



**FARMINGTON HILLS/FARMINGTON
COMMISSION ON CHILDREN,
YOUTH. AND FAMILIES
FAMILY CALENDAR - MAY 2019**

STEM WORKSHOP: BUILD A BOARD GAME - Tuesday, May 21, 6 - 7 pm.

Repurpose pieces of old board games to construct your own game board with tokens, obstacles, and more. Then use your imagination to come up with rules to play your new game and test it by playing! Ages 8 and up, supplies are provided. RSVP required at 616-796-3329, Holland Museum, 31 W. 10th Street, Holland, MI, info: https://hollandmuseum.org/?event=stem-workshop-build-a-board-game&event_date=2019-05-21

SLAVERY AT JEFFERSON'S MONTICELLO: PARADOX OF LIBERTY - open now.

How could the author of the Declaration of Independence own slaves? How could twenty percent of the population of the new United States, founded on the principles of liberty and equality, be forced to live in bondage? What was life like for enslaved people in the early republic? Who was Sally Hemmings? These questions allow viewers to see Monticello in relation to them. 20 Info: The Museum of African American History, http://thewright.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=762rst

CHARLOTTE'S WEB - Wednesday, May 1 to Sunday, May 5

Charlotte's Web is possibly the best loved of all American stories for children. It tells the touching story of a rare friendship between a little pig, Wilbur, and Charlotte, a most uncommon spider. The magical words that Charlotte spins in her web not only earn Wilbur a county fair blue ribbon and save his life, but inspire all of us to value what we can share with each other, for grades k - 5, length is 55 minutes, Towsley Auditorium, 4800 E. Huron River Dr., Ann Arbor, Info: <https://annarbordetroit.kidsoutandabout.com/content/charlottes-web-7> or 734.995. 0530

JACK HANNA'S INTO THE WILD LIVE - Friday, May 3, 7 pm.

Jack Hanna, brings his three-time Emmy Award-winning television series to the live stage with a trip into the wild, see a spectacular array of incredible animals, hear Jack's stories, and view footage of his worldwide adventures which will inspire you with his wildlife conservation and see at least 15 animals such as a baby cheetah, kangaroo, baby tiger, two-toed sloth, penguin and more, Forest Hills Fine Arts Center, 600 Forest Hill Avenue SE, Grand Rapids, MI
Info: <https://www.jackhanna.com/intothewild/schedule>

MICHIGAN HISTORY MUSEUM

● **STATES OF INCARCERATION - to May 19.**

This national traveling exhibit looks at the history and future of mass incarceration in the United States,

● **SAY YES! TO MICHIGAN DAY - CENTENNIAL EVENT - Saturday, May 11, 10 am to 4 pm.**

Celebrate the real stories of Michigan. Discover Michigan's past through live music, costumed interpreters, hands-on activities and Michigan trivia challenges at the Museum, 702 W Kalamazoo St. Lansing, MI Info: 517-335-2573

info: www.michigan.gov/mhc www.michigan.gov/mhc

● **ACCESS CALENDAR** to see the "Second Saturday's" events for families, at

39TH HURON RIVER DAY FESTIVAL - Sunday, May 19, noon to 4 pm.

Enjoy the beautiful Huron River with free, family friendly river activities during the Huron River Day celebration, there is a list of the many activities on the web-site

Gallup Park, 3000 Fuller Road in Ann Arbor, Sponsored by the Detroit Edison Foundation, Info:

<https://www.a2gov.org/departments/Parks-Recreation/play/Pages/Huron-River-Day.aspx>

CIVIL WAR REMEMBRANCE - Saturday and Sunday, May 25 and 26, 9:30 am to 5 pm.

Witness how the citizenry of the era struggled to clothe, feed and entertain one another during the Civil War, immerse yourself in Confederate living history and begin to comprehend the circumstances that ended slavery and killed today's equivalent of 7.5 million people, travel from a battlefield to a Stephen Foster sing-along to a view of a thriving ready-to-wear fashion industry of the era. 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood Info:<https://www.thehenryford.org/current-events/calendar/civil-war-remembrance/>

ST. STEPHEN 71ST ANNUAL SPRING POLISH FESTIVAL - Friday to Sunday, May 17, 18 and 19.

Celebrate all things Polish with bands, dancing, dinners, bingo, craft show, carnival rides, kid's game tent, white elephant tent, Polish foods, 50/50 and basket raffles all on St. Stephen Parish Grounds, 18858 Huron River Drive, info: <http://www.ststephennewboston.org/st-stephen-annual-polish-festival/>

CORNWELL'S TURKEYVILLE -

● **SPRING MILITARY TRUCK FLING** - Saturday, May 4, 9 am

Come and watch as the teams of horses plow the field to plant, teaching everyone about the teams of horses and how the plows work.

In addition to year around special events TURKEYVILLE is a destination spot including An all-turkey restaurant, an Ice Cream Parlor with soda fountain and house-made ice cream, a gift shop ,a bakery, an RV Camp Resort, Cornwell's Turkeyville, 18935 15 1/2 Mile Rd. Marshall, Info: 269-781-4293 or <https://www.turkeyville.com> and for a printable event calendar.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CENTER -

● **WOW - Wild Over Wednesdays** 6 - 8 pm.

The last Wednesday of each month, we offer free admission from 6 to 8 pm for all of our visitors and special programs, fun and games around a specific topic each month, plus enjoy all the exhibits at the Outdoor Adventure Center including story time for our youngest guests, hands-on experiences, games and informational sessions for interested visitors.

● **MONTHLY EVENT CALENDAR:** [https://www.michigan.gov/oac/](https://www.michigan.gov/oac/0,5736,7-329-68731_72548---,00.htm)

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month. The Center is at 11801 Atwater Street, Detroit, MI 48207 <https://www.michigan.gov/oac/> or 844.622.6367.

FARMINGTON HILLS ACTIVITIES -

- **ANNUAL PLANT SWAP - Saturday, May 18, 8:30 - 10:30 am. Heritage Park Nature Center Parking lot.**
- **ANNUAL ICE SHOW - Saturday and Sunday, May 10 and 11. Farmington Hills Ice Arena, 35500 8 Mile Road, Farmington Hills**

FARMINGTON ACTIVITIES -

- **FARMINGTON FARMER'S MARKET OPENS!!! - Saturday, May 19, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm with a gala grand opening day.**

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY -

- **COMIC CON - Saturday, May 4, 1 pm. Main Library -**
Appropriate for all ages, Info: Shira Pilarski,(248) 553-6874,
shira.pilarski@farmlib.org
- **HIGH QUALITY, SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENTS--CHILD CARE PROVIDER WORKSHOP - May 16, 6:30 TO 8:30 pm. Main Library, 12 Mile Road**
Ashley Hart, Early Learning Community Instructor, from Oakland Family Services will present the adult workshop in which participants will describe the relationship between environmental variables, children's challenging behaviors, and social/emotional development, schedules, routines and transitions will also be addressed, Info: Melanie Allbery 248) 848-4305 melanie.allbery@farmlib.org
Both programs at the Main Library, 12 Mile Road.

FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS -

- **Monday, May 6, 2019, 6:30 PM - 8:00 pm, High School Transition Forum for Parents**
- **Monday, May 21, 7:30 - 9:30 am The Superintendent's Awards of Excellence, Glen Oaks Country Club**
- **Wednesday, May 29, 6:30 - 7:30 Coffee with the Superintendent, Maxfield Education Center**

- Tuesday, May 28, 6:00 PM - 7:30, Parent Forum: "A Parent Tool Kit for Kindergarten" Hillside Elementary School, 36801 W. 11 Mile Rd. Farmington Hills,
- Wednesday, May 8, 6:00 PM - 7:30 pm, Farmington Area PTA Council Digital Families Community Event at Power Middle School, 34740 Rhonswood St.

SOME DAYS IN MAY

SUNDAY, MAY 5	CINCO DE MAYO and RAMADAN BEGINS
SUNDAY, MAY 15	MOTHER'S DAY
MONDAY, MAY 27	MEMORIAL DAY

SOME RESOURCES FOR MAY

FATHERHOOD IN STEP FAMILIES - <https://www.fatherhood.gov/content/step-families>

PARENTING STYLE IN STEP FAMILIES - <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3440235/>

STEPFAMILY STATS - <http://www.stepfamily.org/stepfamily-statistics.html>

NURTURING STEP FAMILIES - https://videocast.nih.gov/pdf/parenting_handout041311.pdf

AVOIDING CHILDREN'S INJURIES - <https://www.cdc.gov/safekid/index.html>