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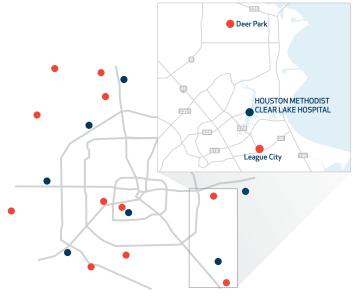
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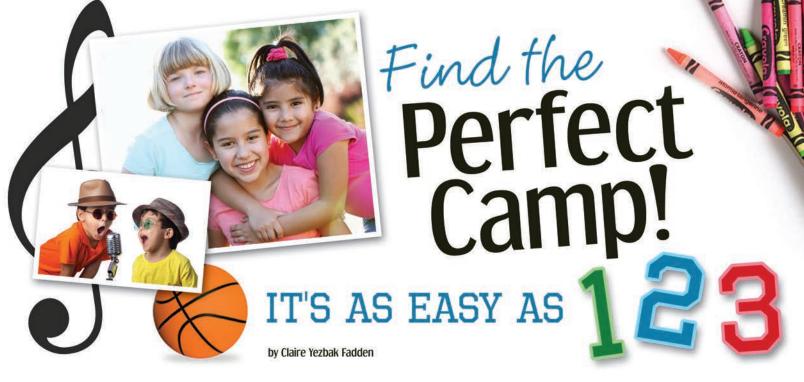
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As the daylight hours begin to stretch into early evening and the calendar pages head toward June, parents start thinking about how to best fill their child's summer days. The process of picking the best camp experience for your child doesn't have to be difficult. In fact, by taking the time to talk with your camper and answer these few questions, it can be as easy as 1-2-3. You can turn your child's school vacation into weeks of camaraderie, fun and discovery and enjoy your summer as well, knowing that your child is spending part of his days learning as well as being entertained.

Is my child old enough to go to camp?

What camps are best suited to his or her age? "Ask your child: Are you interested in going to camp?" says Peg L. Smith, CEO of the American Camp Association (ACA). "This is a family decision and the best way to determine if your child is ready is to learn firsthand if they want to go." To make for the best, age-appropriate experiences, camps breakdown their programs by age groups (4-7, 8-10, 11-13 and 14-16). This helps in choosing the right camp

for your child's maturity.

# How much will it cost?

Depending on what your expectations are, sending your child to camp can be a very affordable enrichment option. According to the ACA, there is a wide range of price options available, that depend upon the choice of camp, the facilities offered and your camper's needs. Remember that camp fees may be tax deductible as a childcare expense. Ask your tax advisor to see if you qualify.

What are my child's interests?

"There are traditional camp experiences that include campfires, telling camp stories and lots of free, unstructured play," says Smith. "There are also specialty camps that offer martial arts or gymnastics for example, as a way to sample a sport before making a longer commitment. Offer your child a few options to choose from as a way to find out what new interests he may have."

# For more information about summer camp, visit...

AMERICAN CAMPING ASSOCIATION • www.acacamps.org NATIONAL CAMPING ASSOCIATION • www.summercamp.org

# Where can I find out about all the options?

Whether it's traditional day camp, specialty camps or residential camps, there are lots of alternatives. Check the Camp Directory in this issue where you'll find lots of information about local camps.

# What's an average day like?

The daily schedules of each weeklong day camp vary. Some run from early morning until late afternoon (with extended day care, if desired). Others offer a combination of half-day or full-day sessions. You can send your child for the entire summer or select a few weeks here and there.

# Whose camping experience is it anyway?

"Too often we get kids in camps that their mom or dad wanted them to attend," says camp counselor Shawn. "I can't stress enough the importance of choosing camp activities that your child is interested in," he adds. "If your daughter doesn't want to play soccer, you're better off enrolling her in a different camping experience. Everyone will be much happier by the time the end of the summer rolls around."

# 7 Can your camper use more exercise?

With the focus on the increasing number of overweight kids, summer camp is a chance to move your child away from the video games and introduce her to a new sport, maybe one that will hold her interest throughout the year. According to Smith, 63 percent of campers who learn a new activity continue on with it after camp ends. "Campers use this opportunity to get outside, turn off all those electronic devices and reconnect with nature." Smith adds, "It's a chance to see if your child can develop a jump shot or learn to pirouette."

# What else can my child learn at camp?

There's another kind of education that goes on at camp says Christopher Thurber, author of The Summer Camp Handbook. It's a place for kids to "relax and learn life skills — such as making friends and playing fair — that will serve them and the people whose lives they touch." Thurber adds, "At camp, young people bond with positive adult role models whose integrity and leadership-by-example tower over those of celebrities or sports heroes. High quality camps are places where young people not only realize their potential in athletic or artistic pursuits; they realize their potential to do good in the world."

# 9 Keep the Focus on FUN!

"Fun should rule during June, July and August," reminds Y camp counselor Lefty. Even though parents want every experience for their children to be worthwhile and educational, it's important to remember that it's summertime, and there's a lot of learning that happens while you're having fun!

# **ODENINJAS** Spring Break Camps 3/11/24-3/15/24

Keep your kids engaged and learning through spring break! Enroll now while space is still available!

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# NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Hope you're enjoying these occasional chilly days, because hot humid summer days are right around the corner. Which reminds me... have you planned what your kids will be doing this summer? I don't want to alarm you, but many camps fill up in March. Don't worry- we have everything you need to figure it out. Starting with our Camp Guide, you will find ideas ranging from local day camps to sleep-away camps...there's something for everyone. Whether it's robots, theatre, dance or horseback riding that interests your child, there is all that and more! And just in case you haven't planned what the kids will be doing for spring break, many of these camps are open that week as well.

Speaking of Spring Break...make sure you check out the Fun-Time Calendar where you will find family fun all month long! That week would also be a great time to plant a family garden. This issue can help get you started.

Use this spring to refresh your life...your self, your home, your family! We have 31 refreshers that take 15 minutes or less to get you started!

Wishing you all a Beautiful Spring!

Kim Carlisle, Editor

Carter (7), Karson(8), and Madi (2) are very adventurous kids. They love being outside playing in the sun, digging in the dirt, or spraying the water-hose. They love country music and going to all sorts of concerts.

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**ONE-POT WONDERS.** Simplify cooking with meals that require minimal cleanup, like casseroles or stir-fries. While you're at it, double the casserole recipe and freeze one for another night.

**THEME NIGHTS.** Designate each night of the week for a specific cuisine or ingredient, streamlining meal planning. Need more variety? Taco Tuesday could be ground beef style one week and fish tacos another, etc...

**PRE-PREP INGREDIENTS.** Chop vegetables and marinate meats ahead of time for quicker assembly, or purchase prechopped ingredients if you're short on time.

**SLOW COOKER MAGIC.** Set aside a few extra minutes in the morning to throw the ingredients in, and come home to delicious meals that have simmered all day for effortless (and delicious) dinners.

**BUILD-YOUR-OWN.** Offer a buffet-style spread with customizable options like sandwiches or salads.

**FREEZER MEALS.** Batch cook and freeze portions for quick reheating on busy nights.

**STOCK UP.** Stock up with plenty of supplies to help throw together a meal at the last minute if needed-spaghetti, bean burritos, or quesadillas are great last minute meals. Don't forget to add some veggies for balance.

**ROTATING MENU.** Create a weekly menu template and rotate favorite meals to simplify planning. Don't forget to get the kids involved in the planning.

**SHEET PAN SUPPERS.** Roast an assortment of ingredients on a single sheet for easy cleanup.

**LEFTOVER REINVENTION.** Transform yesterday's dinner into new creations to minimize waste and effort. Designating every 3rd or 4th night as left over night is a great way to clean out the fridge and minimize waste.





# 31 REFRESHERS That take 15 minutes or less



by Lara Krupicka

pring cleaning used to be a multi-day undertaking involving a top-tobottom cleaning of the house and airing of all the rooms. Thankfully with our cleaner-burning stoves and furnaces, it's no longer as necessary a chore. Besides, who has time these days?

You can still enjoy the benefits of refreshment that used to come with the spring overhaul by engaging in quick fifteen-minute tasks (and indulgences). By doing one each day, you'll arrive at the end of a month experiencing the same satisfaction as if you'd spent days on end. And you won't be wiped out by the process. Instead, you should feel invigorated!

Here are enough ideas to fill a month and get you started. Or swap in a few of your own that fit your household.

# Refresh Your Self

- 1. Polish your fingernails. Once you're done you can combine this with number five (sit with your feet up) while your nails dry. Short on time? Focus on just cleaning off any old polish and trimming nails. Even that little bit can give your hands a fresh feel
- 2. Take a brisk walk around the block or at a nearby park. Put your kids on a bike or in a wagon or stroller and you can all benefit.
- 3. Place a hold at the library on that book you've been meaning to read. Don't have any titles in

- mind? Browse through Goodreads for recommendations and create a list for the future by tagging the interesting ones as "to read."
- 4. Dive into your favorite magazine. Clip out any recipes you want to try or fold over pages containing decorating and other ideas you want to come back to.
- 5. Sit with your feet up and rest. If you're alone or the children are safely occupied, close your eyes (you may want to set an alarm, just in case).

# Revitalize Your Spouse

- 6. Leave your spouse a suggestive voicemail on his cell phone or text the same message (prefaced by the warning: "For Your Eyes Only").
- 7. Go online and order a fancy massage lotion for your next at-home date night.
- 8. Surprise her by giving her car a quick clean up. Take any extra time to run a vacuum over the floor mats.
- 9. Do some extra tidying in the master bedroom to make it extra inviting or relaxing. Put out a candle for soft lighting. Freshen up the bedsheets.

# **Fortify Your Kids**

- Read a board book or a chapter to your child from a new or untouched book
- 11. Weed out last season's clothes from one child's drawers. Tackle one drawer at a time, until time runs out.
- 12. Write notes to put in your kids' lunches. Try to write up a few to sprinkle in for each child throughout the week.
- 13. Challenge your child to a round of their favorite game. Or spontaneously join them in playing Legos, Squinkies, or another activity they enjoy.

# Restore Your Kitchen

- 14. Wipe down the range hood and inside of the microwave. Use any extra time to degrease the handles on the fridge and microwave.
- 15. Plan your meals for the week, including when you might have to/get to eat out.
- 16. Make a batch of brownies. Do this when you'll be home while they
- 17. Sort leftover food and expired condiments to toss from your refrigerator. Keep a wastebasket nearby and make tossing part of the process. When you're done, wipe down a shelf or two. Come back later for another fifteen minutes to wipe out more of the fridge.
- 18. Sweep the kitchen and shake out the rugs. Better yet, toss those rugs in the washing machine for a quick wash cycle to spruce them up.

# Invigorate Your Family & Friends

- 19. Call a friend to schedule a coffee date.
- 20. Text another friend to tell her one thing you think she rocks at.
- 21. Write a thank you note to someone for a recent kindness.

- 22. Phone your mom/grandma/ favorite aunt to tell her you love her.
- 23. Jot a list of fun memories about someone special on fancy stationery. Mail it to them.

# Enliven Your Calendar/To Do List

- 24. Make a list of errands to be done in the coming week/month. Pick a day to focus on those errands and schedule it like you would an appointment. Guilt be gone!
- 25. Schedule that appointment you've been avoiding. While you're at it, make sure you have up to date appointments for everyone else in the family for things like haircuts, dentist, eye doctor, physical.
- 26. Brainstorm a destination for your next family outing or vacation. Check out a travel site for reviews and hot spots to stay or visit there.
- 27. Upload photos from your camera (while technically not a calendar item, it's one that's always on our "to do" lists). Browse through and delete any poor shots or ones you know you won't use. Recharge the camera battery so it's ready for an event you want to capture.

# Perk Up Your Household

- 28. Dust a room or two. Use a feather duster and see if you can get through three or four rooms.
- 29. Pull out decorations for the next holiday or season. Purge anything worn out or dated or that you don't like any more. If you've got the time, go ahead and decorate.
- 30. Clean the crumbs and garbage out of your own car.
- 31. Clean the dog bowls/fish tank/kitty litter. Don't have any? Your work is done!

Celebrate your month of refreshment by taking a day to revisit some of the more restorative activities or to engage in a few you'd like to give more attention to. Keep this list and refer to it several times a year when you, your home, or your kids, are starting to sag. Make note of the one or two refreshers that could work as a regular pick-me-up.

While you won't complete a regular spring cleaning by following this list, you will benefit from a sense of accomplishment and ongoing revitalization that just may spur you to tackle the bigger task of a whole house overhaul.





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# March 2

# **Porsche Car Show Kemah Boardwalk**

www.kemahboardwalk.com/porsche-car-show

# Bank of America's Screen on the Green: **Barbie at Discovery Green**

Barbie and Ken are having the time of their lives in the colorful and seemingly perfect world of Barbie Land. However, when they get a chance to go to the real world, they soon discover the joys and perils of living among humans. 2023 116 minutes. CC Spanish

# Astronomy in the Park **Rustic Oaks Park**

www.fb.me/e/alGA5qL60

We encourage those attending to bring binoculars if you have them. Free Event 7-9:30pm www.fb.me/e/3wVrsZO3O

# **Bay Area Trade Days-Easter Craft Market**

### **NASA Gilruth Center**

The only way to sign up for our events is on our website at southernstyleevent.com. If someone messages you it's a scam! Support area small businesses featuring arts & crafts, boutique clothing, jewelry, home décor, yummy treats, food market items, and more! We will have indoor/outdoor vendors and food trucks. Free Admission! No Animals allowed. The Bay Area Trade Day will held be the first Saturday each

www.fb.me/e/w3ToKwdeb

# Mardi Paws Dog Parade Friendswood Pet Safe Dog Park

To register your furry friend, visit fdfa.org. Event is free with a \$5 suggested donation to participate. Day of info: Check in at 10:00am Parade begins at 10:30am

Parade route starts at the dog park and ends at the Friendswood Farmers Market at Stevenson Park

All are welcome to visit the parade path to view the marchers!

10:30 am www.fb.me/e/4cbTcNe46

# March 2-3

# Otaku Food Festival -Cherry Blossom **Festival**

# **Pearland Town Square**

The biggest and most famous Anime + Food Festival is coming to YOU!

This is a FREE entry, two-day family food and anime event with 100+ food/drink vendors, anime vendors, Sumo wrestling, Cosplay guests and contests, voice actors, live entertainment, photo ops, entertainment, plenty of parking, and so much more!

Food vendors will be serving food from all across Asia, including Filipino food, Japanese street food, Thai street food, Taiwanese boba tea, noodles, baos, Latin food, Vietnamese grilled chicken and eggrolls, and soo much more! Make sure to bring cash Saturday, March 2nd - 12PM-9PM Sunday, March 3rd - 12PM-7PM www.pearlandtowncenter.com/event/ blt1df50b79e45e72b4 ood Festival

# March 9

# Nature with Kristine: Nature Arts & Crafts: Fun with Color **Rustic Oaks Park**

Nature is full of beautiful colors! Choose a color card, then walk the trails trying to find things that match! How many will you find?

www.leaguecitytx.gov/Calendar. aspx?EID=17145

# March 9

# **Nature with Kristine: Nature Journals Ghirardi Family WaterSmart Park**

Create a simple nature journal you can use to capture your memories while exploring the park.

All materials provided www.leaguecitytx.gov/Calendar. aspx?EID=17146

# Parent's Night Out **Code Ninjas League City**

Join us for Pizza, Programming and Playtime! Space is limited! Register Early! \$40 per child 6pm-9pm. https://www.codeninjas.com/tx-league-city/ parents-night-out

# March 13

# Crafts with a Cop **Evelyn Meador Branch Library**

Join us at the Evelyn Meador Branch Library on March 13, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for Crafts with a Cop! This engaging event, exclusively for children, offers a unique opportunity to interact with the Seabrook Police Department. Children will have the chance to decorate wooden police badges alongside officers, fostering positive relationships within the community. Additionally, attendees will enjoy storytime, treats, and an exciting tour of a police car, providing insight into law enforcement operations in a fun and educational environment. Don't miss out on this enriching experience! 9-11 am

www.seabrooktx.gov/Calendar.aspx?EID=1719

# March 14

# **Sunset Cinema**

# **Independence Park-City of Pearland**

The Parks and Recreation department invites you to Sunset Cinema, presented by Epic Plumbing, to enjoy the screening of Disney's Wish - PG. Come early to grab a great spot and enjoy some time with your friends. What to Bring: Guests are recommended to bring lawn chairs, blankets, and you may bring your own snacks or enjoy the tasty treats from the food truck.

7 pm

www.parks.pearlandtx.gov/special-events/ sunset-cinema-fall-series

# St. Patrick's Day Craft & Music Helen Hall Library

Come and Joint us while we celebrate St. Patrick's Day with crafts and Irish music. www.fb.me/e/1jFEKqyfB

# March 15

# The Great Family "Bakeoff" Helen Hall Library

Soggy bottom? Not here! Join us for baking themed crafts and activities! 10:30-11:30 am www.fb.me/e/1hxRtdu94

# March 16

# **Clear Lake Easter Festival** Clear Lake Rec Center

Meet the Easter Bunny, and enjoy an Easter egg hunt, train rides, petting zoo, vendors, food trucks, outdoor games, Easter crafts and more!! Easter egg decorating contest, egg relay race, egg and spoon race, bunny hop race. Ally Medical's Clear Lake team will also be on hand to sav hello.

10 am- 2 pm wwwfb.me/e/1zf0lkNI5

# **Princess Tea Party** The Enchanted Cottage Alvin

Join us for a fun Princess Tea Party with lunch, tea and amazing desserts \$30 per person! 12:30-5 pm www.fb.me/e/59aCKhftg

# March 17

# **Celtic Celebration** Kemah Boardwalk

Don your kilt and celebrate Celtic culture with live performances from our Strolling Celtic Duo, vendors, beer, live music, and more! 1-5 pm

www.kemahboardwalk.com/celtic-celebration

# Children's Business Fair **Pearland Town Center**

Acton Children's Business Fair will be hosted at the Houston Methodist Pavilion at Pearland Town Center on Sunday, March 17th from 1pm to 5pm. This is a one-day marketplace for children (ages 4 to 14 years old) to sell their original products or services! Come support local young entrepreneurs!

Want to be vendor? Applications for youth ages 4 to 14 can be found here: www. childrensbusinessfair.org/pearland-texas 1-5 pm

www.pearlandtowncenter.com/event/ blt18826e0dda31df31

# March 22

# **Nerf Night**

# Newman Park -City of Alvin Parks and Recreation

Don't Forget your Nerf Guns! ma8-6

For more information, call 281-388-4299 www.heyzine.com/flip-book/915dc26861. html#page/19

# March 23

# Walk for Wellness **Walter Hall Park**

The City of League City and The Friends of League City Seniors Foundation have partnered for over 12 years to bring you the Walk for Wellness 1K/5K Walk/Run. This event is designed to increase awareness of the needs of seniors and encourage citizens of all ages to develop healthy lifestyles! This fun community event is designed to increase awareness of at the needs of senior citizens and encourage citizens of all ages to develop healthy lifestyles. Sponsored by the City of League City and The Friends of League City Seniors Foundations. All participants must be registered.

7:30-9am

www.leaguecitytx.gov/Calendar. aspx?EID=17151

# **Big Art Day Event Pearland Town Square**

Pearland ISD's BIG ART DAY is happening Saturday, March 23rd from 10am to 2pm at the Houston Methodist Pavilion at Pearland Town Center.

Join us for a FREE day of FUN for the entire family at Pearland ISD's Big Art Day in celebration of Youth Art Month at Pearland Town Center!

10 am- 2 pm

www.pearlandtowncenter.com/event/ blt458f7b4897bc824d

# Flock the Block College of the Mainland

College of the Mainland invites you to our second annual Flock the Block community celebration!

This FREE family event will feature a

activities inflatables petting zoo food/ refreshments and much more! 10am-2 pm FREE www.fb.me/e/6EpYjTZSg

# **Saturday Jazz Nights** League Park

The City of League City and the League City Convention and Visitors Bureau are teaming up with KTSU-FM 90.9 to host a "Saturday Jazz Nights" concert and lectures series at League Park. Each concert—sponsored by Galveston Bay Brewing—will host a different live jazz music group, offering a new experience each time you attend. At each concert, attendees will be able to purchase food from various food trucks and beer and wine from Galveston Bay Brewery.

7:30-9 pm

Concert is Free at 512 2nd St., League City TX. 77573

www.leaguecitytx.gov/CivicAlerts. aspx?AID=4761

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# March 24

# **Easter in the Park** Stevenson Park

It's time for the annual Easter egg hunt in Stevenson Park!

Bring the family to Stevenson Park on March 24, for a fun-filled afternoon of egg hunting with the Easter Bunny!

Egg hunts will be broken into the following age groups:

0-3 years old, opens at 1:00 pm 4-6 years old, opens at 1:15 pm

7-10 years old, opens at 1:30 pm

Adaptive Egg Hunt, opens at 12:30 pm \*This egg hunt category is for all ages within our

adaptive community!

Arrive early so that you don't miss any of the fun! For questions about Easter in the Park or if you want to volunteer, contact the Friendswood Parks & Recreation Office at 281-996-3220 or rec@ friendswood.com

12:30 pm

www.fb.me/e/65146LfCT



# **Egg Scramble Hometown Heroes Park**

Join us for an egg-citing day of egg hunting at League City's annual Egg Scramble. We will have face painting, kids activities, an Easter Bunny and lots of eggs. Event will end when there are no more eggs to gather. Make sure to arrive early!

Activities begin at noon www.leaguecitytx.gov/Calendar.aspx?EID=17143

# Easter in the Park Stevenson Park- City of Friendswood

Bring the family to Stevenson Park on March 24, for a fun-filled afternoon of egg hunting with the Easter Bunny!

Easter Egg Hunt Schedule:

Adaptive opens at 12:30,

Ages 0-3 opens at 1 pm,

Ages 4-6 opens at 1:15pm

Ages 7-10 opens at 1:30 pm

Easter Bunny Photos 1-2 pm www.ci.friendswood.tx.us/733/Easter-in-the-Park-MarchApril

# **Easter in the Park** David Braun Park-Nassau Bay

2-4 pm

www.nassaubay.com/Calendar.aspx?EID=1891& month=3&year=2024&day=24&calType=0

# **SFWP Egg Hunt Texas Avenue Park**

Join Stay Fresh with Peanut for a day filled with music, face painting, train rides, balloons, photo booths, JOJO Raceway and more fun activities! All Abilities Welcomed!

12:30-3:30 pm

Register Now-

www.eventbrite.com/e/stay-fresh-withpeanut-2nd-annual-egg-hunt-tickets-849574890367?aff=oddtdtcreator

# March 28

# **Alvin Parks and Recreation Lights Out Easter Egg Hunt**

Event is FREE but must be PREREGISTERED Call 281-388-4299 for more information www.heyzine.com/flip-book/915dc26861. html#page/19

# **March 29-31**

# **Easter Weekend** Kemah Boardwalk

Head on down to the Kemah Boardwalk this Easter Weekend, March 29 - March 31, and participate in Easter activities! Pictures with the Easter Bunny, Candy Hop, Scavenger Egg Hunt, Kids' Crafts, and more!

Easter Schedule

Friday

12PM - 7PM: Easter Bunny Photos

12PM - 8PM: Candy Hop

Saturday

12PM - 8PM: Easter Bunny Photos, Candy Hop 2PM - 6PM: Kids' Craft Corner Activities, Live DJ, Stiltwalker, Balloon Artist

Sunday

7AM: SONrise Service

12PM - 8PM: Easter Bunny Photos, Candy Hop 2PM - 6PM: Kids' Craft Corner Activities, Live DJ,

Stiltwalker, Balloon Artist

www.kemahboardwalk.com/easter-weekend

# March 30

# Seabrook's Annual Easter Excursion Rex L. Meador Park

More Details to come! Check website! https://seabrooktx.gov/Calendar.aspx?EID=1707& month=3&year=2024&day=30&calType=0

# **Easter Egg Hunt** City of Webster -Walnut Park

10 am

www.cityofwebster.com/









he benefits of a family garden include lessons in patience, responsibility, generosity and pride. As the plants break through the ground, there won't be anyone more proud than that youngster who planted the seed. If you're ready to watch your garden grow, follow these steps to success.

# **GETTING STARTED**

Lay out and mark off the space you will use for your garden. Make sure you choose an area that gets sunlight most of the day and offers good drainage. Remove any debris from the area and loosen up the dirt. Even the youngest of gardeners can help with this task. Get them a couple of garden tools that are just their size. Don't have room for a garden? Use pots that can fit on your back porch or even in a windowsill. Give each child their own area to plant in.

# **CHOOSE YOUR CROP**

Gardening requires patience, as you may have to wait several days or even weeks before you see any progress. Ask your local nursery to recommend plants that are easy to care for and that will yield rapid results. In addition to planting seeds, avid gardener Larry Andrews recommends that you include plants that are already started, as they will produce quicker and help keep younger kids interested. Include your children in the choosing process.

# MAINTENANCE

There is something about digging in the dirt that gives kids of all age's great pleasure. It isn't necessary to plant the seeds in rows, but it is helpful to place stepping stones throughout the garden, so that the ground doesn't get packed down over the seeds by little feet. (Tip: A little Miracle Grow fertilizer each week will help plants grow, resist disease and produce more fruit.)

# RESPONSIBILITY

Tending a garden teaches children responsibility, as they quickly learn that plants will die without You may want to help out with this task occasionally. Children can become resentful of something that is taking away from their "play time" and you want to keep this a fun and positive experience.

# WATCH IT GROW

This is the part that can test even the most patient of children. Marion Owen, co-author of Chicken Soup for the Gardener's Soul recommends you use this time to create some garden decorations, "like a scarecrow. A few wooden stakes, some old clothes, a milk jug

for the head ad a long-forgotten hat is all you need." This is also a great time to explore for bugs, worms and lizards.

# **ENJOY THE HARVEST**

There is nothing like the taste of a homegrown tomato or anything homegrown for that matter. Teach the kids how to check the garden each day for ripe vegetables and incorporate them into your meals as quickly as possible. Generosity is another lesson to be learned from the garden...encourage the kids to share some of the crop with friends and family.

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# Sundays

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### Michaels Make Break

2-4 pm

www.michaels.com/instoreevents

# Mondays

Toddler Time at Helen Hall Library

10:15-10:45 am and 11:15-11:45 am • Wiggles, songs, rhymes, and a story. Ages 1-3 and caregivers RSVP • www.leaguecitylibrary.org

# Mondays & Wednesdays

Craft Kits at Friendswood Library

FREE Craft kits are available at the drive-thru window or at the desk in the children's department. www.friendswood.lib.tx.us

# Tuesdays

**Helen Hall Preschool Story Time** 

10:15-10:45am and 11:15-11:45a • Stories, songs, and rhymes. Children will have a short craft time at the end of the program. Ages 3-5 and their caregivers. RSVP • Helen Hall Library www.leaguecitylibrary.org

# **Toddler Story Time at Freeman Library**

10:15 & 10:45 am • Fun stories, songs, fingerplays, bubbles and an activity at the end of each session. Free tickets will be given out as soon as we open at 10:00 am. www.hcpl.net/branch/clear-lake-city-county-freeman-branch-library

# **Evelyn Meador Library Seabrook Twinkle Time Baby and Toddler Storytime**

11-11:45

www.hcpl.net/branch/evelyn-meador-branchlibrary

# Seabrook Library

Storytime 9:30 am Ages 3 and up but all welcome Lego Club 4 pm for school age children www.sealib.org/?page\_id=2060

# Bilingual Storytime at Pasadena Library 10:30 gm

www.pasadenalibrary.org/upcomingevents?l=&ec%5B0%5D=35

# Children's Gardening

11 am-12 pm Hometown Heroes Park. We will plant flowers, herbs, and vegetables together! www.leaguecitytx.gov/Calendar.aspx?EID=12861 &month=6&year=2022&day=16&calType=0

# Steam Tuesdays at Freeman Library 1st-6th grade 4:30-5:30 pm

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# Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays

# Friendswood Library

Toddler Time 10:10 Preschool Storytime 10:45 am www.friendswood.lib.tx.us/events

# Tuesdays & Fridays

# Preschool and Home School Open Gyms at Above the Bar

10-11:30 am • Jump, tumble & run on inflatables, TumblTrak, trampolines, rope swings, foam block pit, and pre-school circuits. \$10 for first child,

\$5 for each additional sibling. All Open Gym participants must complete event waiver. www.abovethebargym.com/open-gyms-fridaynight-fun-preschool/

# Wednesdays

# Craft Kits at Friendswood Library

Pick up these bags filled with fun crafts for 8-18 year olds at our Drive-Thru window or from the Children's Department!

www.friendswood.lib.tx.us

### **Baby Story Time at Freeman Library**

10:15-10:45 am Baby Storytime Magic for age 0-18 months: Active Early Literacy Through Bounces, Rhymes, Tickles and More www.hcpl.net/branch/clear-lake-city-countyfreeman-branch-library

# Pajama Story Time at Freeman Library

1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. 6:00pm-6:45pm Children are invited to wear their pajamas and bring a favorite blanket or stuffed animal as we read stories in this cozy story time for the whole family!

www.hcpl.net/branch/clear-lake-city-county-freeman-branch-library

# **Dickinson Library Preschool Storytime**

10 am

www.dickinsonpubliclibrary.org/childrenprograms

#### **Babies and Books**

10:15 -10:45 am • Tickles, giggles, rhymes, and a story for those who BYOB (bring your own baby). Ages: Designed for birth to walking. RSVP www.leaguecitylibrary.org

### **EcoAdventurers**

9:30-11:30 am • An in depth study of environmental science topics while engaging the homeschooled student in STEM activities.\$14/program; Non Members \$17/program www.abnc.org/eco-programs

# Evelyn Meador Library Seabrook Super Stars Preschool Storytime 11-11:45

11-11:45

www.hcpl.net/branch/evelyn-meador-branch-library

# Wednesdays & Fridays

# **EcoKids**

9:30-11:30 am • At ABNC, children have the opportunity to observe nature in action. We encourage observation, exploration, problem solving and creativity (STEM activities). This drop-off program is for ages 3 to 6 years old who are fully potty trained. \$12/program; Non Members \$14/program www.abnc.org

# **EcoSchoolers**

9:30-11:30 am • A hands-on environmental education activities plus STEM challenges for the home school student. Our science activities will help create curiosity and passion for the natural world. This drop-off program is for ages 7-12. \$14/program; Non Members \$17/program www.abnc.org

# **Thursdays**

# **FREE Visits to Houston Museums**

The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston courtesy of Shell Oil Company • 5-9pm www.mfah.org/visit/visiting-mfah-free

The Health Museum • 2-7pm www.houmuse.org/visit/the-health-museum

Houston Museum of Natural Science Permanent Exhibits • 2-5pm www.houmuse.org/visit/houston-museum-ofnatural-science

Children's Museum Houston • 5-8pm www.cmhouston.org

### Pajama Story Time at Helen Hall

6-6:30 pm • Pajama Storytime Put on your PJs and join us for movement, songs, and stories as we wind down for the evening. Ages: 3-8. RSVP www.leaguecitylibrary.org

# **Fridays**

# Seabrook Library

9:30 am Mother Goose and More! Nursery Rhymes, singing, movement activities, and a simple craft or sensory experience. Ages Up to 36 months!

www.sealib.org/?page id=2060

#### coTots

9:30 am • Fun introduction to animals, plants, and other nature topics. Program uses movement, storytelling, art, animal demonstrations, and games to make nature come alive. (ages 18 mos - 4 years. Must be accompanied by an adult) \$12 www.abnc.org

# **Nature Journal Challenge**

10am • Nature Journal Challenge Plants, bugs, and mud, oh my! We are exploring everything nature has to offer in our weekly Nature Journal Challenge! This program is virtual on Instagram. www.leaguecitylibrary.org

#### Friday Night Fun at Above the Bar

7:30 – 10 pm • Drop off the kids for a fun time with coach-led, high-energy activities including trampolines, inflatables, and games! Pizza snack is included, but bring a drink or cash for vending machines.\$20 for gym members/\$25 for nonmembers. Walk-ins on Friday evening \$30 for gym members / \$35 for non-members • kids ages 5 to 14

www.abovethebargym.com/open-gyms-fridaynight-fun-preschool

### Legacy Gymnastics Open gym

Every other Friday Night 5-7 pm Ages 3+ ,\$15, www.legacy-gym.com/events/open-gym

# **Saturdays**

#### **Nassau Bay Farmers Market**

In front of Erma's Nutrition • 10 am-2 pm www.facebook.com/NassauBayFarmersMarket

### **Friendswood Farmers Market**

1st Satruday of the month 9 am- 1 pm www.friendswoodmarket.com

# **Home Depot Kids Workshop**

1st Saturday of the month 9 am-12 pm www.homedepot.com/workshops

# Pearland ONGOING EVENTS

# Sundays

### **Bay Area Farmer's Market**

11am-3pm • Baybrook Mall www.bayareafarmersmarkettexas.com

#### Michaels Make Break

2-4 pm

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# **Mondays**

# **Pearland Library Baby Bounce**

10:15-11:15 am www.bcls.lib.tx.us/branches/pea/pearland.asp

# West Pearland Library

Toddler Time 10:15 & 11:15 am www.bcls.lib.tx.us/branches/pws/pearlandwest. asp

# Mondays & Wednesdays

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# **Tuesdays**

#### Pearland Library Toddler Story Time

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# **Pearland Library Toddler Time**

11:15-12:15pm

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# Wednesdays

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# **Angleton Library Story Time**

Stories, songs, and activities designed for 3-5 year olds. Limit 36. Please arrive up to 30 minutes before the program to get a wristband. 10 am www.bcls.lib.tx.us/branches/ang/angleton.asp

# **Pearland Westside Library Story Time**

10:15 -11:15 am • Books, songs, fingerplays, crafts, and FUN!

www.bcls.lib.tx.us/branches/pws/pearlandwest.asp

# West Pearland Library

Storytime 11:15 am www.bcls.lib.tx.us/branches/pws/pearlandwest.asp

### **Manyel Library Preschool Storytime**

10:15-10:45 am

www.bcls.lib.tx.us/branches/man/manvel.asp

# **Brazoria Library Preschool Story time**

10:30 -11:30 am • All programs are held outside. In case of inclement weather, programs will be virtual on the Danbury Facebook page. www.bcls.lib.tx.us

# **Alvin Library Storytime**

10:30 -11 am • Join us on the Alvin Library Facebook page for a story, songs and rhymes for ages 3-6

www.bcls.lib.tx.us/branches/alv/alvin.asp

# **Thursdays**

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Children's Museum Houston • 5-8pm www.cmhouston.org

### **Angleton Library Movers and Shakers**

10-10:30 am • A music and movement program for toddlers. Limit 36. Please arrive up to 30 minutes before the program to get a wristband. www.bcls.lib.tx.us/branches/ang/angleton.asp

# **Alvin Library Toddler time**

10:30 -11 am www.bcls.lib.tx.us/branches/pea/pearland.asp

### **Pearland Library Preschool Storytime**

10:30-11:30 am

www.bcls.lib.tx.us/branches/pea/pearland.asp

### Manvel Library Movers and Shakers

Thursdays • 10:15-10:45 am

www.bcls.lib.tx.us/branches/man/manvel.asp

# **Fridays**

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www.abovethebargym.com/open-gyms-fridaynight-fun-preschool

# **Saturdays**

#### Old Pearland Farmers Market

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