

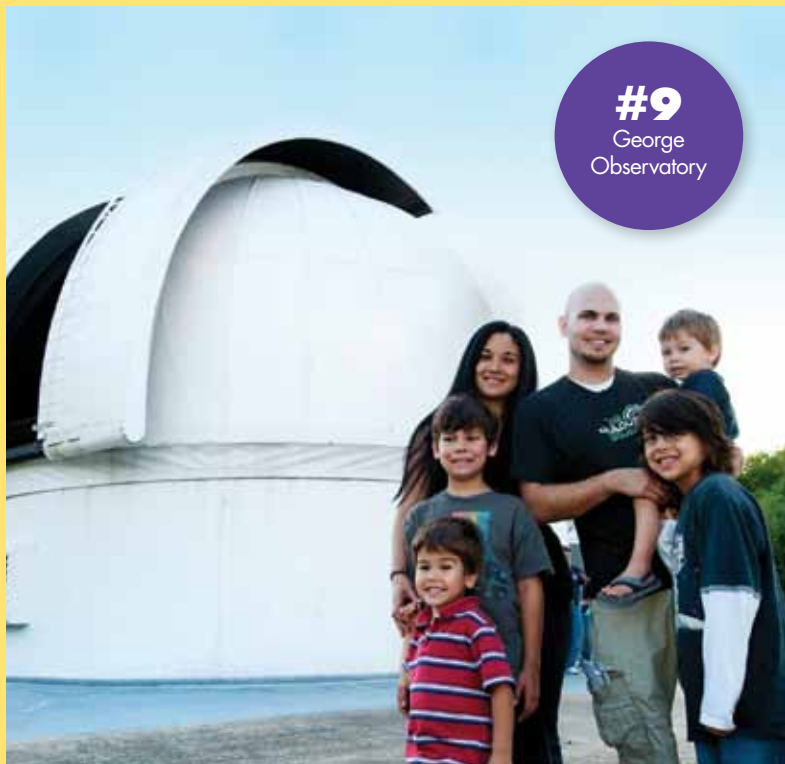
AMC First Colony 24

**#45**  
Magnolia  
Plantation  
Community Pool

# 101 Fun Things to Do in Fort Bend This Summer

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**#9**  
George  
Observatory

Magnolia Plantation  
Community Pool

The kids are out of school, the sun is burning bright, and the grills are fired up! It must mean summer is finally here. We have compiled 101 family fun activities all in the Fort Bend area. Whether you're looking to tour a local museum, jump on an inflatable castle, or enjoy a day of fishing, we have it all here. So get out a pen and start checking off activities, while making this a summer to remember!

1. Visit the air-conditioned playground at Sugar Land's Stomping Grounds Playland.
2. Dig for pretend dinosaur bones in the dig pit at the Houston Museum of Natural Science Sugar Land.
3. Take the kids to the splash play area near the food court at First Colony Mall.
4. Round up all your old books, sell them to Half Price Books, then browse and shop for new finds.
5. Find a treasure at Vogelsang Antique Emporium in Rosenberg.
6. Take the family dog to swim and play at Pawm Springs Dog Park.
7. Hit the Sonic drive thru from 2 to 4 p.m. and enjoy a "happy hour" half-price slushie.
8. Catch a fish at Oyster Creek Park.
9. Go stargazing at night at the George Observatory.
10. Go bowling at Stafford Lanes.
11. Take the family ice skating at Sugar Land Ice and Sports Center.
12. Send your kids to a summer camp, swim lesson, or sports activity at the Fort Bend Family YMCA.
13. Make friends with a New Territory resident, so you can use the Cunningham Creek Splash Park.
14. Sign up for craft classes at local Hobby Lobby or Michael's stores.
15. Take part in a puppet show, science show, movie, or story time at a Fort Bend library.
16. Visit Brazos Bend State Park and canoe, fish, and enjoy family time.
17. Take a tour through a historical landmark, such as the Dew House and DeWalt Heritage Center in Missouri City.
18. Learn to play the guitar at Fort Bend Music Center.
19. Relax and read *Sugar Land Magazine*, while you sip a Frappuccino at Starbucks.
20. Take the family golfing at The Houstonian or Sugar Creek Country Club.
21. Drop the kids off at vacation Bible school, then hit the salon for a mani/pedi.
22. Take a dip at Sugar Land Municipal Pool. Prices range from 50 cents to \$2.85.

23. Have a family Wii tournament and give away fun prizes and awards.
24. Take the kids to grandma's house and escape to Massage Envy for a couple's massage.
25. Plan a backyard water day with slip n' slides, sprinklers, and splash pools.
26. Arrange for the kids to tour a local fire department and learn about fire safety.
27. Visit a local animal shelter and adopt a new family pet.
28. Sign the kids up for a Kids and Cops program offered by Fort Bend County.
29. Attend the Tribute to America on July 16 in downtown Rosenberg.
30. Have a family laser tag challenge at Lazerzone.
31. Enjoy a day of shopping at First Colony Mall.
32. Sign up for yoga, tae kwon do, Zumba, or tai chi and many more classes offered by Sugar Land Parks and Recreation.
33. Learn about artifacts and archeology at the Fort Bend County Museum.
34. Join the summer reading club at the Fort Bend County Library.
35. Enjoy a twilight drive down a country road, taking in the sunset and sites.
36. Attend a nature program on Saturday or Sunday at Brazos Bend State Park.
37. Sign the kids up for cooking classes at Young Chefs Academy.
38. See Texas history firsthand at George Ranch Historical Park.
39. Cool off with a fresh roll of sushi from Kona Grill.
40. All aboard the Rosenberg Railroad Museum.
41. Sit back and watch a performance by the CAST Theatrical Company.
42. Bring the kids to the educational, interactive, space flight simulation at the Challenger Learning Center.
43. Tour the Long-Smith Cottage at the Fort Bend Museum.
44. Sip a smoothie from Jamba Juice as you people watch at Town Square.
45. Host a playgroup at the neighborhood pool and have Pepperoni's deliver pizzas.
46. Take the family to "brinner" at IHOP (brinner=breakfast food at dinner time).
47. See a concert or performance at the Imperial Theater or Sugar Land Town Square.



**#63**  
Ben & Jerry's  
Ice Cream



Movies Under the Stars at  
Sugar Land Town Square



**#11**  
Sugar Land  
Ice & Sports  
Center

Kamilla loves to play at Sugar Land Town Square



- 48.** Learn to tumble at Iron Cross Gymnastic's Tumbling Boot Camp.
- 49.** Stock up on watermelons and have a watermelon seed spitting contest.
- 50.** Go back in time at Another Time Soda Fountain, where soda jerks prepare fountain drinks, shakes, and floats in the traditional way.
- 51.** Have a family movie night at home with pillows, blankets, pajamas, and lots of popcorn.
- 52.** Bring the kids to the Rosenberg Round-Up for a day of shopping, eating, and family fun in Rosenberg's Historic Downtown District.
- 53.** Spend a day exploring and shopping in the Rosenberg Historic Downtown District.
- 54.** Plan a day or night at Sugar Land Town Square, enjoying music in the plaza, movies under the moon, or dancing under the stars.
- 55.** Take the kids over to Fun Tiki Family Entertainment Center.
- 56.** Spend the day at Sugar Land Memorial Park, where you can canoe, bike, or have a picnic from sunrise to sunset.
- 57.** Learn to ballroom dance at Fred Astaire Dance Studio or Town Square during the Dancing Under the Stars series.
- 58.** Become a member of or just take a class at the Art League of Fort Bend.
- 59.** Get decorating ideas by visiting the model homes in Aliana, Telfair, or Riverstone.
- 60.** Take a fun fitness class or sign up for personal training at Life Time Fitness.
- 61.** Set up a tent in your backyard and enjoy a night of camping without ever leaving your yard.
- 62.** Cool off indoors with a movie and an ice cream at AMC First Colony 24.
- 63.** Enjoy a fun flavor from Ben and Jerry's in Sugar Land Town Square.
- 64.** Create your own furry friend at Build-a-Bear Workshop in First Colony Mall.
- 65.** Release energy by jumping around on Bounce U's giant inflatables.
- 66.** Enjoy a performance or concert at the Fort Bend Theatre or Stafford Centre.
- 67.** Let the kids learn from professional basketball player Reggie Slater at Slaters Sports Zone.
- 68.** Take musical theater classes at Broadway Bound Youth Musical Theatre Company.
- 69.** Start or join a summer reading club with your neighbors and friends.
- 70.** Take your teen skateboarding at Sugar Land Skate Park.
- 71.** Take a dance class or sign up for dance camps at Sugar Land Dance Center.

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- 72.** Attend a cooking class at Williams-Sonoma in First Colony Mall.
- 73.** Join the Old Foster Community Museum's annual big event: Bobbie Sox and Doo Wop from Aug. 6 to 7.
- 74.** Go back in time as you drive through The Hill, Sugar Land's historic first community.
- 75.** Get the family together and cool off by enjoying an outdoor water balloon fight.
- 76.** Bring your bike and enjoy an afternoon at Lost Creek Park's BMX Track.
- 77.** Take a horseback riding lesson at any one of Fort Bend's local horseback riding facilities.
- 78.** Sit and read a book under the third largest pecan tree in Texas at Duhacsek Park.
- 79.** Tell your neighbors to prepare their best dishes and throw a block party.
- 80.** Take the Nature Challenge 2011, which features the Edible Arbor Trail, the Right Tree Trail, and the Freedom Tree.
- 81.** Teach the kids how to play Frisbee at Lost Creek Park.
- 82.** Help serve the community by being part of a volunteer project with Volunteer Fort Bend.
- 83.** Eat lunch, then let the kids frolic at Chick-fil-A's indoor playground.
- 84.** Visit your local snow cone shack and try a new flavor.

- 85.** Plan an outing with the girls at Painting with a Twist and discover your inner artist.
- 86.** Get drenched and cool off at RiverPark Splash pad.
- 87.** Help the kids set up a lemonade stand on your front lawn.
- 88.** Take a family bike ride just before sunset.
- 89.** Join "the breakfast club" and go mall walking at First Colony Mall.
- 90.** Join a local mommy-and-me workout group and get in shape this summer, while spending time with your little one.
- 91.** Volunteer with Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels.
- 92.** Find local historical landmarks in Fort Bend and take the kids on a free history tour (visit [atlas.thc.state.tx.us](http://atlas.thc.state.tx.us)).
- 93.** Enjoy a day of disc golf at Imperial Park's nine-hole course. Be sure to bring your own disc.
- 94.** Butterfly watch at Seabourne Creek Nature Park's butterfly garden.
- 95.** Take a cooking class at Whole Foods.
- 96.** Learn to swim at Sea Star Swim School.
- 97.** Snuggle up and read bedtime stories together in the backyard hammock.
- 98.** Sign up for the Great Grown-up



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Daniel has fun at Stomping Grounds



Stevie enjoys learning at George Memorial Library



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**#36**

Brazos  
 Bend  
 State Park

Spelling Bee on Aug. 26, hosted by the Literacy Council of Fort Bend County.

**99.** Take a family nature hike at the Oyster Creek Park trails.

**100.** Sign up for line dancing, step aerobics, or a Renaissance martial arts class at the Missouri City Community Center.

**101.** Have dinner at Lupe Tortilla, then enjoy a margarita while the kids play on the play structure.

With this many options for having fun in Fort Bend, there's no way it's going to be a boring summer! So be sure to stay cool at any one of these Fort Bend hot spots this year and make some memories you'll never forget. Have a safe and happy summer, Fort Bend! **SLM**

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**#13**  
Cunningham  
Spray Park




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