Summer Resource Guide

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Activities

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Summer Activities

Denver's Youth Program Locator

Explore quality afterschool and summer programs using the Denver Youth Program Locator. You can search virtual and in-person programs that lead to kids staying safe, active and engaged before or after school, during school breaks and even on the weekends. Easily customize your search to meet your needs and find your child's next fun adventure!

Access Denver's Youth Program Locator online at:

denvergov.org/youthprogramlocator

Athena Project: Girls Create Summer Camp Program

Girls Create consists of three, week-long summer camps: Girls Write, Girls Design Fashion, and Girls Stand-up. These camps are for sixth- through 10th-grade girls to express themselves and learn through one or all of these mediums!

Learn more by visiting the Athena Project website:

athenaprojectarts.org/summer-camps
Camp POSTCARD

Volunteers of America and Camp POSTCARD invites you to nominate fifth- and sixth-graders who would benefit the most from a free, weeklong overnight summer camp experience held at the YMCA of the Rockies! Campers have the opportunity to participate in hiking, archery, horseback riding, hands-on science programs, campfires, and team building activities.

Check out the Camp POSTCARD video for more information: [youtube.com/watch?v=vbV8ZetUvYc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vbV8ZetUvYc)

Access this Google Drive folder to download nomination forms and resources in English and Spanish: [tinyurl.com/girls-create-drive](https://tinyurl.com/girls-create-drive)

To pre-register, visit: [voacolorado.wufoo.com/forms/camp-postcard-2021-preregistration](https://voacolorado.wufoo.com/forms/camp-postcard-2021-preregistration)

If you have any questions about nominating or are a family trying to complete pre-registration, please email the Camp POSTCARD Team at POSTCARD@voacolorado.org.

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Youth Activities

The Five by Five Card

The Five By Five card provides families and staff members of the Denver Great Kids Head Start program with year-round access and educational opportunities at 22 of Denver's cultural venues and recreation center pools at no cost. Five by Five empowers families and educators to use cultural experiences as gateways to prepare children for kindergarten and long term success.

Contact Five by Five Administrator Mikhail Vafeades at:

**Phone:** (720) 913-0904
**Email:** mikhail.vafeades@denvergov.org
Youth on Record

Open lab is a free program for musicians/artists that are interested in producing music, song writing, recording songs, audio engineering and playing musical instruments. Our Youth Media Studio is a safe space for youth to strengthen their creative skills and collaborate with a community of like minded individuals. Our goal is to encourage self liberatory practices through community dialogue, self expression through art, and mentorship.

Find a upcoming programming online:

youthonrecord.org/programs

Outdoor Recreation

En Bici

Bike education and family trips focused on getting outside.

Contact Mayra Gonzales to participate at:

Email: Mayra.Gonzales@montbelloorganizing.org
Environmental Learning for Kids (ELK)

ELK (Environmental Learning for Kids) is an inclusive non-profit organization that develops inspired and responsible leaders through science education and outdoor experiences for underserved, urban youth ages 5-25.

Contact Chris Urias at: curias@elkkids.org

Learn more: elkkids.org

Sign up for the newsletter online at:

lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/cxQ1rc8

Learning Activities

DPS Guide to Fun Activities for Summer Learning

The DPS Family Empowerment Team has a summer resource guide that can be used every summer.

Summer learning activities for students between 1st and 12th grade are available. Opportunities are available to support learning in reading, writing, math and science.

Learn more about DPS Family Engagement online at:

equity.dpsk12.org/family-and-community-engagement/
Community & Health Resources

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Mental Health

Colorado Crisis Services

Offers 24/7 Mental Health/Substance Abuse Hotline and Walk-in Support.

Phone: 1-844-493-8255
Text “TALK” to 38255
Learn more online: coloradocrisisservices.org

Mental Health Center of Denver Access Center

To schedule a first time appointment for your child or yourself or for information on helping a loved one into services

Phone: 303-504-7900
Learn more online: mhcd.org/access-services/
Housing

Mile High United Way

Dial 2-1-1 to talk to an operator about rental assistance, eviction support, and housing programs

Phone: 2-1-1

Learn more online: 211colorado.org

Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) program

The Colorado Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) can help renters as far back as April, 2020. Help can include past due, current, and two additional months of expected rent costs. After the initial assistance, you can apply for additional assistance, if funds are still available.

Apply online at:
portal.neighborlysoftware.com/erap-colorado/participant
COVID-19

DPS Community partners assisting people in getting vaccines

Montbello COVID Collective (CLLARO, Montbello Organizing Committee, United Church of Montbello, Colorado Changemakers Collective)

Phone: 303-722-5150 opt. 0*

Contact Kiera Jackson, (group affiliation): 
Email: kiera.jackson@montbelloorganizing.org

Contact Josue Rodriguez, (group affiliation): 
Email: josue.rodriguez@du.edu

Register online: tinyurl.com/COVID-Vaccine-Registration-DPS

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Internet

Student Remote Internet Access Options

Internet Essentials brings affordable, high-speed Internet to your home so you can have greater access to homework, job opportunities, healthcare and benefits, education resources and more.

Learn more online:
apply.internetessentials.com
Food Support

Locate a Pantry

Search Tool to find the Nearest Food Pantry (this includes the Mobile Food Pantries which distribute monthly).

Use the tool online at:

foodbankrockies.org/find-food/

Mobile Food Markets through We Don’t Waste

We Don't Waste developed their Mobile Food Market initiative to reach further into the community, serving people with healthy, nutritious food, such as fresh fruit, vegetables, lean protein, and dairy. Their markets are open to everyone, no matter what your circumstances are.

Learn more online at:

wedontwaste.org/what-we-do/mobile-markets/
Colorado Food Cluster

Sign up to receive weekly home delivery of daily meals through June.

Sign up online at:

coloradofoodcluster.com/sign-up-and-manage-deliveries

P-EBT Food Program for School-Aged Children

Food benefits for school-aged children.

Learn more online at:

cdhs.colorado.gov/p-ebt

Pet Food Banks

Free pet food.

Learn more online at:

coloradopetpantry.org/events/category/pet-food-banks/
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DPS FACE Centers

FACE Centers can assist families to access basic needs programs. In May FACE Centers have a 4-week parenting support workshop in English (closed group), and a weekly Women’s Group that is open in English, Spanish and French. *Due to COVID no in person services are available, all services are offered remotely.

Locations:

- **John H. Amesse Elementary School**
  - **Phone:** 720-424-2961
  - **Address:** 5440 Scranton St, Denver, CO 80239

- **Johnson Elementary School**
  - **Phone:** 720-424-2970
  - **Address:** 1850 S Irving St, Denver, CO 80219

Learn more about DPS Family Engagement online at:


DHS Give Center

The GIVE Center, located at the Richard T. Castro Human Services Center, provides free, essential services and items to Denver residents in need, including families, foster youth, and people experiencing homelessness. While the center is not open for drop-in, your call will be returned if you leave a message.

**Phone:** 720-944-1250

Learn more online at:

[denvergov.org/Government/Departments/Denver-Human-Services/Be-Supported/Additional-Assistance/GIVE-Center](http://denvergov.org/Government/Departments/Denver-Human-Services/Be-Supported/Additional-Assistance/GIVE-Center)
Montbello Organizing Committee

Safety/Anti-violence: Contact Kiera Jackson, kiera.jackson@montbelloorganizing.org

Food supports: 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month starting at 9am. Montbello Recreation Center
Food pantry and growing their own food, serve people outside of the FNE area. All are welcome.

- Contact: Latoya Erskine, Latoya.erskine@montbelloorganizing.org

Mental health services: Montbello Organizing Committee + Mental Health Collective

- Contact: Latoya Petty, latoya.petty@montbelloorganizing.org

Phone: (720) 379-4630
Email: montbelloorganizing@gmail.com
Learn more online at: montbelloorganizing.org

Clothes to Kids

The mission of Clothes To Kids of Denver is to provide new and quality used clothing to students from low-income or in-crisis families in the Denver Metro Area, free of charge. They also offer volunteer opportunities.

Phone: (720) 379-4630
Learn more online at:
clothestokidsdenver.org/referral-process/
Struggle of Love

**Food Pantry:** Monday - Friday from 12-2pm at Academy360 All are welcome.

**Contact:** Lakeshia@struggleoflovefoundation.org  
jason@struggleoflovefoundation.org

**Recording studio (free):** Must sign up for a slot.

Learn more online at: tinyurl.com/recording-studio-struggle-love

**Contact:** lakeshia@struggleoflovefoundation.org

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Food Pantry Location: **12000 E 47th Ave Denver, CO 80239**

Learn more online at: [struggleoflovefoundation.org](http://struggleoflovefoundation.org)