



2016 Summer bucket list for Atlanta families  
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"I'm bored!"

Have you heard it yet?

If so, we've compiled a list of summer things to do around Atlanta that will make for the last time you have to hear those words.

And the best part?

**Here's an all-inclusive 2016 summer bucket list for metro Atlanta families:**

### ***Inside the Perimeter***

**Pancakes, Pancakes!** Now until July 10. \$0-15. Alliance Theatre. 1280 Peachtree St NE, Atlanta. [AllianceTheatre.org](http://AllianceTheatre.org).

Pancakes, Pancakes! is a bright and fun tale for all ages inspired by the iconic book by Eric Carle. Featuring original songs and creative scenery, this 35-minute play explores the process of cooking and celebrates the joy in the labor and in the final feast.

**Washed Ashore: Art to Save the Sea.** Now until Sept 25. FREE with General Admission tickets. Georgia Aquarium. 225 Baker St NW, Atlanta. [georgiaaquarium.org](http://georgiaaquarium.org).

In celebration of World Oceans month in June, the aquarium is hosting a special exhibit that offers an artsy twist on the global problem of ocean pollution. This traveling art exhibit of 13 larger-than-life pieces are all created from ocean debris. Each piece includes educational facts about the artwork and tips on how to reduce, refuse, reuse, recycle and repurpose. The works will be on display throughout the Aquarium and the cost is included in the price of general admission.

**Slide the City** June 25. \$15-99. Centennial Olympic Park. Centennial Olympic Park Dr NW & Andrew Young International Blvd NW, Atlanta. [slidethecity.com](http://slidethecity.com).

This family-friendly slip-and-slide party is one day only. Get your wristband for two-hours of sliding fun on the world's longest water slide. There will be also live music, food, drinks and water fun.

**Coca Cola Summer Film Festival.** Now until Aug 27. \$10-20. Fox Theatre. 660 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta 30308. [foxtheatre.org](http://foxtheatre.org)

Kids will love new and vintage movies under the stars, shown on the mammoth wide screen at Fox Theatre. For select showings, guests enjoy a magical pre-show experience that includes a sing-along with a vintage cartoon and the world renowned Mighty Mo organ.

### ***DeKalb County***

**Kids Eat Free at Revival.** FREE. Tuesdays. Revival. 129 Church St, Decatur. [revivaldecatur.com](http://revivaldecatur.com).

Chef Kevin Gillespie is among the best chefs in Atlanta, and Family Dinner at his Decatur restaurant is a must. Try his scrumptious fried chicken and cornbread on a Tuesday and the kids can eat for FREE. [Here are more ideas for feeding your hungry munchkins and pinching a penny this summer.](#)

**Great Backyard Campout.** \$20-25 per campsite. June 18. Dunwoody Nature Center. 5343 Roberts Dr, Atlanta 30338. [dunwoodynature.org](http://dunwoodynature.org).

Learn camping basics like how to set up and break down tents and how to build and put out a campfire. And what campout would be complete without a fire, some s'mores, games, a night hike and even a camp song or two. Dunwoody is home to one of many nature centers around the city. [Find more nature centers here.](#)

**Brook Run Park.** Dunwoody's 102-acre park includes an organic community garden, a dog park, a skate park, a 2-mile trail loop and a large playground that kids (and parents) will love – especially because of the shade awnings. The newest addition to this park is [Treetop Quest](#). It's an elevated course and zip-line adventure with 52 obstacles and 12 zip-lines over 4 courses. Plus, the park includes a Net Trampoline, the first of its kind in Georgia, and a low ropes course for children ages 4 to 6, called Kiddie Quest.

**Sleep in a yurt.** \$99-139 per night. Stone Mountain Park. 1000 Robert E Lee Blvd, Stone Mountain 30083. [stonemountainpark.com](http://stonemountainpark.com).

There's nothing as amazing as waking up to a view of the lake after a comfortable night's sleep in a yurt. Three yurts include true beds, air conditioning, bunks, electrical outlets and more. Stone Mountain not in your neighborhood? [Try these places to sleep in a yurt all over Georgia](#)

### ***Cobb County***

**DC Super Friends.** FREE with General Admission. Six Flags Over Georgia. 275 Riverside Pkwy Southwest, Austell. [sixflags.com](http://sixflags.com).

Batman, Superman, Wonder Woman, The Joker and Harley Quinn reign supreme at the world's first DC Super Friends themed area debuts here in Georgia. Five thrilling new rides and attractions are designed for the entire family to experience together.

**Acworth Beach.** Head to [Cable Park](#) for fun in the sun on the shores of Lake Acworth. Enjoy white sand and a roped area for swimming. There is also a playground, restroom area, picnic tables and more. There are no lifeguards on duty, so keep an eye on the kiddos. Swimming is FREE.

**Andretti Indoor Karting & Games.** From racing to ropes courses, arcades to bowling, and motion theatre to laser tag, [Andretti](#) is full of fun and excitement. The great thing is, this facility is pay-as-you-go; only purchase tickets for what you want to play. Even better, Tuesdays are perfect for all day play because kids eat free with purchase of an entrée.

### ***Gwinnett County***

**Mayfield Dairy.** Love Mayfield milk and ice cream? Take the kids to tour the facility in Braselton. Tours begin every hour during opening times— with the chance to milk a cow in every hour. There is also a milk-themed gift shop and an ice cream parlor.

**Friends and Family Baseball Package.** June 25. \$15 each. Gwinnett Braves. 2500 Buford Dr, Lawrenceville. [www.GwinnettBraves.com](http://www.GwinnettBraves.com).

Coolray Field is a great place to introduce your kids to baseball. The Friends and Family Package includes a field box ticket, G-Braves hat and Taco Mac cash.

**Splash pad and fountain fun.** Let kids splish and splash in the water while letting go of some built-up energy. Try Big Splash at Suwanee Town Center Park, Village Pavilion at Mall of Georgia, Lillian Webb Park or Town Green Fountain at Duluth Main Street.

### ***North Fulton***

**Roswell Summer Puppet Series.** Various dates through July 23. \$0-30. Roswell Cultural Arts Center. 950 Forrest St, Roswell. [roswellgov.com](http://roswellgov.com).

The Roswell Summer Puppet Series is one of the best things about summer for those in the northern suburbs. It's just for kids so a little noise and chaos is OK and it's VERY affordable. Purchase tickets on line or at the show, or buy a package of 7 tickets for \$30. Kids under 2 years old are FREE.

**Matilda's Music Under the Pines.** Saturdays through October. \$0-20 each. Matilda's. 77 S Main St, Alpharetta. [matildasmusicvenue.com](http://matildasmusicvenue.com).

If you are looking for the perfect place to enjoy live music in Alpharetta — whether for a fun date night idea for couples or a family night out — Matilda's Music Under the Pines is your answer. Bring your kids (16 and younger are FREE) ,your dog, the beverage of your choice and your picnic blanket.

**Webb Bridge Park.** It's unlike most playgrounds, with unusual play structures, a musical keyboard, shady trees, a covered sand box and walking trails. The best part for summer is the Zone Spring, a man-made stream that flows through the play area, ideal for splashing in. It's fed from a deep well under the ground and flows to a lake for irrigation rather than being recirculated- regardless, the kids will have a ball at Webb Bridge. 4780 Webb Bridge Rd, Alpharetta.

### ***In the Mountains***

**Swimming Holes.** You can go to the neighborhood pool or hit the community splash ground, but nothing says summer like playing in Mother Nature's natural waterscapes. Here are 15 waterfalls, creeks and streams your kids will love to play in this summer.

**Aerial Adventure Park.** Head to Unicoi State Park for great family fun, with accommodations built right in. Packages include multiple adventures like survivalist camp, mountain biking, zip lining, kayak fishing, or GPS scavenger hunting. Not enough? What about s'mores and fire pit stories, guided hikes to the falls, archery and so much more! Adventure Lodges open June 19.

### ***Everywhere***

**Summer Camp.** From a family camping experience at Callaway Gardens to overnight camp in Blue Ridge and from LEGO camp in Atlanta to PGA camp in Macon, there are plenty of summer camp options across the state. Find the best summer camps for kids here.

**Free Reading Programs.** Barnes and Noble.. Chuck E. Cheese...there are multiple summer reading programs for kids all around the state. The best part? [These summer reading programs are FREE.](#)

**Free Outdoor Movies.** Old classics under the stars are an ideal way to spend a summer night. Large screens are popping up in parks over the city. Pack a picnic and head to your favorite spot.

**Adventure Beyond Atlanta.** From Len Foote Hike Inn in the mountains to shell hunting on Cumberland Island, Georgia is filled with special memory-making opportunities for the family. Follow this list of [52 adventures every kid MUST experience](#) from Georgia's family travel spokesperson.