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Summer is here!

Summer is here, and we're taking a cue from the season by slowing down just a little. For June, July, and August, we'll be sending a lighter version of Badger Buzz packed with the essentials: important dates and reminders, child care openings, local family-friendly events, and your monthly book, craft, and recipe. We'll be back to our full newsletter come September. This month, as we celebrate **National Great Outdoors Month**, find plenty of nature-based family activities and an outdoors-inspired craft, snack, and book.

Dates & Reminders

- Summer **CCTAP**: Apply by **6/26**
- Summer **KidsKare** application is open
- **July 20**: Fall CCTAP application opens

Child Care Openings

The following openings within the [UW-Madison Child Care and Education System](#) are current as of **5/28/26**.

Eagle's Wing

Summer openings:

- High Flyers Summer Camp for 4K-2nd grade - June, July, & August sessions
- Half-day program for ages 2-4
- Full-day program for age 2 (by 6/15)

Fall openings:

- Half-day program for ages 2-4

Bernie's Place

- 2 openings for AM program, age 2 by September
- 2 openings for AM program, age 3 by September

Isthmus Montessori Academy

- 2 openings for 4K program starting in August

Little Chicks Learning Academy

- 6 openings for age under 1 year
- 2 openings for age 1.5
- 2 openings for age 2
- 4 openings for ages 3-5

Meeting House Nursery School

Part time and full time openings!

- Openings for age 2
- Openings for age 3
- Openings for 4K

Middleton Early Childhood Center

- Openings for children age 4 by September
- 4 openings for infants
- 4 openings for age 1

Preschool of the Arts

- 4 summer openings for age 4
- 3 fall openings for age 4
- 3 fall openings for age 3
- 3 fall openings for age 2

The Playing Field East

Openings coming soon for summer and fall!

- Waitlist for summer ages 1.5-2.5
- Waitlist for fall enrollment, ages 0-5

The Playing Field Midtown

- 1 opening in 4K program in September

June Family-Friendly Events

Special Events

Read to a Dog

Thursday, June 4, 3:30 - 5:00 pm
Sequoia Library

Cows on the Concourse

Saturday, June 6, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
Madison Capitol Square

Take Kids Fishing Day

Saturday, June 6, 9:00 - 11:30 am
Vilas Park

Fun Free Weekend in Dane County Parks

Saturday-Sunday, June 6-7, all day
All Dane County Parks

Family Nature Walk

Sunday, June 7, 1:30 - 2:30 pm
UW Arboretum Visitor Center

Children's African Story Hour

Monday, June 8, 4:00 - 5:00 pm
Pinney Library

Dinosaur Sensory Stations

Monday, June 8, 10:00 - 11:00 am
Fitchburg Public Library

Family Fun Night

Friday, June 12, 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Warner Park Community Recreation Center

Super Summer Science: Elephant Toothpaste

Friday, June 12, 3:00 - 4:00 pm
Goodman South Library

Kids on the Prairie: Lost Lake Critters

Sunday, June 14, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Holy Wisdom Monastery

Nature's Adventures: Hoo's Woods Raptor Show

Thursday, June 18, 10:00 - 11:00 am
Monona Community Center

Family Nature Program: Insects Galore!

Sunday, June 21, 1:30 - 3:30 pm
UW Arboretum Visitor Center

Camp Aldo Evenings: Tie-Dye at Sunset

Sunday, June 21, 5:00 - 8:00 pm
Aldo Leopold Nature Center

Make Music Madison

Sunday, June 21, all day
Over 100 locations throughout Madison

Recurring Events

Little Sprouts

June 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 23, 26
9:00 - 10:00 am
Olbrich Botanical Gardens

MCM Free Thursday Evenings

June 4, 11, 18, 25
4:00 - 8:00 pm
Madison Children's Museum

Children's African Story Hour

June 9, 16, 23, 30
5:30 - 6:30 pm
University Apartments Community Center,
Room 135

Multi-Age Storytime

June 10, 17, 24
10:30 - 11:15 am
Meadowridge Library

Lakeside Kids

June 16, 23, 30
10:00 - 11:00 am
Monona Terrace Rooftop Garden

Baby Storytime

June 16, 23, 30
11:30 am - 12:30 pm
Lakeview Library

More Special Events

Curious Critters Storytime

Monday, June 22, 10:00 - 10:45 am
Aldo Leopold Nature Center

Kid Concerts in the Park: Lion Dancers

Wednesday, June 24, 6:00 - 6:45 pm
Dream Park

Preschool Storytime with Pogie the Yogi

Friday, June 26, 10:00 - 10:30 am
Sequoia Library

Bird & Nature Adventures

Saturday, June 27, 10:00 - 11:30 am
Aldo Leopold Nature Center

Ocean Odyssey: Sharks!

Saturday, June 27, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Middleton Public Library

Book of the Month



How to Say Hello to a Worm

June is National Great Outdoors month, and *How to Say Hello to a Worm* stays on theme by depicting the beautiful simplicity of a garden. This delightful book embodies the magic of gardening and encourages all readers, from those who LOVE the outdoors to those with hesitation, to interact with nature at their own, comfortable pace.

[Read Aloud Storytime](#)

Craft of the Month



Nature Suncatchers

Kids will love this enchanting Nature Suncatcher Craft! Invite your little ones to explore nature and have fun making their own adorable suncatcher craft. You won't believe how simple it is to make, you only need a few household items and a free afternoon to spend outside with your little ones exploring nature and doing some crafting.

[Learn More](#)

Chef's Corner: Summer Campfire Snack

This easy snack is a win for everyone: it's healthy, easy, and fun! Either assemble it and surprise your kids, or have them join you in the kitchen to help build their own campfire. Just be careful not to burn yourself—the fire might be hot! 😊

Ingredients:

- Round crackers
- Grapes, halved
- Pretzel sticks
- Cheese slices
- Optional: Peanut butter

Instructions:

- Start by slicing grapes in half and cutting cheese slices into tiny crown shapes that resemble flames.
- Optionally, spread peanut butter over the cracker. This helps to prevent the grapes from sliding off.
- Arrange halved grapes in a circle around the edge of the cracker.
- Place a few pretzel sticks in the middle of the grapes.
- Squeeze a few cheese slices upright in between the pretzel sticks.
- Enjoy!

Recipe from skiptomylou.org



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