

Things to do in Sand Springs during the summer

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For stay-at-home moms, the summer months can drag on unless there are things for the kids to do. Here is a list of area parks, events and entertainment to provide fun for the whole family.

RIVER CITY PARK

River City Park has something for everyone. RCP has a great trail, custom concrete skate park, horseshoe facilities, picnic areas, grills, a splash pad and a restroom facility. This is arguably Sand Springs' busiest park with little league baseball, soccer, rodeo, and a BMX track.

River City Trail

River City Trail is a bicycle/pedestrian trail which winds through the park, connecting to the metro Tulsa trails system.

Disc Golf Course

The 18-hole disc golf course is near the soccer fields. There are nine baskets, but each has two different T-boxes giving two very different disc golfing experiences, and some flexibility throughout the year.

Splash Pad

The splash pad is new to the park. There are numerous water spouts that spray water from the ground, large water guns, several sprinkler-like features and a huge water bucket that drops gallons of water every few minutes.

The park is located at 2500 River City Park Rd., just off of Wekiwa Rd.

CIVITAN PARK

The splash pad at Civitan Park is just like the one at RCP.

Sand Springs Parks Director Grant Geronale said the splash pads have been in the works for about 12 years and were made possible in part by a \$70,000 donation from the local Rotary Club. At the Civitan splash pad there are numerous water spouts that spray water from the ground, large water guns, several sprinkler-like features and a huge water bucket that drops gallons of water every few minutes.

The park is located at 213 W. 44th St.

SKATES

Who doesn't like to roller skate?

SKATES offers the area's largest maple wood skating surface (165' x75') and houses a



Grayson Canterbury, 4, plays at the Rotary Club Splash Pad. COURTESY

big game room. The fully remodeled snack bar offers drinks, snacks and hot food during all of the public skating sessions. It's also home to the local roller derby team — The Tulsa Derby League — and the Tulsa Surge Speed Skating Team.

Not just for kids, adult late-night private events are held after hours. They can be used for a birthday party, company party, college graduation party, class reunion a group outing, or more.

The skating rink is located at 401 E Broadway Ct, Unit B, (918) 241-2342

SAND SPRINGS CINEMARK 8

The Sand Springs Cinemark 8 movie theater offers new releases at dollar movie prices. The theater offers several children's movies as well as movies from adults. The theater offers popcorn, drinks and snacks. It located at 1112 E. Charles Page Blvd. of call 918-245-3423.



The entrance to River City Park. RACHEL SNYDER/ Leader

SAND SPRINGS MUSEUM

The Sand Springs Cultural and Historical Museum is located in the historic Page Memorial Library Building. The building is an excellent example of art deco architecture and was built to honor Charles Page in 1929. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in America in 1999. The museum preserves the building and strives to connect the local area's past, present, and future through the preservation and promotion of cultural heritage and arts. Admission is free.

The museum chronicles the town's history from the very beginning and is also a shrine to town founder Charles Page.

The museum is located at 9 E. Broadway, and is open Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information call 918-246-2509.

GILCREASE MUSEUM

The Thomas Gilcrease Institute of American History and Art, commonly known as Gilcrease Museum, located in Tulsa, Okla., is one of the country's

best facilities for the preservation and study of American art and history. The museum houses the world's largest and most comprehensive collection of art and artifacts of the American West, including an unparalleled collection of Native American art and material.

The museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. The museum is closed on Mondays. For more information, call 918-596-2700.

LIBRARIES

Pratt Library

Located in Prattville, Pratt Library offers an array of books, periodicals and other forms of media for the community to enjoy.

The Pratt Library was first housed in a small trailer in 1963 after the community of Prattville was annexed by the city of Sand Springs. The library quickly outgrew itself and was having difficulty housing the large number of books and the large number of children attending story times and other programs and built a new building at 3219 S. 113 W.

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Emmrie Canterbury, 5, plays in the water at one of the local splash pads Sand Springs has to offer. COURTESY

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Ave. The library is now open six days, fifty four hours per week.

For more information call 918-591-4535.

Charles Page Library

Charles Page Library is one of the 24 locations of Tulsa City-County Library system offers an array of books, periodicals and other forms of media for the community to enjoy. The library offers kid's programs, story times, and events that generally involve the arts.

The first library in Sand Springs was started in 1920 by the Sand Springs Women's Club, and was opened April 1921 in the City Hall with 500 donated books. The city took it over and supported it for many years by appropriation of city funds. On February 27, 1930, the Page Memorial Library was dedicated as a gift of Mrs. Lucile Page in memory of her husband, Charles Page.

The original library building now houses the Sand Springs Museum.

The Sand Springs Home was approached about providing a suitable site for a new building which could more easily house a one-story, easily accessible library, and they offered a long-term lease for a location across from Charles Page High School at 551 E. 4th St.

The library is now located at 551 E. 4th St. and is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information call 918-549-7521.

Sahoma Lanes

Sahoma Lanes is a 24-lane bowling and entertainment center.

It includes a game room and plenty of food.

Sahoma Lanes is open from noon to 10 p.m. Monday, 9:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 12 a.m. Friday and Saturday, and from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday. It's located at 1499 N. 9th Street in Sapulpa. For more information, visit www.sahomalanes.com or call 918-224-2695.

Tulsa Zoo

The Tulsa Zoo features a wide variety of exhibits featuring animals of the African plains and Asia, as well as chimpanzees. Another exhibit features animals from cold environments, like chinchillas, snowy owls, grizzly bears and arctic foxes, while the desert exhibit features chuckwallas, naked mole rats, rattlesnakes, black-footed cats and more. The forest exhibit includes animals like crocodile monitors, bobcats, porcupines, bald eagles and more. The water exhibit has American alligators, seahorses, anaconda, lionfish and more. The Oceans and Islands exhibit has sea lions, African penguins and black and white ruffed

lemurs. The rainforest exhibit is home to black howler monkeys, anaconda, piranha, jaguar, golden-headed lion tamarin and more.

The zoo is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily at 6421 E. 36th Street North. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$6 for children ages three-11, \$8 for people 65 and over and free for those two and under.

For more information, visit tulsazoo.org or call 918-669-6600.

Safari Joe's

Formerly known as Tulsa's Big Splash Water Park, Safari Joe's H2O water park was purchased by Joe Estes last summer.

The park is open every day until August 14, then weekends only until Labor Day Monday. The park is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday at 21st and Yale. The park features a water roller coaster, a lazy river, wave pool, plenty of slides, an activity pool and new reptile attractions.

For more information, visit www.safarijoes.com or call 918-749-7385.

The Book Box

The Book Box offers new and used books and offers art classes, art parties, storytime, a craft table, free coffee, special orders and more.

The store is located at 214 N. McKinley. For more information, call 918-629-1912.



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