

# A Year's Worth of Fun

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Indispensable  
**NYC**  
Fun Guide!

Our top 20 family must-do's for every season—consider it your annual bucket list, and refer to it often! By Charles Beacham



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## 1. Shock & Awesome

Get set for a summer of thrills when **Luna Park** in Coney Island ([nymetroparents.com/coney-island](http://nymetroparents.com/coney-island)) opens for summer in late May. Serious thrill-seekers won't want to miss the park's newest and fastest rollercoaster, The Thunderbolt. See the full list of theme parks in the area at [nymetroparents.com/amusementparks](http://nymetroparents.com/amusementparks).

## 2. Row, Row, Row

Rent a water craft at the Loeb Boathouse in Manhattan's Central Park and be the captain of your own ship (well, just a paddle boat) and take in the views of Central Park Lake. For more info on where you can **go boating** in and around the city, visit [nymetroparents.com/boating](http://nymetroparents.com/boating).

## 3. Summer Jams

Enjoy open-air concerts and dance performances throughout all five boroughs when CityParks presents **SummerStage**, with kid-centric performances taking place from mid June through August. Visit [summerstage.com](http://summerstage.com) for a complete schedule.

## 4. Ripe for the Pickin'

The Hamptons aren't the only fun thing about Long Island. Gather your brood for a day trip to **pick your own berries** at Patty's Berries and Bunches in Mattituck, which offers a different berry each month starting in June. Find the full list of berry farms in the NYC area (including Westchester County and New Jersey) at [nymetroparents.com/berries](http://nymetroparents.com/berries).

## 5. To Be or Not to Be?

Bring a blanket and sit under the stars as you introduce the kids to The Bard's timeless work during the **Inwood Shakespeare Festival** at **Inwood Hill Park** in Manhattan throughout June.

## 6. Art Walk

Enjoy free access to some of the world's finest art collections as you stroll down Fifth Avenue during

the **Museum Mile Festival** on the Upper East Side of Manhattan, in early June. Is your little artist feeling inspired? Check out our guide to art classes at [nymetroparents.com/art-classes](http://nymetroparents.com/art-classes).

## 7. And All That Jazz

Get down to sweet syncopation in mid-June when the **Red Hook Jazz Festival** brings together amazing local jazz groups to perform at Urban Meadow at Brooklyn's Columbia Waterfront District.

## 8. Out to the Ballgame with Dad

Treat Dad to one of the many Father's Day events happening throughout the city around mid-June, such as **Take Me Out to the Ball Game 1864**, an annual exhibition baseball match played with historic equipment and historic rules at Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum in the Bronx. Find more vintage and modern baseball games in the city (read: Brooklyn Cyclones in the minor league, and those two MLB rivals we all know and love—or love to hate!) at [nymetroparents.com/ny-sports](http://nymetroparents.com/ny-sports).

## 9. 'Round and 'Round

Take a spin on the historic **Flushing Meadows Carousel** in Queens, which was moved from Coney Island to its current location for the 1964 World's Fair and is right next to the Queens Zoo. Find another merry-go-round near you at [nymetroparents.com/carousels](http://nymetroparents.com/carousels).

## 10. Avast, Land Lubbers!

Set sail north to Phillipsburg Manor in Sleepy Hollow for **Pirates of the Hudson**, a festival filled with bandits and buccaneers of all sorts, not to mention a ton of kid-friendly games and shows. The fest takes place in early July and is well worth the trip to Westchester County.

## 11. Movies in the Moonlight

Starting in July you can enjoy **free outdoor movies** all summer long with Riverflicks Family Fridays at Hudson River Park in Greenwich Village, Manhattan. Find more kid-friendly outdoor screenings at [nymetroparents.com/outdoor-movies](http://nymetroparents.com/outdoor-movies).

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## 12. What a Catch

Teach the kids the perfect cast (while sneaking in some bonding time) as you **go fishing** for blue gill and giant carp at Kissena Lake in Queens. Find other fishing spots at [nymetroparents.com/fishing](http://nymetroparents.com/fishing).

## 13. Hot Diggity Dog

Watch competitive eaters scarf down iconic New York franks at **Nathan's Famous Fourth of July Hot Dog Eating Contest** in Coney Island. (Don't forget to try one of your own!)

## 14. Happy Birthday, America!

Don't miss the city's biggest Independence Day celebration when the **Macy's 4th of July Fireworks** show lights up the city skyline. The show travels back and forth between the East and Hudson Rivers so check [macys.com/fireworks](http://macys.com/fireworks) for details on where to view.

## 15. Beach Bums

Spend a day at Rockaway Beach in Queens, where you can swim in the ocean, lounge on the beach, and stroll the boardwalk. Our full list of **beaches** in the area is available at [nymetroparents.com/beaches](http://nymetroparents.com/beaches).

## 16. American Melting Pot

Indulge in the diversity of the Big Apple with crepes, face painting, crafts, and more during **Bastille Day**, a French-themed street fair hosted by the French Institute Alliance Française in mid-July on the Upper East Side of Manhattan. For more cultural festivals nearby, visit [nymetroparents.com/festivals](http://nymetroparents.com/festivals).

## 17. FORE!

In July and August, kids ages 7-17 can learn to play golf like the pros at the **Junior Golf Center** in Bay Ridge, which boasts a driving range and a six-hole practice course. Short game need some work? Play a round of putt-putt right here in the city—find a course at [nymetroparents.com/minigolf](http://nymetroparents.com/minigolf).

## 18. What's up, Dock?

Take in the view of New York Harbor from Governors Island or enjoy free boat tours, live music, crafts, games, educational events, and on-the-water kids' activities during **City of Water Day**, presented by Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance in mid-July. Check out [nymetroparents.com/water-fun](http://nymetroparents.com/water-fun) for more wet and wild ideas.

## 19. Dragons by the Boatload

Take part in Chinese tradition through cultural performances, arts and crafts, and an amazing boat race at the **Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival**, held in mid-August at Flushing Meadows Corona Park in Queens. Find the complete schedule of events at [hkdbf-ny.org](http://hkdbf-ny.org).

## 20. Queens Serving Love

Help kick off the U.S. Open tennis tournament at **Arthur Ashe Kids' Day**, held in late August at USTA Billie Jean King Tennis Center in Flushing, Queens. Got a budding Andy Murray or Serena Williams on your hands? Find tennis classes for kids at [nymetroparents.com/sports-classes](http://nymetroparents.com/sports-classes).



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# Top 20 Things to Do in Fall



Courtesy El Museo del Barrio



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**1. How 'bout Them Apples**

Take a day trip up to Wilkens Fruit & Fir Farm in Yorktown Heights where you can **pick your own apples** and enjoy a hayride throughout September. Find other nearby apple orchards and farms in our full guide at [nymetroparents.com/apples](https://nymetroparents.com/apples).

contests, pig-racing, carnival rides, vendors, and food vendors at the **Annual Queens County Fair** at the Queens County Farm Museum in Floral Park, Queens, held in mid- to late September. Find more fall fairs in the city at [nymetroparents.com/nyc-fall-fairs](https://nymetroparents.com/nyc-fall-fairs).

**2. Remembering 9/11**

The events of Sept. 11, 2001 forever changed our city, our country, and our world. Take a moment to reflect with a visit to the **9/11 Memorial and Museum** ([911memorial.org](https://911memorial.org)) at The World Trade Center Site in Manhattan's Financial District.

**5. Hear Ye! Hear Ye!**

Don thine armour, summon thy bannermen, and make haste for Fort Tryon Park in Washington Heights, Manhattan. Each year in late September, the **Medieval Festival** ([nymetroparents.com/med-fest](https://nymetroparents.com/med-fest)) boasts renaissance revelry for the young, old, and middle-aged!

**3. Up in the Sky**

In early to mid-September, join hundreds of kite pilots and send your kite soaring amid views of the Manhattan skyline at **Brooklyn Bridge Park's Kite Festival** in Brooklyn Heights/Dumbo. Check [nymetroparents.com/calendar](https://nymetroparents.com/calendar) for details closer to the event.

**6. If You Can Dream It, You Can Make It**

In late September, attend the **World Maker Faire** at the New York Hall of Science ([nymetroparents.com/ny-sci](https://nymetroparents.com/ny-sci)) in Corona, Queens, where up-and-coming creatives can get inspired to make, recycle, build, think, and play while celebrating art, science, and technology.

**4. Good Old-Fashioned Family Fun**

Indulge in traditional blue-ribbon competitions, an amazing corn maze, pie-eating and corn-husking

**7. Food and Drink for All**

Kids and parents alike will love the

spread at the annual **Food Network New York City Wine & Food Festival**. Held between late September and mid-October, the event spans several days and features family-friendly tastings, demos, and meet-and-greets with popular culinary personalities.

**8. The Street Fair to End All Street Fairs**

Every New Yorker should experience **Atlantic Antic** at least once in his or her life. Featuring more than 500 artists, craftspeople, musicians, and food merchants, this festival spans four Brooklyn neighborhoods and is one of the city's largest and longest-running street fairs. For details, check [atlanticave.org](https://atlanticave.org).

**9. All About Birds**

Get up close with birds of prey during **Raptor Day** at Wave Hill ([nymetroparents.com/wave-hill](https://nymetroparents.com/wave-hill)) in the Bronx in early October.

**10. Pet Party**

In early October, bring your pet(s) to the **Cathedral of St. John the Divine** in Manhattan for the **Blessing of the Animals**, a longstanding celebration in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures.

**11. The Spice of Life**

Enjoy sizzling shows, dynamite dishes, and fiery fun at the **Chile Pepper Festival**, held in late September or early October at

the Brooklyn Botanic Garden in Crown Heights. Find out more at [nymetroparents.com/bbg](https://nymetroparents.com/bbg).

**12. Wild for Halloween**

Boils and ghouls will go batty for the Bronx Zoo's annual Halloween celebration, **Boo at the Zoo**, typically held early October through early November. Enjoy crafts, walk-through tours of the not-so-spooky Museum of UnNatural Mysteries, navigate a hay maze, and view themed animal exhibits. Costumes welcome! For more Halloween fun, visit [nymetroparents.com/halloween](https://nymetroparents.com/halloween).

**13. Fan-doms Unite!**

If you're a fan of pop-culture, you won't want to miss **New York Comic-Con** ([newyorkcomiccon.com](https://newyorkcomiccon.com)) held at the Javits Center in Manhattan in mid-October. This four-day gathering includes an entire day of kid-centric programming and connects fans, creators, and stars of popular TV shows, movies, and of course, comic books.

**14. Back Under the Big Top**

**Big Apple Circus**, NYC's hometown circus, comes home to Lincoln Center's Damrosch Park in Lincoln Square, Manhattan with the premiere of an all-new season and an all-new show in late October. For show details, visit [bigapplecircus.org](https://bigapplecircus.org).



Bryan Haefele



Courtesy Macy's

**15. A Gourd-Grabbin' Good Time**

Get a feel for old-fashioned county livin' with a trip to Historic Richmond Town's Decker Farm on Staten Island where you can enjoy self-guided tours, hayrides and **pick your own pumpkins** throughout October (see the full list at [nymetroparents.com/pumpkins](https://nymetroparents.com/pumpkins)).

**18. Viva Mexico!**

Learn more about **Día de los Muertos** and Mexican culture in early November at **El Museo Del Barrio** in East Harlem, Manhattan, which hosts educational activities, music, food, and other traditional activities celebrating the holiday.

**16. Pumpkins Galore**

Don't miss **The Great Jack O' Lantern Blaze**, an outdoor walk-through experience featuring thousands of hand-carved pumpkins, at Van Cortlandt Manor in Croton-on-Hudson ([nymetroparents.com/vc-manor](https://nymetroparents.com/vc-manor)). The Blaze opens in early October and runs through mid-November and is certainly worth the trip north to Westchester.

**17. We Run This City**

Join your fellow New Yorkers and cheer on family, friends, and neighbors in early November as they run through the greatest city on Earth during the **New York City Marathon**. The race starts on Staten Island, spans streets in all five boroughs, and ends in Central Park in Manhattan, providing competitors with the sights, sounds, and sheer excitement only NYC can offer.

**19. We Salute You**

Honor the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces during the Veterans Day Parade, which features floats, military and vintage vehicles, and more than 20,000 marchers from all branches of military. Over the last few years the opening ceremony has been held at Madison Square Park, and the route follows Fifth Avenue north to 56th Street. Check [americasparade.org](https://americasparade.org) for details.

**20. Turkey, Pomp, and Circumstance**

Arguably the world's most famous parade, **Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade** ([macys.com/parade](https://macys.com/parade)) boasts behemoth balloons, beautiful floats, and the biggest names in entertainment—and it all takes place in the heart of our great city!

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# Top 20 Things to Do in Winter

**1. Slip 'n Glide**  
Hit the ice for some classic winter fun at the **LeFrak Center at Lakeside** in Prospect Park, our borough's brand new, state-of-the-art skating facility featuring two ice rinks. Find more indoor and outdoor ice rinks in the area at [nymetroparents.com/ice-skating](http://nymetroparents.com/ice-skating).

**2. All Aboard!**  
Hitch a ride to tons of fun at the New York Botanical Garden's **Holiday Train Show**, which boasts replicas of area landmarks made entirely from plants. The show typically runs mid-November through early January. Find a full list of nearby train shows and exhibits that you can visit throughout the year at [nymetroparents.com/trains](http://nymetroparents.com/trains).

**3. Visions of Sugar Plums**  
Visit the Land of Sweets when New York City Ballet presents **George Balanchine's The Nutcracker** at Lincoln Center in Manhattan. Performances are usually held late November through early January. Get details on all *Nutcracker* performances in our area at [nymetroparents.com/nyc-nutcracker](http://nymetroparents.com/nyc-nutcracker).

**4. Nothin' Like the Real Thing**  
Make this Christmas special with a day trip to **cut your own Christmas tree** at Stuart's Farm in Granite Springs in nearby Westchester County or one of the area's other farms (see [nymetroparents.com/xmastrees](http://nymetroparents.com/xmastrees) for the full list), most of which are open from late November through late December.

**5. Jingle Bell Rock(ettes)**  
It wouldn't be Christmas in New York without the **Radio City Christmas Spectacular** at Radio City Music Hall in Midtown Manhattan ([radiocitychristmas.com](http://radiocitychristmas.com)). From early November through late December, the Rockettes perform classic numbers such as "New York at Christmas" and "The Parade of the Wooden Soldiers."

**6. Tales of Tinsel**  
Create your own Christmas story in the Bronx at the Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum's annual **Holiday Family Day**. Usually held in early December, this event includes storytelling, shopping, crafts, and of course, pictures with Santa. Learn more about the museum at [nymetroparents.com/bpmm](http://nymetroparents.com/bpmm).

**7. All of the Lights**  
Watch little eyes light up with holiday joy during a **tree or menorah lighting**. If you're looking for a big event, brave the crowds at Rockefeller Center in Midtown Manhattan to see its illustrious tree throughout December, or celebrate Hanukkah at Grand Army Plaza in Brooklyn, where the World's Largest Menorah stands throughout the festival of lights.

**8. You Better Not Pout, I'm Tellin' You Why...**  
From Santaland at Macy's Herald Square in Manhattan to Historic Richmond Town on Staten Island, Kris Kringle makes appearances all over the city from late November to late December. For something unique, climb aboard Circle Line Downtown's Zephyr yacht ([circlelinedowntown.com](http://circlelinedowntown.com)) for a **Breakfast with Santa Cruise** in New York Harbor in mid-December.

**9. Giving Back**  
With all of the gift-giving and receiving, the holiday season is a great time to teach kids about being charitable. Give a little back to your community and do some volunteering. Find a list of where to volunteer at [nymetroparents.com/volunteer](http://nymetroparents.com/volunteer).

**10. You Can't Catch Me...**  
See the world's architectural wonders recreated in gingerbread form at the annual **Gingerbread Extravaganza** at Le Parker Meridien ([parkermeridien.com](http://parkermeridien.com)) in Midtown, Manhattan, on view from mid-December through early January.

**11. Christmas Past**  
In mid-December, step into the 18th century with **Candlelight Tours** at Historic Richmond Town ([nymetroparents.com/richmond-town](http://nymetroparents.com/richmond-town)) on Staten Island. During the special holiday tour, visitors will learn about the history of some of today's most cherished holiday traditions.

**12. It's All Downhill from Here**  
Pull out your Flexible Flyer and get set for some downhill snow-day fun. Once there's enough snow on the ground (4 to 6 inches), hills in New York City parks are fair game for **sledding**. For more information, check out our guide at [nymetroparents.com/sled-nyc](http://nymetroparents.com/sled-nyc).

**13. Happy New Year!**  
Count down to a brand new year with fun workshops at a local children's museum, such as **3, 2, 1...Happy New Year** at the Brooklyn Children's Museum in Crown Heights. At this hands-on educational workshop, toddlers learn about the history behind New Year's traditions and make a craft to take home. Find more children's museums at [nymetroparents.com/museums](http://nymetroparents.com/museums).

**14. Mountains of Fun**  
Grab your gear and pack up the kids for a day (or a few days) of **skiing or snowboarding** at one of the area's many family-friendly resorts. For details, visit [nymetroparents.com/ski](http://nymetroparents.com/ski).

**15. Bonus Screen Time**  
Escape from the cold at **Museum of the Moving Image** in Astoria, Queens. The only museum in the U.S. dedicated to the art, history, and technology of moving pictures, this museum boasts behind-the-scenes exhibits, hands-on workshops, and daily film screenings. Learn more at [nymetroparents.com/moving-image](http://nymetroparents.com/moving-image).

**16. Let's Pow Wow**  
Over two weekends in late January and early February, city folks can get a taste of Native American culture during the **Thunderbird American Indian Dancers Annual Dance Concert and Pow Wow** at Theater for the New City in the East Village of Manhattan. The event brings together Native American artists, educators, singers, dancers, storytellers, and performing groups from across the Americas. Find more cultural festivals in the area at [nymetroparents.com/festivals](http://nymetroparents.com/festivals).

**17. Over the Moon**  
Ring in the Chinese New Year in Late January or early February with dragon dancers, steel drummers, fireworks, and more at the Famous **Flushing Lunar New Year parade** in Queens or enjoy traditional performances

and crafts at the **Lunar New Year Celebration** hosted by Manhattan-based **New York Chinese Cultural Center**.

**18. Winter Lights**  
Brighten up those dark winter days with **Illuminated**, a pop-up festival at Brooklyn Botanic Garden ([nymetroparents.com/bbg](http://nymetroparents.com/bbg)) in Crown Heights. Over two weekends in late January and early February, visitors will enjoy food, performances, crafts, and more, all inspired by winter.

**19. Now Eat This!**  
In late February, the **Kids Food Festival** in Midtown Manhattan's **Bryant Park** educates little foodies and their families about making balanced food choices with lots of fun hands-on activities—and yummy food, of course!

**20. Stick Together**  
Learn all about Southeast New York's **maple sugaring** heritage at programs held in late February and early march at Hoyt Farm in Smithtown, the Greenburgh Nature Center in Scarsdale, and other orchards and nature preserves on Long Island or in nearby Westchester County. For the full list, visit [nymetroparents.com/maple-sugaring](http://nymetroparents.com/maple-sugaring).



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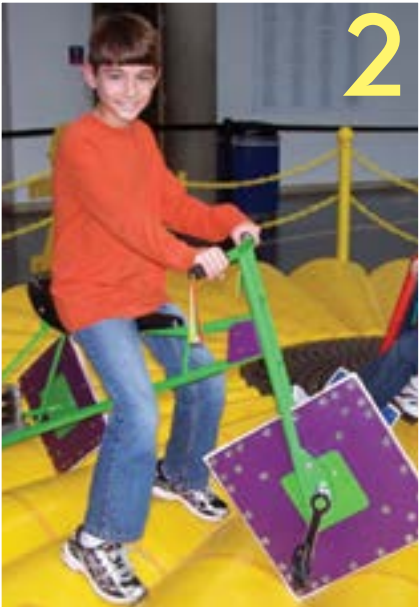
# Top 20 Things to Do in Spring

**1. Colorful Queens**  
Paint away the gray of winter during the **Phagwah Parade and Festival** in Richmond Hill, Queens, in early to mid-March. During this Hindu celebration of spring and love, attendees enjoy music as they literally color one another with dye and powder.

**2. A Piece of Pi(e)**  
Celebrate Pi Day and all things mathematical at the **Museum of Mathematics** ([nymetroparents.com/momath](http://nymetroparents.com/momath)) in Murray Hill, Manhattan. On March 14 (3.14), you can enjoy a slew of pi-themed activities as well as the museum's regular exhibits.

**3. And...Action!**  
In March, fledgling film fanatics can get their fix of silver screen goodness at the **New York International Children's Film Festival** ([gkids.com](http://gkids.com)). Held in Manhattan, the month-long Oscar-qualifying event spans several theaters and features screenings of films and shorts made just for younger audiences.

**4. Ballet 101**  
Aspiring ballerinas can learn a little about the hard work that goes into becoming a professional dancer when the School of American Ballet presents



Courtesy Museum of Mathematics



**The Beauty of Ballet**, held in early March at Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts in Midwood. Find kids' dance classes near you at [nymetroparents.com/dance](http://nymetroparents.com/dance).

**5. Erin Go Bragh!**  
Don't miss the NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade ([nycstpatricksparade.org](http://nycstpatricksparade.org)), which starts in Midtown Manhattan, passes St. Patrick's Cathedral, and ends on the Upper West Side at the Irish Historical Society. This more than 250-year-old traditional marching parade features Irish step dancers, bagpipe bands, and more.

**6. Flower Power**  
The annual **Orchid Show** returns to the New York Botanical Garden in the Bronx ([nymetroparents.com/nybg](http://nymetroparents.com/nybg)) in March and April. This exhibition boasts thousands of brilliantly colored flowers in kaleidoscopic displays and is the largest of its kind in the country.

**7. Moving for a Good Cause**  
Join the March of Dimes' **March for Babies** on a trek through Manhattan in mid- to late April, and support research to understand and prevent health problems in infants. For details on this and other charity walks, go to [nymetroparents.com/walks](http://nymetroparents.com/walks).

**8. Bunny Hop**  
Search for sweet treasures hidden by a furry friend at the annual weekend Easter Egg Hunt at the Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum ([nymetroparents.com/bpmm](http://nymetroparents.com/bpmm)) in the Bronx. Kids can participate in crafts, have their photos taken with the Easter Bunny, and enjoy light refreshments.

**9. Bonnets, Pomp & Circumstance**  
Throw on your Sunday best and an over-the-top hat and join the **Easter Bonnet Festival** on Easter Sunday, which marches along Fifth Avenue in Midtown East in Manhattan.

**10. Konichiwa, Spring!**  
Welcome spring and learn about traditional Japanese culture during the **Sakura Matsuri Cherry Blossom**

**Festival**, a spectacular celebration of the blooming cherry trees held in mid-April at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden in Crown Heights ([nymetroparents.com/bbg](http://nymetroparents.com/bbg)).

**11. A Wild Run**  
Make the planet better for our animal friends by participating in the **Run for the Wild 5K and Family Fun Run** at the nearby Bronx Zoo ([nymetroparents.com/bronx-zoo](http://nymetroparents.com/bronx-zoo)) in late April.

**12. City Kid Classics**  
Grab the kids on your block and join NYC Parks at Thomas Jefferson Park in East Harlem in Manhattan, for some classic **Street Games** in late April. For even more fun, brush up on the rules for some classic lawn games ([nymetroparents.com/lawn-games](http://nymetroparents.com/lawn-games)).

**13. Kentucky Derby, Here We Come!**  
Watch top thoroughbred horses speed down the track for a chance to race in the Kentucky Derby when they compete in the **Wood Memorial** at Aqueduct Racetrack in South Ozone Park, Queens, in April. Find local horse farms that offer riding lessons and more at [nymetroparents.com/horseback-riding](http://nymetroparents.com/horseback-riding).

**14. Greener City, Greener World**  
In late April, help make our planet (and our city) a little better while enjoying two full days of environmental education, performances, and workshops during **Earth Day New York** at Union Square and Grand Central Terminal in Manhattan.



Richard Warren

**15. Shear Joy**  
Get a feel for life on a farm and watch the sheep get their annual haircuts during the **Fleece Festival** at Prospect Park Zoo, held in late April. Meet more animals at zoos and nature centers near the city—visit [nymetroparents.com/zoos](http://nymetroparents.com/zoos) for a full list.

**16. Choo Choo!**  
Celebrate **National Train Day** in early May with a train ride (including one on Thomas the Tank Engine, nearby in Westchester!) or by visiting the New York Transit Museum in Brooklyn Heights—see the full list at [nymetroparents.com/trains](http://nymetroparents.com/trains).

**17. Bike 'n' Roll**  
Kick off National Bicycle Month and see the whole city when you ride the **TD Bank Five Boro Bike Tour** ([bikenewyork.org](http://bikenewyork.org)). In early May, 32,000 cyclists (kids should be accompanied by a parent) can take part in an amazing 40-mile ride coursing through the city's streets and over its famous bridges. Before you head out, brush up on bike safety at [nymetroparents.com/bike](http://nymetroparents.com/bike).

**18. Moms Rock**  
Get in some mommy-child bonding and enjoy some Mother's Day jams during **Mamapalooza** at Riverside Park on the Upper West Side in Manhattan in mid-May. Search for more Mother's Day activities at [nymetroparents.com/calendar](http://nymetroparents.com/calendar).

**19. The Boys Are Back in Town**  
See what life is like for sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen when hundreds of service men and women dock their ships in New York Harbor in Midtown Manhattan for a visit during **Fleet Week NYC** in late May. Find the full schedule of events at [fleetweeknewyork.com](http://fleetweeknewyork.com).

**20. High Flyin' Fun**  
Spend Memorial Day weekend fulfilling your need for speed when the U.S. Navy Blue Angels take to the sky in the annual **Bethpage Airshow** ([bethpageairshow.com](http://bethpageairshow.com)) at easily accessible Jones Beach on Long Island.



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