

ROCKY RIDGE

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Build Up Aurora

Saturday, June 7, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
Summer at Town Center at Aurora

Help shape Aurora's future! The City of Aurora is hosting this interactive event where residents can learn more about local infrastructure plans, share feedback, and enjoy family-friendly fun. Expect snacks, giveaways, games, and more – all right inside the Town Center.

Wright's Carnival

June 19 – July 6, Weekdays 5–11 pm,
Weekends 1–11 pm

Located in the JCPenney parking lot, Wright's Carnival is back with all your favorite rides, midway games, and classic carnival treats. Admission is free, and while ride wristbands are available for purchase, you can still soak up the festive atmosphere at no cost.

Juneteenth Celebration

Saturday, June 21, 2:00 – 6:00 pm

Join us in honoring Juneteenth with live music, powerful speakers, engaging activities, and local vendors. This free community celebration in front of the food court is a chance to reflect, rejoice, and recognize the importance of this historic holiday.

Global Fest

Sunday, June 14, Aurora Municipal Center

Global Fest is Aurora's signature celebration of international cultures, returning to the Aurora Municipal Center Great Lawn on Saturday, June 14. This free, family-friendly festival brings together the sights, sounds, and flavors of more than 60 cultures from around the world. Attendees can experience the vibrant Parade of Nations, enjoy captivating live performances across two stages, including a crowd-favorite Selena tribute, and sample authentic global cuisine from dozens of food vendors. From the colorful International Fashion Show to engaging cultural exhibits and kid-friendly activities, Global Fest is a joyful showcase of Aurora's diversity and unity. Whether you're a local or a visitor, this is your passport to a world of celebration, all in one unforgettable day.

–<https://www.visitaurora.com>

Ways To Keep Your Kids Entertained This Summer

Summer's in full swing, the kids are on vacation and looking for things to do. Before you give in to the unrealistic notion that your children need to be entertained on a regular basis when they're not in school, remember that it's summer – a time for even the most active kids to take a break from organized activities and find ways to entertain themselves. This list of practical (and fun) ideas for things kids can do on their own, or with a parent or caregiver, should help you survive until the school bus rolls into the neighborhood again.

1. **Pick your own... whatever.** Find a farm with blueberries, strawberries, tomatoes, flowers, etc., and get picking.
2. **Camp out.** First-timers, try backyard camping.
3. **Camp in.** Put the sleeping bags on the floor and have a family slumber party.
4. **Rearrange the furniture.** Give the kids graph paper and have them draw out a plan first.
5. **Invite friends over for a game day.** Have a kids' games table and an adult one too. Candyland, chess, Monopoly, Clue – let the kids pick their favorites.
6. **Make your own pizza.**
7. **Talk to the animals.** Go to a zoo. If there isn't one nearby, take a virtual zoo tour online.
8. **Get wet.** Break out the kiddie pools, hoses, and sprinklers. Or if the budget permits, spend the day at a waterpark.
9. **Have a puzzle race.** Stock up on 100-piece puzzles and see who finishes first. For older kids, skip the race and challenge them to complete a mega-piece puzzle. Set up a spot where everyone can join in working on the puzzle.
10. **Play (or learn) card games.** Amazing how much fun you can have with a single pack of playing cards. Little ones can learn crazy eights or Old Maid. Teach the older kids rummy or poker, or discover new games to master.
11. **Make good use of nearby parks.** Go to your local park's website, print the schedule of activities and tape it to the refrigerator.
12. **Pack a picnic.** And plop down to eat it just about anywhere, at a free concert, in a state park or in your own backyard. Rainy day? Have an Indoors Picnic! Spread a blanket on the living room floor where there are no bugs or rain to contend with and the children will love it!

HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY

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13. **Join (or create) a summer reading club.** Most local libraries have a summer reading program that awards prizes for the most books read. If your library doesn't, create your own. Pick a day of the week to be library day. You take back the read books and pick up new ones. Create categories and award prizes to whoever read the most books in those categories. If you have three children, have three categories. Make sure every child gets a prize.
14. **Experiment with new hairdos.** Let the kids try out not-permanent colors or braids. Or maybe a spiked look.
15. **Set a goal and complete a home project.** Spare room need cleaning out? Fences need painting? Kitchen cabinets in need of organizing? Find ways to let the kids help.
16. **Let the kids cook dinner.** In fact, make a tradition of it.
17. **Host a sleepover.** And the maybe your kids will be invited next – giving you a free evening.

–<https://www.seventhgeneration.com>

Cliff Dwellings And Ruins

Colorado is home to several sites which include cliff dwellings and ruins. Take a car trip this summer to view some of these historic places.

Starting in the Southwest corner of Colorado, the **Canyons of the Ancients National Monument** in Dolores is an enormous site that includes a museum, a nature trail, and over 164,000 acres chock-full of ancient Puebloan archaeological sites. Here, you can view ancient villages (one of which you can enter), towers, Sand Canyon, and one of the largest kivas in Colorado.

Canyon Pintado National Historic District resides in western Colorado. In this district, you'll find rock art and homestead ruins from as early as 1200 AD, much of which is viewable from your car, perfect for those who would rather forego a hike.

Chimney Rock National Monument and Park in Pagosa Springs is a great place to spot ancient Puebloan ruins that date back thousands of years, including kivas, a pit house, and multi-family dwellings.

Hovenweep National Monument is located near Cortez in the southwest corner of the state, and it extends into Utah, where you can find the visitor center. Hovenweep is an ideal spot for camping and ruins-viewing, as you can even see the ruins of Hovenweep Castle and towers built by the Ancestral Puebloan people.

Mesa Verde National Park is the perfect place to view ancient cliff dwellings, as there are over 600 well-preserved dwellings plus 4,000 ruins in this notable archaeological site. Be sure to stop by Canyons of the Ancients if you have the time since it's not far away.

Ute Mountain Tribal Park offers guided tours of cliff dwellings and villages from the Ancestral Pueblo people. You can choose between an easier hike or a more active one, but both are packed with information.

–<https://www.uncovercolorado.com/archaeological-sites/>

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Sounds of Southlands

Thursdays, June 25 – August 13, 6pm - 8pm, Town Square

Get ready to groove at the Sounds of Southlands! Join us every Thursday, June 25 through August 13 from 6pm to 8pm for an unforgettable evening of live music, food and beverage specials from participating restaurants, and dancing! All concerts will begin at 6pm at the Town Square. See to the right for this year's band lineup.

Please Note:

- Parking in Town Square will close at 1pm on Thursdays, June 25 - August 13.
- Canopy tents, coolers, and outside alcohol are strictly prohibited.
- Seating is general admission.

–<https://www.shopsouthlands.com/eventprograms/sounds-of-southlands-2/>

- June 25: The Eighties Band
- July 2: The Radio Band
- July 9: Thumpin'
- July 16: Those Crazy Nights
- July 23: Groove 'N Motion
- July 30: The Long Run
- August 6: Soul X
- August 13: Eric Golden

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