-on gardening and nature craft projects in the Earthworks Garden (weather permitting). Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe, (505) 989-8359.

### 5 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:15 A.M. Books and Babies

Books, songs and finger games for ages 6 months to 2 years. Southside Branch Library, 6599 Jaguar Drive, Santa Fe, (505) 955-2828.

### 5 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M. Preschool Music and Movement

A free weekly program for children ages 2 and a half to 5 years to sing, dance, move, play musical instruments and have fun. Oliver La Farge Branch Library, 1730 Llano St., Santa Fe, (505) 955-4860.

### 5 THURSDAY, 11 A.M.-NOON Fun with Firefighters!

Children are welcome to enjoy a story time and interact with SFFD Firefighters. Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe, (505) 989-8359.

### 5 THURSDAY, 4-6:30 P.M. Thursdays are Yours!

Free admission for children age 17 and under. Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe, (505) 989-8359.

### 5 THURSDAY, 4:30-5:30 P.M. All Ages Open Craft

Spend an hour to unwind and unleash your creativity. Oliver La Farge Branch Library, 1730 Llano St., Santa Fe, (505) 955-4863.

### 6 FRIDAY, 10-11 A.M. Garden Sprouts Pre-K Activity

A hands-on program with stories and interactive garden- and nature-related activities in the outdoor classroom for ages 3 to 5 and their caregivers, weather permitting. Santa Fe Botanical Garden, 715 Camino Lejo, Santa Fe, (505) 471-9103.

### 6 FRIDAY, 10 A.M.-NOON Postpartum Parent Support Group

Drop-in group for conversation and company for moms with little ones up to 18 months. Childcare provided. Sponsored by Many Mothers. St. Bede's Episcopal Church, 550 W San Mateo Road, Santa Fe, (505) 982-1133.

### 6 FRIDAY, 11:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M. Story Time

Bring your toddlers and preschoolers for stories, songs and crafts just for them. Drop-ins welcome. Vista Grande Public Library, 14 Avenida Torreon, Santa Fe, (505) 466-7323.

### 6 FRIDAY, 2-4 P.M. All Ages Chess Club

All ages and skill levels welcome. Vista Grande Public Library, 14 Avenida Torreon, Santa Fe, (505) 466-7323.

### 6 FRIDAY, 2-4 P.M. Fine Art Fridays

Weekly explorations into the arts with special guests and hands-on activities. Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe, (505) 989-8359.

### 6 FRIDAY, 2:30-4:30 P.M. Friday Afternoon Art

Family program. All adults must be accompanied by a child. Southside Branch Library, 6599 Jaguar Drive, Santa Fe, (505) 955-2828.

### 6 FRIDAY, 3-4 P.M. Reptile Fridays

Come pet a snake, or ask questions about animal exhibits with a member of the critter team. Los Alamos Nature Center, 2600 Canyon Road, Los Alamos, (505) 662-0460.

### 6 FRIDAY, 6 P.M. AND 7 P.M. First Friday Fractals

An award-winning full-dome planetarium show that takes viewers on a tour of the fractals in nature and zooms through complex fractals. The show is educational and entertaining, for audiences 3 and up. Two showings with separate admission. Adults \$10; seniors \$7; children (3 to 12) \$5. New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science, 1801 Mountain Road NW, Albuquerque, (505) 841-2800.

### 6 FRIDAY, 8 P.M. AND 9 P.M. Fractals Rock!

Zoom into the infinite world of fractals in this dramatic and beautiful show. Similar to the Friday Fractals show but with "less talk more rock." Two showings with separate admission. Adults \$10; seniors \$7; children (3 to 12) \$5. New Mexico Museum of Natural



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History and Science, 1801 Mountain Road NW, Albuquerque, (505) 841-2800.

## 7 SATURDAY, 9-9:45 A.M. Family Capoeira

Learn capoeira, the Brazilian martial art that brings together dance, acrobatics and music. Donation-based. Railyard Performance Center, 1611 Paseo De Peralta, Santa Fe, (505) 982-8309.

## 7 SATURDAY, 9:30-11 A.M.

**Parenting Class: Hold On To Your Kids**  
In our busy, digital age we will discuss the why and how for keeping the connection strong all through their growing years. \$10; childcare provided. RSVP to sharon@holisticcoachingformoms.com. HolitOMoli Holistic Arts Academy, 943 Alto St., Santa Fe, (551) 795-0311.

## 7 SATURDAY, 10-11 A.M.

**Creative Dance and Music**  
Developmentally-appropriate and fun movement activities for parents and children ages 18 months to 5 years. \$10/family, or pay what you can. Railyard Performance Center, 1611 Paseo De Peralta, Santa Fe, (505) 982-8309.

## 7 SATURDAY, 10 A.M.-NOON

**Little Earth School Open House**  
Parents and children are invited to visit classrooms and meet teachers. RSVP at LittleEarthSchool.org. Little Earth School, 321 W. Zia Road, Santa Fe, (505) 988-1968.

## 7 SATURDAY, 10 A.M.-5 P.M.

**Stargazer Portable Planetarium**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 1 listing.

## 7 SATURDAY, 10:30 A.M.-NOON ¡Vamos al Museo!

Art-making for children of all ages and families of all sizes in the Domenici Education Building. Register online at nhccnm.org. National Hispanic Cultural Center, 1701 4th St. SW, Albuquerque, (505) 246-2261.

## 7 SATURDAY, 1-2 P.M.

**Science Saturdays**  
Science fun for all ages with guest scientists and STEM instructors conducting experiments and exploration. Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe, (505) 989-8359.

## 7 SATURDAY, 7:30-9 P.M.

**Prodigies: A Million Dreams Concert**  
Gardenia Jungle Entertainment brings together three talented young musical prodigies — Angelica Hale, Karolina Protsenko and Kayden Kelly — for a night of inspirational performances. Tickets \$34-\$104, 15 percent discount for students, teachers, active military and first responders. Lentic Performing Arts Center, 211 W. San Francisco St., Santa Fe, (505) 321-1323.

## 8 SUNDAY, NOON-5 P.M.

**Stargazer Portable Planetarium**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 1 listing.

## 8 SUNDAY, 3-4 P.M.

**Meet Cornelius and Friends**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 1 listing.

## 9 MONDAY, 9-11 A.M.

**Toddler Time Mondays**  
Explora. See March 2 listing.

## 9 MONDAY, 10-11 A.M.

**Nature Playtime**  
Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 2 listing.

## 9 MONDAY, 4:30-6 P.M.

**Table Top Games**  
Southside Branch Library. See March 2 listing.

## 10 TUESDAY, 8:30-10:30 A.M.

**Waldorf School Visitor Mornings**  
Parents are invited to observe Waldorf education in action by visiting classrooms, viewing samples of student work and meeting faculty and staff. Santa Fe Waldorf School, 26 Puesta del Sol, Santa Fe, (505) 983-8727.

## 10 TUESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

**Books and Babies**  
Main Library. See March 3 listing.

## 10 TUESDAY, 10:30-11:15 A.M.

**Preschool Story Time**  
Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 3 listing.

## 10 TUESDAY, NOON-4:30 P.M.

**Plant Tuesdays**  
Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 3 listing.

## 10 TUESDAY, 3:30-4:30 P.M.

**Science After School**  
For ages 6 to 12. Have fun with science. Southside Branch Library, 6599 Jaguar Drive, Santa Fe, (505) 955-2828.

## 10 TUESDAY, 4-4:30 P.M.

**Bilingual Books and Babies**  
Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 3 listing.

## 10 TUESDAY, 5:30-6 P.M.

**Family Star Party**  
A Pajarito Environmental Education Center educator will help guide the group to explore space in an informal setting as they learn about constellations, planets and more. Los Alamos Nature Center, 2600 Canyon Road, Los Alamos, (505) 662-0460.

## 10 TUESDAY, 6-7 P.M.

**Family Night**  
Enjoy songs, games and crafts with the Mesa Public Library's Melissa Mackey. Los Alamos Nature Center, 2600 Canyon Road, Los Alamos, (505) 662-0460.

## 11 WEDNESDAY, 9-11 A.M.

**Wee Wednesday**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 4 listing.

## 11 WEDNESDAY, 10 A.M.-NOON

**Bird Wednesdays**  
Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 4 listing.

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**Bilingual Books and Babies**  
Main Library. See March 4 listing.

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Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 4 listing.

## 11 WEDNESDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M.

**Preschool Story Time**  
Southside Branch Library. See March 4 listing.

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**11 WEDNESDAY, 3-3:30 P.M.**

**Sky Show**

Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 4 listing.

**11 WEDNESDAY, 3:30-4:30 P.M.**

**Science After School**

For ages 6 to 12. Have fun with science. Main Library, 145 Washington Ave., Santa Fe, (505) 955-6837.

**11 WEDNESDAY, 4-4:30 P.M.**

**Bilingual Books and Babies**

Southside Branch Library. See March 4 listing.

**11 WEDNESDAY, 4-5 P.M.**

**Yoga for Pregnant Women and New Moms**

United Way Learning Center. See March 4 listing.

**11 WEDNESDAY, 5:45-7:45 P.M.**

**Children's Chess Club**

Main Library. See March 4 listing.

**12 THURSDAY, 10:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.**

**Seeds and Sprouts**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 5 listing.

**12 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:15 A.M.**

**Books and Babies**

Southside Branch Library. See March 5 listing.

**12 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M.**

**Preschool Music and Movement**

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 5 listing.

**12 THURSDAY, 11-11:45 A.M.**

**Preschool Story Time**

Main Library. See March 5 listing.

**12 THURSDAY, 3:30-4:30 P.M.**

**Science After School**

For ages 6 to 12. Have fun with science. Oliver La Farge Branch Library, 1730 Llano St., Santa Fe, (505) 955-4863.

**12 THURSDAY, 4-6:30 P.M.**

**Thursdays are Yours!**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 5 listing.

**12 THURSDAY, 4:30-5:30 P.M.**

**All Ages Open Craft**

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 5 listing.

**13 FRIDAY, 10-11 A.M.**

**Garden Sprouts Pre-K Activity**

Santa Fe Botanical Garden. See March 6 listing.

**13 FRIDAY, 11:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.**

**Story Time**

Vista Grande Public Library. See March 6 listing.

**13 FRIDAY, 2-4 P.M.**

**All Ages Chess Club**

Vista Grande Public Library. See March 6 listing.

**13 FRIDAY, 2-4 P.M.**

**Fine Art Fridays**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.

**13 FRIDAY, 3-4 P.M.**

**Reptile Fridays**

Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 6 listing.

**13 FRIDAY, 5:30-9 P.M.**

**Parent's Night Out**

Let the kiddos enjoy an evening of facilitated fun while you have an evening out. \$25 per child, ages 5 and up. Register online at santafechildrensmuseum.org. Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe, (505) 989-8359.

**13 FRIDAY, 7-9 P.M.**

**Family Movie Night**

Free showing of a family film on the big screen. Popcorn and juice included. Call for title and rating. Vista Grande Public Library, 14 Avenida Torreon, Santa Fe, (505) 466-7323.

**14 SATURDAY, 9-9:45 A.M.**

**Family Capoeira**

Railyard Performance Center. See March 7 listing.

**14 SATURDAY, 10-11 A.M.**

**Creative Dance and Music**

Railyard Performance Center. See March 7 listing.

**14 SATURDAY, 10 A.M.-5 P.M.**

**Stargazer Portable Planetarium**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

**14 SATURDAY, 11 A.M.-1 P.M.**

**The Trains are Running!**

Members of the Santa Fe Model Railroad Club host activities and do demonstrations with the train sets at the museum. Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe, (505) 989-8359.

**14 SATURDAY, 1-2 P.M.**

**Science Saturdays**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

**14 SATURDAY, 2-4 P.M.**

**Feature Film: National Parks Adventure**

Enjoy incredible footage and stories from America's national parks. Adults \$6; children \$4. Los Alamos Nature Center, 2600 Canyon Road, Los Alamos (505) 662-0460.

**15 SUNDAY, NOON-5 P.M.**

**Stargazer Portable Planetarium**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 1 listing.

**15 SUNDAY, 2-4 P.M.**

**Rhythm of Fire**

Performance by Belisama Irish Dance accompanied by guest artists such as flamenco and folklórico dancers from Aspen Santa Fe Ballet School, talented fiddler and dance alum Maria Jones, and many others. Visit belisairishdance.com for ticketing information. James A. Little Theater, School of the Deaf, 1060 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, (505) 476-6300.

**15 SUNDAY, 3-4 P.M.**

**Meet Cornelius and Friends**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 1 listing.

**16 MONDAY TO 20 FRIDAY**

**Santa Fe Public Schools Closed**

District-wide closure for spring break.

**16 MONDAY, 9-11 A.M.**

**Toddler Time Mondays**

Explora. See March 2 listing.

**16 MONDAY, 10-11 A.M.**

**Nature Playtime**

Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 2 listing.

**16 MONDAY, 4:30-6 P.M.**

**Table Top Games**

Southside Branch Library. See March 2 listing.

**17 TUESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.**

**Books and Babies**

Main Library. See March 3 listing.

**17 TUESDAY, 10:30-11:15 A.M.**

**Preschool Story Time**

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 3 listing.

**17 TUESDAY, NOON-4:30 P.M.**

**Plant Tuesdays**

Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 3 listing.

**17 TUESDAY, 3:30-4:30 P.M.**

**School Age Craft**

For ages 6 to 12. Have fun creating. Southside Branch Library, 6599 Jaguar Drive, Santa Fe, (505) 955-2828.

**17 TUESDAY, 4-4:30 P.M.**

**Bilingual Books and Babies**

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 3 listing.

**17 TUESDAY, 6-7:30 P.M.**

**Nature Center Takeover**

Enjoy mini-golf, s'mores, crafts and more thanks to the Los Alamos County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Division. Los Alamos Nature Center, 2600 Canyon Road, Los Alamos, (505) 662-0460.

**18 WEDNESDAY, 9-11 A.M.**

**Wee Wednesday**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 4 listing.

**18 WEDNESDAY, 10 A.M.-NOON**

**Bird Wednesdays**

Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 4 listing.

**18 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.**

**Bilingual Books and Babies**

Main Library. See March 4 listing.

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**18 WEDNESDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M.**

**Preschool Story Time**

Southside Branch Library. See March 4 listing.

**18 WEDNESDAY, 1-4 P.M.**

**Family Program: Spring Break**

Hands-on art activities and participate in a scavenger hunt. For children ages 4 to 12 and their grown-ups. Georgia O'Keeffe Museum, 217 Johnson St., Santa Fe, (505) 946-1000.

**18 WEDNESDAY, 3-3:30 P.M.**

**Sky Show**

Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 4 listing.

**18 WEDNESDAY, 3:30-4:30 P.M.**

**School Age Craft**

For ages 6 to 12. Have fun creating. Main Library, 145 Washington Ave., Santa Fe, (505) 955-6837.

**18 WEDNESDAY, 4-4:30 P.M.**

**Bilingual Books and Babies**

Southside Branch Library. See March 4 listing.

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**18 WEDNESDAY, 4-5 P.M.**

**Yoga for Pregnant Women and New Moms**

United Way Learning Center. See March 4 listing.

**18 WEDNESDAY, 5:45-7:45 P.M.**

**Children's Chess Club**

Main Library. See March 4 listing.

**19 THURSDAY, 10 A.M.-4 P.M.**

**Community Day at the Garden**

Celebrate the first day of spring with free admission to the garden for New Mexico residents and students. Santa Fe Botanical Garden, 715 Camino Lejo, Santa Fe, (505) 471-9103.

**19 THURSDAY, 10:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.**

**Seeds and Sprouts**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 5 listing.

**19 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:15 A.M.**

**Books and Babies**

Southside Branch Library. See March 5 listing.

**19 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M.**

**Preschool Music and Movement**

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 5 listing.

**19 THURSDAY, 11-11:45 A.M.**

**Preschool Story Time**

Main Library. See March 5 listing.

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**School Age Craft**

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**19 THURSDAY, 4-6:30 P.M.**

**Thursdays are Yours!**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 5 listing.

**19 THURSDAY, 4:30-5:30 P.M.**

**All Ages Open Craft**

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 5 listing.

**20 FRIDAY, 10-11 A.M.**

**Garden Sprouts Pre-K Activity**

Santa Fe Botanical Garden. See March 6 listing.

**20 FRIDAY, 10 A.M.-NOON**

**Postpartum Parent Support Group**

St. Bede's Episcopal Church. See March 6 listing.

**20 FRIDAY, 11:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.**

**Story Time**

Vista Grande Public Library. See March 6 listing.

**20 FRIDAY, 2-4 P.M.**

**All Ages Chess Club**

Vista Grande Public Library. See March 6 listing.

**20 FRIDAY, 2-4 P.M.**

**Fine Art Fridays**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.

**20 FRIDAY, 3-4 P.M.**

**Reptile Fridays**

Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 6 listing.

**20 FRIDAY, 5:30-7:30 P.M.**

**Sensory Friendly Friday**

A special evening for our friends with sensory needs featuring low lighting and a relaxed environment. Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe, (505) 989-8359.



By Santiago Tiscareno, second grade

**20 FRIDAY, 6:30 P.M. TO 21 SATURDAY, 8 A.M.**

**Aquarium Overnight**

Pack your pajamas and pillow for the ultimate sleepover. Explore the aquarium at night, meet marine animals up close at the touch pools, play a game, get crafty and take in a marine movie. \$30 per person. ABQ BioPark Aquarium, 2601 Central Ave NW, Albuquerque, (505) 848-7180.

**21 SATURDAY, 9-9:45 A.M.**

**Family Capoeira**

Railyard Performance Center. See March 7 listing.

**21 SATURDAY, 9:30-11:30 A.M.**

**Family Program: Springtime Crafts**

Mixed-media workshop with a variety of fun crafts. For children ages 4 to 12 and their grown-ups. Georgia O'Keeffe Museum, 217 Johnson St., Santa Fe, (505) 946-1000.

**21 SATURDAY, 10-11 A.M.**

**Creative Dance and Music**

Railyard Performance Center. See March 7 listing.

**21 SATURDAY, 10 A.M.-5 P.M.**

**Stargazer Portable Planetarium**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

**21 SATURDAY, 1-2 P.M.**

**Science Saturdays**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

**22 SUNDAY, NOON-5 P.M.**

**Stargazer Portable Planetarium**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 1 listing.

**22 SUNDAY, 3-4 P.M.**

**Meet Cornelius and Friends**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 1 listing.

**23 MONDAY, 9-11 A.M.**

**Toddler Time Mondays**

Explora. See March 2 listing.

**23 MONDAY, 10-11 A.M.**

**Nature Playtime**

Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 2 listing.

**23 MONDAY, 4:30-6 P.M.**

**Table Top Games**

Southside Branch Library. See March 2 listing.

**24 TUESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.**

**Books and Babies**

Main Library. See March 3 listing.

**24 TUESDAY, 10:30-11:15 A.M.**

**Preschool Story Time**

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 3 listing.

**24 TUESDAY, NOON-4:30 P.M.**

**Plant Tuesdays**

Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 3 listing.

**24 TUESDAY, 4-4:30 P.M.**

**Bilingual Books and Babies**

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 3 listing.

**25 WEDNESDAY, 9-11 A.M.**

**Wee Wednesday**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 4 listing.

**25 WEDNESDAY, 10 A.M.-NOON**

**Bird Wednesdays**

Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 4 listing.

**25 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.**

**Bilingual Books and Babies**

Main Library. See March 4 listing.

**25 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.**

**Books and Babies**

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 4 listing.

**25 WEDNESDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M.**

**Preschool Story Time**

Southside Branch Library. See March 4 listing.

**25 WEDNESDAY, 3-3:30 P.M.**

**Sky Show**

Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 4 listing.

**25 WEDNESDAY, 4-4:30 P.M.**

**Bilingual Books and Babies**

Southside Branch Library. See March 4 listing.

**25 WEDNESDAY, 4-5 P.M.**

**Yoga for Pregnant Women and New Moms**

United Way Learning Center. See March 4 listing.

**25 WEDNESDAY, 5:45-7:45 P.M.**

**Children's Chess Club**

Main Library. See March 4 listing.

**26 THURSDAY, 10:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.**

**Seeds and Sprouts**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 5 listing.

**26 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:15 A.M.**

**Books and Babies**

Southside Branch Library. See March 5 listing.

**26 THURSDAY, 11-11:45 A.M.**

**Preschool Story Time**

Main Library. See March 5 listing.

**26 THURSDAY, 4-6:30 P.M.**

**Thursdays are Yours!**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 5 listing.

**26 THURSDAY, 4:30-5:30 P.M.**

**All Ages Open Craft**

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 5 listing.

**26 THURSDAY, 7-8 P.M.**

**NMSA Honors Concert**

A concert by some of New Mexico's finest high school musicians. Adults \$10; students and seniors \$5. Visit [nmschoolforthearts.org](http://nmschoolforthearts.org). SITE Santa Fe, 1606 Paseo De Peralta, Santa Fe, (505) 989-1199.

**27 FRIDAY, 8 A.M.-3 P.M.**

**Visiting Parent Tours**

Tours for parents of children entering ages 5-11. (Children may come at a later date.) RSVP to [info@fayettstreetacademy.org](mailto:info@fayettstreetacademy.org) for times and parking information. Fayette Street Academy, 830 Fayette St., Santa Fe, (505) 982-3396.

**27 FRIDAY, 10-11 A.M.**

**Garden Sprouts Pre-K Activity**

Santa Fe Botanical Garden. See March 6 listing.

**27 FRIDAY, 11:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.**

**Story Time**

Vista Grande Public Library. See March 6 listing.

**27 FRIDAY, 2-4 P.M.**

**All Ages Chess Club**

Vista Grande Public Library. See March 6 listing.

**27 FRIDAY, 2-4 P.M.**

**Fine Art Fridays**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.

**27 FRIDAY, 3-4 P.M.**

**Reptile Fridays**

Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 6 listing.



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**27 FRIDAY, 5:30-7:30 P.M.**

**Family Fun Night**

A family evening of Dr. Seuss for all ages. Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe, (505) 989-8359.

**27 FRIDAY, 5:30-9 P.M.**

**Parent's Night Out**

Go adult for an evening, we've got the kids. \$20 per child. Joy Montessori, 107 W. Barcelona Road, Santa Fe, (505) 795-0451.

**28 SATURDAY, 9-9:45 A.M.**

**Family Capoeira**

Railyard Performance Center. See March 7 listing.

**28 SATURDAY, 10-11 A.M.**

**Creative Dance and Music**

Railyard Performance Center. See March 7 listing.

**28 SATURDAY, 10 A.M.-5 P.M.**

**Stargazer Portable Planetarium**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

**28 SATURDAY, 11 A.M.-NOON**

**The Magic of Kevin Spencer**

This extraordinary magician combines storytelling, stage magic and audience participation in a show designed for audiences of all abilities. Lencic Performing Arts Center, 211 W. San Francisco St., Santa Fe, (505) 988-1234.

**28 SATURDAY, 11 A.M.-1 P.M.**

**The Trains are Running!**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 14 listing.

**28 SATURDAY, 1-2 P.M.**

**Science Saturdays**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

**28 SATURDAY, 2-4 P.M.**

**Feature Film: Superpower Dogs**

Join an immersive adventure to experience the life-saving superpowers and bravery of the world's most amazing dogs. Adults \$6; children \$4. Los Alamos Nature Center, 2600 Canyon Road, Los Alamos, (505) 662-0460.

**29 SUNDAY, NOON-5 P.M.**

**Stargazer Portable Planetarium**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 1 listing.

**29 SUNDAY, 3-4 P.M.**

**Meet Cornelius and Friends**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 1 listing.

**29 SUNDAY, 4-5 P.M.**

**SFYSA Musical Roots Concert**

Santa Youth Symphony Association presents Musical Roots, their fourth annual Music for Everyone concert, featuring music from Africa and the Americas. Visit SFYSA.org for ticketing information. Lencic Performing Arts Center, 211 W. San Francisco St., Santa Fe, (505) 988-1234.

**30 MONDAY, 9-11 A.M.**

**Toddler Time Mondays**

Explora. See March 2 listing.

**30 MONDAY, 10-11 A.M.**

**Nature Playtime**

Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 2 listing.

**30 MONDAY, 4:30-6 P.M.**

**Table Top Games**

Southside Branch Library. See March 2 listing.

**31 TUESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.**

**Books and Babies**

Main Library. See March 3 listing.

**31 TUESDAY, 10:30-11:15 A.M.**

**Preschool Story Time**

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 3 listing.

**31 TUESDAY, NOON-4:30 P.M.**

**Plant Tuesdays**

Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 3 listing.

**31 TUESDAY, 3:30-4:30 P.M.**

**Folk Art Afternoons**

For ages 6 to 12. Learn about folk art with hands-on art making. Southside Branch Library, 6599 Jaguar Drive, Santa Fe, (505) 955-2828.

**31 TUESDAY, 4-4:30 P.M.**

**Bilingual Books and Babies**

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 3 listing.

**31 TUESDAY, 6-8 P.M.**

**Santa Fe Girls' School Open House**

Parents and families of fifth- and sixth-grade students are invited to discover the advantages of a small, all-girls middle school. Santa Fe Girl's School, 310 W. Zia Road, Santa Fe, (505) 820-3188.

## APRIL

**1 WEDNESDAY, 9-11 A.M.**

**Wee Wednesday**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 4 listing.

**1 WEDNESDAY, 10 A.M.-NOON**

**Bird Wednesdays**

Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 4 listing.

**1 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.**

**Bilingual Books and Babies**

Main Library. See March 4 listing.

**1 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.**

**Books and Babies**

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 4 listing.

**1 WEDNESDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M.**

**Preschool Story Time**

Southside Branch Library. See March 4 listing.

**1 WEDNESDAY, 3-3:30 P.M.**

**Sky Show**

Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 4 listing.

**1 WEDNESDAY, 4-4:30 P.M.**

**Bilingual Books and Babies**

Southside Branch Library. See March 4 listing.

**1 WEDNESDAY, 4-5 P.M.**

**Yoga for Pregnant Women and New Moms**

United Way Learning Center. See March 4 listing.

**1 WEDNESDAY, 5:45-7:45 P.M.**

**Children's Chess Club**

Main Library. See March 4 listing.

**2 THURSDAY, 10:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.**

**Seeds and Sprouts**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 5 listing.

**2 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:15 A.M.**

**Books and Babies**

Southside Branch Library. See March 5 listing.

**2 THURSDAY, 11 A.M.-12 P.M.**

**Fun with Firefighters!**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 5 listing.

**2 THURSDAY, 11-11:45 A.M.**

**Preschool Story Time**

Main Library. See March 5 listing.

**2 THURSDAY, 4-6:30 P.M.**

**Thursdays are Yours!**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 5 listing.

**3 FRIDAY, 10-11 A.M.**

**Garden Sprouts Pre-K Activity**

Santa Fe Botanical Garden. See March 6 listing.

**3 FRIDAY, 10 A.M.-NOON**

**Postpartum Parent Support Group**

St. Bede's Episcopal Church. See March 6 listing.

**3 FRIDAY, 11:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.**

**Story Time**

Vista Grande Public Library. See March 6 listing.

**3 FRIDAY, 2-4 P.M.**

**All Ages Chess Club**

Vista Grande Public Library. See March 6 listing.

**3 FRIDAY, 2-4 P.M.**

**Fine Art Fridays**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.

**3 FRIDAY, 2:30-4:30 P.M.**

**Friday Afternoon Art**

Southside Branch Library. See March 6 listing.

**3 FRIDAY, 3-4 P.M.**

**Reptile Fridays**

Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 6 listing.

**3 FRIDAY, 6 P.M. AND 7 P.M.**

**First Friday Fractals**

New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science. See March 6 listing.

**3 FRIDAY, 8 P.M. AND 9 P.M.**

**Fractals Rock!**

New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science. See March 6 listing.

**4 SATURDAY, 6:45 A.M.-4 P.M.**

**Annual Fishing Derby**

Cast your line to see what you can catch at Tingley Beach during the Annual Fishing Derby! Catch one of the tagged trout and win a prize. Tingley Beach, 1800 Tingley Drive SW, Albuquerque, (505) 768-2000.

**4 SATURDAY, 9-9:45 A.M.**

**Family Capoeira**

Railyard Performance Center. See March 7 listing.

**4 SATURDAY, 9:30-11 A.M.**

**Parenting Class: Inner Practices for Parents**

Focus on identifying the hidden beliefs we hold about our child and discuss how this affects them more than we think. \$10; childcare provided. RSVP to sharon@holisticcoachingformoms.com. HolliTOMoli Holistic Arts Academy, 943 Alto St., Santa Fe, (551) 795-0311.

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## 4 SATURDAY, 10-11 A.M.

**Creative Dance and Music**  
Railyard Performance Center. See March 7 listing.

## 4 SATURDAY, 10 A.M.-5 P.M.

**Stargazer Portable Planetarium**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

## 4 SATURDAY, 10:30 A.M.-NOON

**¡Vamos al Museo!**  
National Hispanic Cultural Center. See March 7 listing.

## 4 SATURDAY, 1-2 P.M.

**Science Saturdays**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

## 5 SUNDAY, 10 A.M.-5 P.M.

**Free First Sundays**  
Museum of Indian Arts and Culture, Museum of International Folk Art, New Mexico History Museum, New Mexico Museum of Art, and New Mexico Museum of Natural History & Science. See March 1 listing.

## 5 SUNDAY, 11 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

**Family Mornings at Folk Art**  
Today's theme: Earth Day. Museum on International Folk Art. See March 1 listing.

## 5 SUNDAY, NOON-5 P.M.

**Stargazer Portable Planetarium**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 1 listing.

## 5 SUNDAY, 2-5 P.M.

**Pilgrimage to Chimayo**  
All ages welcome on this 7-mile walk to Chimayo. The United Church of Santa Fe, 1804 Arroyo Chamiso, Santa Fe, (505) 988-3295.

## 5 SUNDAY, 3-4 P.M.

**Meet Cornelius and Friends**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 1 listing.

## 6 MONDAY, 9-11 A.M.

**Toddler Time Mondays**  
Explora. See March 2 listing.

## 6 MONDAY, 10-11 A.M.

**Nature Playtime**  
Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 2 listing.

## 7 TUESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

**Books and Babies**  
Main Library. See March 3 listing.

## 7 TUESDAY, 10:30-11:15 A.M.

**Preschool Story Time**  
Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 3 listing.

## 7 TUESDAY, NOON-4:30 P.M.

**Plant Tuesdays**  
Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 3 listing.

## 7 TUESDAY, 4-4:30 P.M.

**Bilingual Books and Babies**  
Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 3 listing.

## 8 WEDNESDAY, 9-11 A.M.

**Wee Wednesday**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 4 listing.

## 8 WEDNESDAY, 10 A.M.-NOON

**Bird Wednesdays**  
Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 4 listing.

## 8 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

**Bilingual Books and Babies**  
Main Library. See March 4 listing.

## 8 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

**Books and Babies**  
Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 4 listing.

## 8 WEDNESDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M.

**Preschool Story Time**  
Southside Branch Library. See March 4 listing.

## 8 WEDNESDAY, 3-3:30 P.M.

**Sky Show**  
Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 4 listing.

## 8 WEDNESDAY, 4-4:30 P.M.

**Bilingual Books and Babies**  
Southside Branch Library. See March 4 listing.

## 8 WEDNESDAY, 4-5 P.M.

**Yoga for Pregnant Women and New Moms**  
United Way Learning Center. See March 4 listing.

## 8 WEDNESDAY, 5:45-7:45 P.M.

**Children's Chess Club**  
Main Library. See March 4 listing.

## 9 THURSDAY, 10:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

**Seeds and Sprouts**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 5 listing.

## 9 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:15 A.M.

**Books and Babies**  
Southside Branch Library. See March 5 listing.

## 9 THURSDAY, 11-11:45 A.M.

**Preschool Story Time**  
Main Library. See March 5 listing.

## 9 THURSDAY, 4-6:30 P.M.

**Thursdays are Yours!**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 5 listing.

## 10 FRIDAY, 10-11 A.M.

**Garden Sprouts Pre-K Activity**  
Santa Fe Botanical Garden. See March 6 listing.

## 10 FRIDAY, 11:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

**Story Time**  
Vista Grande Public Library. See March 6 listing.

## 10 FRIDAY, NOON-4 P.M.

**Wonders on Wheels: ¡Música Buena!**  
Traveling exhibit from the Museum of International Folk Art. Experience a historical overview of the complex heritage of folk music in our state as well as a range of music-making activities for all ages. Vista Grande Public Library parking Lot, 14 Avenida Torreon, Santa Fe, (505) 466-7323.

## 10 FRIDAY, 2-4 P.M.

**All Ages Chess Club**  
Vista Grande Public Library. See March 6 listing.

## 10 FRIDAY, 2-4 P.M.

**Fine Art Fridays**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.

## 10 FRIDAY, 3-4 P.M.

**Reptile Fridays**  
Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 6 listing.

## 10 FRIDAY, 5:30-9 P.M.

**Parent's Night Out**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 13 listing.

## 10 FRIDAY, 7-9 P.M.

**Family Movie Night**  
Vista Grande Public Library. See March 13 listing.

## 10 FRIDAY, ALL DAY

**Santa Fe Public Schools Closed**  
District-wide closure for mid-semester break.

## 11 SATURDAY, 9-9:45 A.M.

**Family Capoeira**  
Railyard Performance Center. See March 7 listing.

## 11 SATURDAY, 10-11 A.M.

**Creative Dance and Music**  
Railyard Performance Center. See March 7 listing.

## 11 SATURDAY, 10 A.M.-5 P.M.

**Stargazer Portable Planetarium**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

## 11 SATURDAY, 11 A.M.-1 P.M.

**The Trains are Running!**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 14 listing.

## 11 SATURDAY, 1-2 P.M.

**Science Saturdays**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

## 12 SUNDAY, 6 A.M.-NOON

**Celebration of Easter**  
Celebrate Easter at 6 a.m. Sunrise Service; 8:30 a.m. Communion, and 11 a.m. Easter Celebration with Joyful Noise Kids' Choir. The United Church of Santa Fe, 1804 Arroyo Chamiso, Santa Fe, (505) 988-3295.

## 12 SUNDAY, NOON-5 P.M.

**Stargazer Portable Planetarium**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 1 listing.

## 12 SUNDAY, 1-4 P.M.

**Community Fun Day**  
Celebrate the last week of the British Museum's exhibition, "The birth, death and resurrection of Christ: from Michelangelo to Tiepolo," with a day of art-making and activities for all ages. New Mexico Museum of Art, 107 W. Palace Ave., Santa Fe, (505) 476-5072.

## 12 SUNDAY, 3-4 P.M.

**Meet Cornelius and Friends**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 1 listing.

## 13 MONDAY, 9-11 A.M.

**Toddler Time Mondays**  
Explora. See March 2 listing.

## 13 MONDAY, 10-11 A.M.

**Nature Playtime**  
Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 2 listing.

## 14 TUESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

**Books and Babies**  
Main Library. See March 3 listing.

## 14 TUESDAY, 10:30-11:15 A.M.

**Preschool Story Time**  
Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 3 listing.

## 14 TUESDAY, NOON-4:30 P.M.

**Plant Tuesdays**  
Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 3 listing.

## 14 TUESDAY, 3:30-4:30 P.M.

**Science After School**  
Southside Branch Library. See March 10 listing.

## 14 TUESDAY, 4-4:30 P.M.

**Bilingual Books and Babies**  
Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 3 listing.

## 15 WEDNESDAY, 9-11 A.M.

**Wee Wednesday**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 4 listing.

## 15 WEDNESDAY, 10 A.M.-NOON

**Bird Wednesdays**  
Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 4 listing.

## 15 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

**Bilingual Books and Babies**  
Main Library. See March 4 listing.

## 15 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

**Books and Babies**  
Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 4 listing.

## 15 WEDNESDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M.

**Preschool Story Time**  
Southside Branch Library. See March 4 listing.

## 15 WEDNESDAY, 3-3:30 P.M.

**Sky Show**  
Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 4 listing.

## 15 WEDNESDAY, 3:30-4:30 P.M.

**Science After School**  
Main Library. See March 11 listing.

## 15 WEDNESDAY, 4-4:30 P.M.

**Bilingual Books and Babies**  
Southside Branch Library. See March 4 listing.

## 15 WEDNESDAY, 4-5 P.M.

**Yoga for Pregnant Women and New Moms**  
United Way Learning Center. See March 4 listing.

## 15 WEDNESDAY, 5:45-7:45 P.M.

**Children's Chess Club**  
Main Library. See March 4 listing.

## 16 THURSDAY, 10:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

**Seeds and Sprouts**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 5 listing.

## 16 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:15 A.M.

**Books and Babies**  
Southside Branch Library. See March 5 listing.

## 16 THURSDAY, 11-11:45 A.M.

**Preschool Story Time**  
Main Library. See March 5 listing.

## 16 THURSDAY, 3:30-4:30 P.M.

**Science After School**  
Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 12 listing.

## 16 THURSDAY, 4-6:30 P.M.

**Thursdays are Yours!**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 5 listing.

## 17 FRIDAY, 10-11 A.M.

**Garden Sprouts Pre-K Activity**  
Santa Fe Botanical Garden. See March 6 listing.

## 17 FRIDAY, 10 A.M.-NOON

**Postpartum Parent Support Group**  
St. Bede's Episcopal Church. See March 6 listing.

## 17 FRIDAY, 11:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

**Story Time**  
Vista Grande Public Library. See March 6 listing.

## 17 FRIDAY, 2-4 P.M.

**All Ages Chess Club**  
Vista Grande Public Library. See March 6 listing.

## 17 FRIDAY, 2-4 P.M.

**Fine Art Fridays**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.



# Spring 2020 Calendar – April

**17 FRIDAY, 3-4 P.M.**

**Reptile Fridays**

Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 6 listing.

**17 FRIDAY, 5:30-7:30 P.M.**

**Sensory Friendly Friday**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 20 listing.

**17 FRIDAY, 6:30 P.M. TO 18 SATURDAY, 8 A.M.**

**Aquarium Overnight**

ABQ BioPark Aquarium. See March 20 listing.

**18 SATURDAY, 9-9:45 A.M.**

**Family Capoeira**

Railyard Performance Center. See March 7 listing.

**18 SATURDAY, 9 A.M.-4:30 P.M.**

**Half-Price Weekend at ABQ BioPark**

Tickets to the Zoo or Aquarium and Botanic Garden are half-price for one weekend each quarter. ABQ BioPark Zoo, 903 10<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Albuquerque; Botanic Garden and Aquarium, 2601 Central Ave. NW, Albuquerque, (505) 758-2000.

**18 SATURDAY, 10-11 A.M.**

**Creative Dance and Music**

Railyard Performance Center. See March 7 listing.

**18 SATURDAY, 10 A.M.-5 P.M.**

**Stargazer Portable Planetarium**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

**18 SATURDAY, 1-2 P.M.**

**Science Saturdays**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

**19 SUNDAY, 9 A.M.-4:30 P.M.**

**Half-Price Weekend at ABQ BioPark**

ABQ BioPark. See April 18 listing.

**19 SUNDAY, 11 A.M.-NOON**

**Earth Day Sunday**

Special activities for Earth Day Sunday, appropriate for all ages. The United Church of Santa Fe, 1804 Arroyo Chamiso, Santa Fe, (505) 988-3295.

**19 SUNDAY, NOON-5 P.M.**

**Stargazer Portable Planetarium**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 1 listing.

**19 SUNDAY, 3-4 P.M.**

**Meet Cornelius and Friends**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 1 listing.

**20 MONDAY, 9-11 A.M.**

**Toddler Time Mondays**

Explora. See March 2 listing.

**20 MONDAY, 10-11 A.M.**

**Nature Playtime**

Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 2 listing.

**21 TUESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.**

**Books and Babies**

Main Library. See March 3 listing.

**21 TUESDAY, 10:30-11:15 A.M.**

**Preschool Story Time**

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 3 listing.

**21 TUESDAY, NOON-4:30 P.M.**

**Plant Tuesdays**

Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 3 listing.

**21 TUESDAY, 3:30-4:30 P.M.**

**School Age Craft**

Southside Branch Library. See March 17 listing.

**21 TUESDAY, 4-4:30 P.M.**

**Bilingual Books and Babies**

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 3 listing.

**22 WEDNESDAY, 9-11 A.M.**

**Wee Wednesday**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 4 listing.

**22 WEDNESDAY, 9 A.M.-5 P.M.**

**Community Day at the Garden**

Celebrate the planet with free admission to the garden for New Mexico residents and students. Santa Fe Botanical Garden, 715 Camino Lejo, Santa Fe, (505) 471-9103.

**22 WEDNESDAY, 10 A.M.-NOON**

**Bird Wednesdays**

Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 4 listing.

**22 WEDNESDAY, 10 A.M.-NOON**

**Wee Earth Day Celebration**

Featuring story time, oven treats, and exploration in the garden. Santa Fe Children's

Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe, (505) 989-8359.

**22 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.**

**Bilingual Books and Babies**

Main Library. See March 4 listing.

**22 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.**

**Books and Babies**

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 4 listing.

**22 WEDNESDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M.**

**Preschool Story Time**

Southside Branch Library. See March 4 listing.

**22 WEDNESDAY, 3-3:30 P.M.**

**Sky Show**

Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 4 listing.

**22 WEDNESDAY, 3:30-4:30 P.M.**

**School Age Craft**

Main Library. See March 18 listing.

**22 WEDNESDAY, 4-4:30 P.M.**

**Bilingual Books and Babies**

Southside Branch Library. See March 4 listing.

**22 WEDNESDAY, 4-5 P.M.**

**Yoga for Pregnant Women and New Moms**

United Way Learning Center. See March 4 listing.

**22 WEDNESDAY, 5:45-7:45 P.M.**

**Children's Chess Club**

Main Library. See March 4 listing.

**March  
April  
May**





**Spring Break Camp**  
**A "Star Wars"-inspired exploration:  
 Return of the ArtBots**  
 March 16th -20th. 9:30am-3:30pm Ages 6 to 12  
 Register on our website.

**Sensory Friendly Friday- Autism Society NM**  
 March 20th, April 17th, & May 15th, 5:30-7:30pm

**Parents' Night Out**  
 Friday, March 13th, April 10th, & May 8th, 5:30-9:00pm  
 Register on our website. \$25 per child 5 and up.

**Family Fun Night**  
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# Spring 2020 Calendar – April/May

**23 THURSDAY, 10:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.**

**Seeds and Sprouts**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 5 listing.

**23 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:15 A.M.**

**Books and Babies**

Southside Branch Library. See March 5 listing.

**23 THURSDAY, 11-11:45 A.M.**

**Preschool Story Time**

Main Library. See March 5 listing.

**23 THURSDAY, 3:30-4:30 P.M.**

**School Age Craft**

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 19 listing.

**23 THURSDAY, 4-6:30 P.M.**

**Thursdays are Yours!**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 5 listing.

**24 FRIDAY, 8 A.M.-3 P.M.**

**Visiting Parent Tours**

Fayette Street Academy. See March 27 listing.

**24 FRIDAY, 10-11 A.M.**

**Garden Sprouts Pre-K Activity**

Santa Fe Botanical Garden. See March 6 listing.

**24 FRIDAY, 11:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.**

**Story Time**

Vista Grande Public Library. See March 6 listing.

**24 FRIDAY, 2-4 P.M.**

**All Ages Chess Club**

Vista Grande Public Library. See March 6 listing.

**24 FRIDAY, 2-4 P.M.**

**Fine Art Fridays**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.

**24 FRIDAY, 3-4 P.M.**

**Reptile Fridays**

Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 6 listing.

**24 FRIDAY, 5-7 P.M.**

**Capital High Art Opening**

The opening of Capital High School's art exhibition, featuring the work of talented teenagers from our community. Refreshments provided. Georgia O'Keeffe Museum Education Annex, 123 Grant Ave., Santa Fe, (505) 946-1000.

**24 FRIDAY, 5:30-6:30 P.M.**

**Picnic in the Park**

A fun picnic in the park for all ages. The United Church of Santa Fe, 1804 Arroyo Chamiso, Santa Fe, (505) 988-3295.

**24 FRIDAY, 5:30-7:30 P.M.**

**Family Fun Night**

Fun for the whole family celebrating Earth Night. Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe, (505) 989-8359.

**24 FRIDAY, 5:30-9 P.M.**

**Parent's Night Out**

Joy Montessori. See March 27 listing.

**25 SATURDAY, 9-9:45 A.M.**

**Family Capoeira**

Railyard Performance Center. See March 7 listing.

**25 SATURDAY, 10-11 A.M.**

**Creative Dance and Music**

Railyard Performance Center. See March 7 listing.

**25 SATURDAY, 10 A.M.-2 P.M.**

**Earth Day Festival**

Celebrate Earth Day and Pajarito Environmental Education Center's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary with activities, entertainment, food and special surprises. Los Alamos Nature Center, 2600 Canyon Road, Los Alamos, (505) 662-0460.

**25 SATURDAY, 10 A.M.-5 P.M.**

**Stargazer Portable Planetarium**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

**25 SATURDAY, 11 A.M.-1 P.M.**

**The Trains are Running!**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 14 listing.

**25 SATURDAY, 1-2 P.M.**

**Science Saturdays**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

**26 SUNDAY, NOON-4 P.M.**

**Earth Day Celebration**

Join the Railyard Park Conservancy for a free day of learning and family-friendly fun for Earth Day. Santa Fe Railyard Park, 740 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, (505) 982-3373.

**26 SUNDAY, NOON-5 P.M.**

**Stargazer Portable Planetarium**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 1 listing.

**26 SUNDAY, 3-4 P.M.**

**Meet Cornelius and Friends**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 1 listing.

**27 MONDAY, 9-11 A.M.**

**Toddler Time Mondays**

Explora. See March 2 listing.

**27 MONDAY, 10-11 A.M.**

**Nature Playtime**

Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 2 listing.

**28 TUESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.**

**Books and Babies**

Main Library. See March 3 listing.

**28 TUESDAY, 10:30-11:15 A.M.**

**Preschool Story Time**

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 3 listing.

**28 TUESDAY, NOON-4:30 P.M.**

**Plant Tuesdays**

Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 3 listing.

**28 TUESDAY, 3:30-4:30 P.M.**

**Folk Art Afternoons**

Southside Branch Library. See March 31 listing.

**28 TUESDAY, 4-4:30 P.M.**

**Bilingual Books and Babies**

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 3 listing.

**29 WEDNESDAY, 9-11 A.M.**

**Wee Wednesday**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 4 listing.

**29 WEDNESDAY, 10 A.M.-NOON**

**Bird Wednesdays**

Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 4 listing.

**29 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.**

**Bilingual Books and Babies**

Main Library. See March 4 listing.

**29 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.**

**Books and Babies**

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 4 listing.

**29 WEDNESDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M.**

**Preschool Story Time**

Southside Branch Library. See March 4 listing.

**29 WEDNESDAY, 3-3:30 P.M.**

**Sky Show**

Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 4 listing.

**29 WEDNESDAY, 4-4:30 P.M.**

**Bilingual Books and Babies**

Southside Branch Library. See March 4 listing.

**29 WEDNESDAY, 4-5 P.M.**

**Yoga for Pregnant Women and New Moms**

United Way Learning Center. See March 4 listing.

**29 WEDNESDAY, 5:45-7:45 P.M.**

**Children's Chess Club**

Main Library. See March 4 listing.

**30 THURSDAY, 10:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.**

**Seeds and Sprouts**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 5 listing.

**30 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:15 A.M.**

**Books and Babies**

Southside Branch Library. See March 5 listing.

**30 THURSDAY, 11-11:45 A.M.**

**Preschool Story Time**

Main Library. See March 5 listing.

**30 THURSDAY, 4-6:30 P.M.**

**Thursdays are Yours!**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 5 listing.

## MAY

**1 FRIDAY, 11:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.**

**Story Time**

Vista Grande Public Library. See March 6 listing.

**1 FRIDAY, 2-4 P.M.**

**All Ages Chess Club**

Vista Grande Public Library. See March 6 listing.

**1 FRIDAY, 2-4 P.M.**

**Fine Art Fridays**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.

**1 FRIDAY, 3-4 P.M.**

**Reptile Fridays**

Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 6 listing.

**1 FRIDAY, 6 P.M. AND 7 P.M.**

**First Friday Fractals**

New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science. See March 6 listing.

**1 FRIDAY, 8 P.M. AND 9 P.M.**

**Fractals Rock!**

New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science. See March 6 listing.

**2 SATURDAY, 9-9:45 A.M.**

**Family Capoeira**

Railyard Performance Center. See March 7 listing.

**2 SATURDAY, 10-11 A.M.**

**Creative Dance and Music**

Railyard Performance Center. See March 7 listing.

**2 SATURDAY, 10 A.M.-4 P.M.**

**Wanna Play? Experience**

The 11<sup>th</sup> annual Wanna Play? Experience features an instrument petting zoo, live music, drum circle, private mini-lessons and much more, all free! The Candyman Strings & Things, 851 St. Michael's Drive, Santa Fe, (505) 983-5906.

**2 SATURDAY, 10 A.M.-5 P.M.**

**Stargazer Portable Planetarium**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

**2 SATURDAY, 10:30 A.M.-NOON**

**¡Vamos al Museo!**

National Hispanic Cultural Center. See March 7 listing.

**2 SATURDAY, 1-2 P.M.**

**Science Saturdays**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

**3 SUNDAY, 7-10 A.M.**

**Run For the Zoo**

Run, walk or stroll in the 35<sup>th</sup> annual Run For the Zoo, the largest running event in New Mexico. To register, visit runforthezoo.org. ABQ BioPark, 903 10<sup>th</sup> St. SW, Albuquerque, (505) 768-2000.

**3 SUNDAY, 10 A.M.-5 P.M.**

**Free First Sundays**

Museum of Indian Arts and Culture, Museum of International Folk Art, New Mexico History Museum, New Mexico Museum of Art, and New Mexico Museum of Natural History & Science. See March 1 listing.

**3 SUNDAY, 11-11:45 A.M.**

**Preschool Story Time**

Stories, rhymes, songs and crafts for ages 2 to 5. Main Library, 145 Washington Ave., Santa Fe, (505) 955-6837.

**3 SUNDAY, NOON-5 P.M.**

**Stargazer Portable Planetarium**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 1 listing.

**3 SUNDAY, 12:15-2 P.M.**

**United We Run**

A 5K run/walk and 1K FunRun to raise funds for local Santa Fe agencies serving children and youth, immigrants and care for the environment. The United Church of Santa Fe, 1804 Arroyo Chamiso, Santa Fe, (505) 988-3295.

**3 SUNDAY, 3-4 P.M.**

**Meet Cornelius and Friends**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 1 listing.

**4 MONDAY, 9-11 A.M.**

**Toddler Time Mondays**

Explora. See March 2 listing.

**4 MONDAY, 10-11 A.M.**

**Nature Playtime**

Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 2 listing.

**5 TUESDAY, NOON-4:30 P.M.**

**Plant Tuesdays**

Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 3 listing.

**6 WEDNESDAY, 9-11 A.M.**

**Wee Wednesday**

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 4 listing.

**6 WEDNESDAY, 10 A.M.-NOON**

**Bird Wednesdays**

Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 4 listing.



# Spring 2020 Calendar – May

**6 WEDNESDAY, 3-3:30 P.M.**

**Sky Show**  
Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 4 listing.

**6 WEDNESDAY, 4-5 P.M.**

**Yoga for Pregnant Women and New Moms**  
United Way Learning Center. See March 4 listing.

**6 WEDNESDAY, 5:45-7:45 P.M.**

**Children's Chess Club**  
Main Library. See March 4 listing.

**7 THURSDAY, 10 A.M.-6 P.M.**

**Spring Book Sale**  
Used books of all kinds, along with DVDs, CDs and more. Funds go to support the Vista Grande Public Library. Vista Grande Public Library, 14 Avenida Torreon, Santa Fe, (505) 466-7323.

**7 THURSDAY, 10:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.**

**Seeds and Sprouts**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 5 listing.

**7 THURSDAY, 11 A.M.-NOON**

**Fun with Firefighters!**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 5 listing.

**7 THURSDAY, 4-6:30 P.M.**

**Thursdays are Yours!**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 5 listing.

**8 FRIDAY, 9 A.M.-5 P.M.**

**Community Day at the Garden**  
Celebrate the beginning of National Public Garden's Week with free admission for New Mexico residents and students. Santa Fe Botanical Garden, 715 Camino Lejo, Santa Fe, (505) 471-9103.

**8 FRIDAY, 10 A.M.-6 P.M.**

**Spring Book Sale**  
Vista Grande Public Library. See May 7 listing.

**8 FRIDAY, 11:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.**

**Story Time**  
Vista Grande Public Library. See March 6 listing.

**8 FRIDAY, 2-4 P.M.**

**All Ages Chess Club**  
Vista Grande Public Library. See March 6 listing.

**8 FRIDAY, 2-4 P.M.**

**Fine Art Fridays**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.

**8 FRIDAY, 3-4 P.M.**

**Reptile Fridays**  
Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 6 listing.

**8 FRIDAY, 5:30-9 P.M.**

**Parent's Night Out**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 13 listing.

**9 SATURDAY, 9-9:45 A.M.**

**Family Capoeira**  
Railyard Performance Center. See March 7 listing.

**9 SATURDAY, 10-11 A.M.**

**Creative Dance and Music**  
Railyard Performance Center. See March 7 listing.

**9 SATURDAY, 10 A.M.-4 P.M.**

**Spring Book Sale**  
Vista Grande Public Library. See May 7 listing.

**9 SATURDAY, 10 A.M.-5 P.M.**

**Stargazer Portable Planetarium**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

**9 SATURDAY, 11 A.M.-1 P.M.**

**The Trains are Running!**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 14 listing.

**9 SATURDAY, 1-2 P.M.**

**Science Saturdays**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

**9 SATURDAY, 6-8 P.M.**

**Story Crawl**  
New Mexico School for the Arts partners with Railyard businesses for Story Crawl: Students will present original stories while event-goers are escorted from location to location. Adults \$10; students and seniors \$5; Visit [nmschoolforthearts.org](http://nmschoolforthearts.org) for tickets. New Mexico School for the Arts, 500 Montezuma Ave., Santa Fe, (505) 310-4194.

**10 SUNDAY, 10 A.M.-4 P.M.**

**Spring Book Sale**  
Vista Grande Public Library. See May 7 listing.

**10 SUNDAY, NOON-5 P.M.**

**Stargazer Portable Planetarium**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 1 listing.

**10 SUNDAY, 3-4 P.M.**

**Meet Cornelius and Friends**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 1 listing.

**11 MONDAY, 9-11 A.M.**

**Toddler Time Mondays**  
Explora. See March 2 listing.

**11 MONDAY, 10-11 A.M.**

**Nature Playtime**  
Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 2 listing.

**12 TUESDAY, 8:30-10:30 A.M.**

**Waldorf School Visitor Mornings**  
Santa Fe Waldorf School. See March 3 listing.

**12 TUESDAY, NOON-4:30 P.M.**

**Plant Tuesdays**  
Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 3 listing.

**13 WEDNESDAY, 9-11 A.M.**

**Wee Wednesday**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 4 listing.

**13 WEDNESDAY, 10 A.M.-NOON**

**Bird Wednesdays**  
Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 4 listing.

**13 WEDNESDAY, 3-3:30 P.M.**

**Sky Show**  
Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 4 listing.

**13 WEDNESDAY, 4-5 P.M.**

**Yoga for Pregnant Women and New Moms**  
United Way Learning Center. See March 4 listing.

**13 WEDNESDAY, 5:45-7:45 P.M.**

**Children's Chess Club**  
Main Library. See March 4 listing.

**14 THURSDAY, 10:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.**

**Seeds and Sprouts**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 5 listing.

**14 THURSDAY, 4-6:30 P.M.**

**Thursdays are Yours!**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 5 listing.

**15 FRIDAY, 11:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.**

**Story Time**  
Vista Grande Public Library. See March 6 listing.

**15 FRIDAY, 2-4 P.M.**

**All Ages Chess Club**  
Vista Grande Public Library. See March 6 listing.

**15 FRIDAY, 2-4 P.M.**

**Fine Art Fridays**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.

**15 FRIDAY, 3-4 P.M.**

**Reptile Fridays**  
Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 6 listing.

**15 FRIDAY, 5:30-7:30 P.M.**

**Sensory Friendly Friday**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 20 listing.

**15 FRIDAY, 6:30 P.M. TO 16 SATURDAY, 8 A.M.**

**Aquarium Overnight**  
ABQ BioPark Aquarium. See March 20 listing.

**15 FRIDAY, 7-9 P.M.**

**Family Movie Night**  
Vista Grande Public Library. See March 13 listing.

**16 SATURDAY, 9-9:45 A.M.**

**Family Capoeira**  
Railyard Performance Center. See March 7 listing.

**16 SATURDAY, 10-11 A.M.**

**Creative Dance and Music**  
Railyard Performance Center. See March 7 listing.

**16 SATURDAY, 10 A.M.-5 P.M.**

**Stargazer Portable Planetarium**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

**16 SATURDAY, 1-2 P.M.**

**Science Saturdays**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

**17 SUNDAY, 11 A.M.-12:30 P.M.**

**Children's Sunday**  
Music, stories and prayer for all ages. The United Church of Santa Fe, 1804 Arroyo Chamiso, Santa Fe, (505) 988-3295.

**17 SUNDAY, NOON-5 P.M.**

**Stargazer Portable Planetarium**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 1 listing.

**17 SUNDAY 2-5 P.M.**

**Mugs for CASA 2020**  
Purchase or bid on more than 100 one-of-a-kind mugs designed and donated by local artists at this volunteer recruitment and fundraiser for CASA First, to support advocacy for foster children in Santa Fe, Rio Arriba and Los Alamos Counties. Cafecito at the Trailhead, 922 Shoofly St., Santa Fe, [www.casafirst.org](http://www.casafirst.org).

**17 SUNDAY, 3-4 P.M.**

**Meet Cornelius and Friends**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 1 listing.

**18 MONDAY, 9-11 A.M.**

**Toddler Time Mondays**  
Explora. See March 2 listing.

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# Spring 2020 Calendar – May

**18 MONDAY, 10-11 A.M.**

**Nature Playtime**  
Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 2 listing.

**19 TUESDAY, NOON-4:30 P.M.**

**Plant Tuesdays**  
Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 3 listing.

**20 WEDNESDAY, 9-11 A.M.**

**Wee Wednesday**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 4 listing.

**20 WEDNESDAY, 10 A.M.-NOON**

**Bird Wednesdays**  
Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 4 listing.

**20 WEDNESDAY, 3-3:30 P.M.**

**Sky Show**  
Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 4 listing.

**20 WEDNESDAY, 4-5 P.M.**

**Yoga for Pregnant Women and New Moms**  
United Way Learning Center. See March 4 listing.

**20 WEDNESDAY, 5:45-7:45 P.M.**

**Children's Chess Club**  
Main Library. See March 4 listing.

**20 WEDNESDAY, ALL DAY**

**Santa Fe Public Schools**  
Last day of school.

**21 THURSDAY, 10:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.**

**Seeds and Sprouts**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 5 listing.

**21 THURSDAY, 4-6:30 P.M.**

**Thursdays are Yours!**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 5 listing.

**22 FRIDAY, 11:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.**

**Story Time**  
Vista Grande Public Library. See March 6 listing.



By Maya Melendez, first grade

**22 FRIDAY, 2-4 P.M.**

**All Ages Chess Club**  
Vista Grande Public Library. See March 6 listing.

**22 FRIDAY, 2-4 P.M.**

**Fine Art Fridays**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.

**22 FRIDAY, 3-4 P.M.**

**Reptile Fridays**  
Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 6 listing.

**22 FRIDAY, 5:30-7:30 P.M.**

**Family Fun Night**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See April 24 listing.

**23 SATURDAY, 9-9:45 A.M.**

**Family Capoeira**  
Railyard Performance Center. See March 7 listing.

**23 SATURDAY, 10-11 A.M.**

**Creative Dance and Music**  
Railyard Performance Center. See March 7 listing.

**23 SATURDAY, 10 A.M.-5 P.M.**

**Stargazer Portable Planetarium**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

**23 SATURDAY, 11 A.M.-1 P.M.**

**The Trains are Running!**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 14 listing.

**23 SATURDAY, 1-2 P.M.**

**Science Saturdays**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

**24 SUNDAY, NOON-5 P.M.**

**Stargazer Portable Planetarium**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 1 listing.

**24 SUNDAY, 3-4 P.M.**

**Meet Cornelius and Friends**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 1 listing.

**25 MONDAY, 9-11 A.M.**

**Toddler Time Mondays**  
Explora. See March 2 listing.

**25 MONDAY, 10-11 A.M.**

**Nature Playtime**  
Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 2 listing.

**26 TUESDAY, NOON-4:30 P.M.**

**Plant Tuesdays**  
Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 3 listing.

**27 WEDNESDAY, 9-11 A.M.**

**Wee Wednesday**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 4 listing.

March 4 listing.

**27 WEDNESDAY, 10 A.M.-NOON**

**Bird Wednesdays**  
Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 4 listing.

**27 WEDNESDAY, 3-3:30 P.M.**

**Sky Show**  
Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 4 listing.

**27 WEDNESDAY, 4-5 P.M.**

**Yoga for Pregnant Women and New Moms**  
United Way Learning Center. See March 4 listing.

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# Spring 2020 Calendar – May/Ongoing Events

**27 WEDNESDAY, 5:45-7:45 P.M.**

**Children's Chess Club**  
Main Library. See March 4 listing.

**28 THURSDAY, 10:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.**

**Seeds and Sprouts**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 5 listing.

**28 THURSDAY, 4-6:30 P.M.**

**Thursdays are Yours!**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 5 listing.

**29 FRIDAY, 11:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.**

**Story Time**  
Vista Grande Public Library. See March 6 listing.

**29 FRIDAY, 2-4 P.M.**

**All Ages Chess Club**  
Vista Grande Public Library. See March 6 listing.

**29 FRIDAY, 2-4 P.M.**

**Fine Art Fridays**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.

**29 FRIDAY, 3-4 P.M.**

**Reptile Fridays**  
Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 6 listing.

**30 SATURDAY, 9-9:45 A.M.**

**Family Capoeira**  
Railyard Performance Center. See March 7 listing.

**30 SATURDAY, 10-11 A.M.**

**Creative Dance and Music**  
Railyard Performance Center. See March 7 listing.

**30 SATURDAY, 10 A.M.-5 P.M.**

**Stargazer Portable Planetarium**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

**30 SATURDAY, 1-2 P.M.**

**Science Saturdays**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

**31 SUNDAY, NOON-5 P.M.**

**Stargazer Portable Planetarium**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 1 listing.

**31 SUNDAY, 3-4 P.M.**

**Meet Cornelius and Friends**  
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 1 listing.

## ONGOING EVENTS

**Museums, cultural centers and other nonprofit organizations within an easy drive of Santa Fe offering exhibits, programming and activities for families.**

### ABQ BIOPARK: ZOO, AQUARIUM AND BOTANIC GARDEN

Open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission options: Buy a ticket to Zoo only, Aquarium/Botanic Garden, or BioPark Combo for all three. Call for prices. Zoo, 903 10<sup>th</sup> St., Albuquerque; Botanic Garden and Aquarium, 2601 Central Ave. NW, Albuquerque. (505) 768-2000, cabq.gov/biopark.

### ABQ BIOPARK: TINGLEY BEACH

Fish, hike, relax or sail a model boat. Open daily year-round from sunrise to sunset. Free. 1800 Tingley Drive SW, Albuquerque. (505) 768-2000, cabq.gov/biopark.

### BATAAN MEMORIAL MUSEUM

Artifacts from the Bataan Death March, Medal of Honor ribbons and biographies. Private tours available; call to arrange. Open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 1050 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe. (505) 474-1670, bataanmuseum.com.

### BRADBURY SCIENCE MUSEUM

Displays, videos and interactive exhibits on the history of the atomic bomb and contemporary research conducted at Los Alamos National Laboratory. Open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday and Monday 1 to 5 p.m. 1350 Central Ave., Los Alamos. (505) 667-4444, lanl.gov/museum.

### EL MUSEO CULTURAL DE SANTA FE

Nonprofit organization that preserves, protects and promotes the Hispano art, culture and traditions of northern New Mexico. Popular venue for classes and community events. Open Tuesday through Saturday 1 to 5 p.m. Call or visit website to view calendar for upcoming events. 555 Camino de la Familia, in the Santa Fe Railyard. (505) 992-0591, elmuseocultural.org.

### EL RANCHO DE LAS GOLONDRINAS

Living history museum located on 200 acres just south of Santa Fe, dedicated to the history, heritage and culture of 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century New Mexico. The museum is closed during the winter months but is open by appointment for docent-led tour in April, May and October, and open to the public Wednesday through Sunday, June through September, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Limited admission after 3 p.m. A free daily-guided tour is available with admission at 10:30 a.m., except for festivals and theme weekends. Adults \$6; seniors and ages 13 to 17 \$4; under 12 free; prices for special events vary. 334 Los Pinos Road, Santa Fe. (505) 471-2261, golondrinas.org.

### EXPLORA

Family-oriented science center creating opportunities for discovery through interactive experiences in science, technology and art for all ages. Children and toddlers must be accompanied by a paying adult. Open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday noon to 6 p.m. Ages 12 and up \$10; seniors, students and military with ID \$7; ages 1 to 11 \$6; under age 1 free. 1701 Mountain Road NW, Albuquerque. (505) 224-8300, explora.us.

### GEORGIA O'KEEFFE MUSEUM

Dedicated to the Georgia O'Keeffe's life, art and role in the history of American Modernism. Revolving exhibitions, education programs, family and youth programs. Open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. General admission \$13; New Mexico residents with ID free on the first Friday of the month; seniors and students over 18 with ID \$11; ages 17 and under free. 217 Johnson St., Santa Fe. (505) 946-1000, okeeffemuseum.org.

### HARWOOD MUSEUM OF ART

University of New Mexico-affiliated collection of historic and contemporary art and culture

of northern New Mexico. Many family activities and events. Open Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Adults \$10; seniors, students and AAA members \$8; ages 18 and under free; free to UNM faculty and students, military and their families, and Taos County residents on Sundays with proof of residence. 238 Ledoux St., Taos. (575) 758-9826, harwoodmuseum.org.

### LEONORA CURTIN WETLAND PRESERVE

Adjacent to El Rancho de las Golondrinas south of Santa Fe, this 35-acre nature preserve of the Santa Fe Botanical Garden hosts a diversity of plants and wildlife, trails with numbered interpretive markers, a pond and docents to answer questions. Open May through October, Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Early opening at 7:30 a.m. on every third Saturday with \$5 early entrance fee donation. (505) 471-9103, santafebotanicalgarden.org/visit-us/leonora-curtin-wetland-preserve.

### MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY NATIVE ARTS

The country's premier museum of contemporary Native arts, with 7,500 artworks across media created in 1962 or later. Open Monday and Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Adults \$10; seniors, students and New Mexico residents with ID \$5; Native people, veterans and their families, and under age 17 free; New Mexico residents free on Sunday. 108 Cathedral Place, Santa Fe. (505) 983-8900, icia.edu/museum.

### MEOW WOLF

Meow Wolf's House of Eternal Return is a unique immersive art experience based on non-linear storytelling and exploration through strange, but familiar, realms. Sunday to Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; closed Tuesday. Summer hours, open every day at 9 a.m. (except Tuesdays). Adults \$30; children \$20; seniors \$25; free to children under 3. New Mexico residents: adults \$25; children \$15; senior/military, \$20. Must purchase tickets online; after 6 p.m. tickets sold at front desk. 1352 Rufina Circle, Santa Fe, (505) 780-4458, meowwolf.com



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# Spring 2020 Calendar – Ongoing Events

## MUSEUM OF INDIAN ARTS AND CULTURE

Stories of peoples indigenous to the Southwest, including displays from prehistory through contemporary art. November to May open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May to October open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. General admission \$12; New Mexico residents \$7 daily and free on the first Sunday of every month; New Mexico seniors with ID \$7, free on Wednesdays; New Mexico students with an ID, \$7; ages 16 and under free. Museum Hill, 710 Camino Lejo, Santa Fe. (505) 476-1250, indianartsandculture.org.

## MUSEUM OF INTERNATIONAL FOLK ART

Wide range of folk art displays, including long and short-term exhibitions, from around the world. May to October open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. November to April open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Adults and seniors, \$12; New Mexico residents: adults and seniors, \$7; students, \$6 daily and free on the first Sunday of every month; New Mexico seniors with ID free on Wednesdays; ages 16 and under free. Museum Hill, 706 Camino Lejo, Santa Fe. (505) 476-1204, internationalfolkart.org.

## MUSEUM OF SPANISH COLONIAL ART

The only museum in the country dedicated to the art of the Spanish colonial era. Special activities for families and children include a Costume Corner and Youth Art and Activity Center. Summer schedule (May 28 to September 3), open seven days a week, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Winter schedule, open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. General admission \$10; free to New Mexico residents on Sundays; ages 16 and under free. Museum Hill, 750 Camino Lejo, Santa Fe. (505) 982-2226, spanishcolonial.org/museum.

## NEW MEXICO HISTORY MUSEUM AND PALACE OF THE GOVERNORS

Explore New Mexico history from the pre-Columbian era through the Atomic Age, including the clash and melding of the regions' cultures. Features the Discovery Center for hands-on, self-paced family activities. Open Monday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed Mondays November through April. Open for free to New Mexico residents Fridays 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. May to October, and the first Friday of the month November to April. General admission \$12; New Mexico residents \$7 daily, free on the first Sunday of every month; under age 16 free; New Mexico seniors with ID free on Wednesdays. 113 Lincoln Ave., Santa Fe. (505) 476-5200, nmhistory.org.

## NEW MEXICO MUSEUM OF ART

Guided tours free with museum admission. Drop in and draw during regular museum hours (front desk provides sketchbooks and pencils). May to October, open Saturday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. November to April, open Tuesday through Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the first Friday of the month. General admission \$12; New Mexico residents \$7 daily and free on the first Sunday of every month; under age 16 free; New Mexico seniors with ID free on Wednesdays; free Friday evenings 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. 107 West Palace Ave., Santa Fe. (505) 476-5041, nmartmuseum.org.

## NEW MEXICO MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY AND SCIENCE

Exhibits on the history of Earth, a planetarium and movies at the giant-screen Lockheed-Martin DynaTheater. Open seven days a week, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Open 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the first Friday of the month. Museum admission: adults \$8; seniors \$7 and free Wednesdays; ages 3 to 12 years \$5; free to New Mexico residents with ID on the first Sunday of every month. Separate admission fees for DynaTheater and Planetarium. 1801 Mountain Road NW, Albuquerque. (505) 841-2800, nmnaturalhistory.org.

## PAJARITO ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Nature center and outdoor education programs provide opportunities for people of all ages to explore the rich natural and cultural heritage of the Pajarito Plateau. Preschool and homeschool discovery programs, nature clubs, middle school and high school environmental clubs and many other activities. Registration required for most activities. Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday to Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Tuesday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; closed Thursdays. Free. 2600 Canyon Road, Los Alamos. (505) 662-0460, peecnature.org.

## RAILYARD ARTISAN MARKET

Local artists and craftspeople, farmers, ranchers and food artisans, musicians, refreshments and entertainment, in the heart of the Santa Fe Railyard. Open Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Santa Fe Farmers Market, 1607 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe. (505) 983-4098, artmarketsantafe.com.

## RALPH T. COE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

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## SANTA FE BOTANICAL GARDEN AT MUSEUM HILL

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## SANTA FE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

A learning laboratory with exhibits and programs designed to cultivate habits of inquiry. Wednesday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday noon to 5 p.m. General admission \$7.50; children ages 16 and under \$5; free for children under age 1. Children under 16 free Thursdays after 4 p.m. Family memberships available. 1050 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe. (505) 989-8359, santafechildrengmuseum.org.

## SANTA FE FARMERS MARKET

Over 150 active vendors selling hundreds of agricultural products, with locations in the Railyard and on the Southside. Railyard Farmers Market open Saturday and Tuesday, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. June to September and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. October through May. 1607 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe. Southside Farmers Market open Tuesday 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. July through September, outside the Presbyterian Medical Center, 4801 Beckner Road, Santa Fe. (505) 983-4098, santafefarmersmarket.com.

## SANTA FE MOMMY MEETUP GROUP

For all moms (and dads!) who delight in having fun with their children, primarily ages 0 to 5 years old. Mommy Meetup offers play dates, parents' events, charity and educational events, and an online discussion board. \$16 annual dues. meetup.com/santafemoms.

## SANTA FE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Main Library, 145 Washington Ave., open Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.;

Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.; 955-6781. Oliver La Farge Branch, 1730 Llano St., open Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; 955-4862. Southside Branch, 6599 Jaguar Drive, open Monday through Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. (505) 955-2820. santafelibrary.org.

## VISTA GRANDE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Story times, family movie nights, reading programs and special events. Open Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 14 Avenida Torreon, Eldorado. (505) 466-7323, vglibrary.org.

## WHEELWRIGHT MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN

Contemporary and historic Native American art with an emphasis on the Southwest. Talks, seminars, meet-the-artist receptions and many other events. General admission, \$8. Open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 704 Camino Lejo, Santa Fe. (505) 982-4636, wheelwright.org.

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