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Visit Aurora Is Celebrating Summer With Events For the Whole Family

From sporting competitions to music in the park, Aurora offers summer fun for everyone

June 12, 2014 – AURORA, COLORADO – [Visit Aurora](#) has compiled a comprehensive listing of family-friendly summer activities in its backyard. There are plenty of opportunities to get outside and observe nationally-competitive sporting events or participate in them! For some summer fun, take the kids to any one of Aurora’s farmers markets, carnivals or county fairs. There’s also plenty of activity in the music scene and outstanding theatre performances.

“Aurora is such a diverse city,” said Briley Peters, Vice President of Visit Aurora. “Our community loves to get out and get active. The fact that they don’t have to go far to spend the day at the farmers’ market, go for a run and take the kids to a concert in the park is amazing – everything they could want for summer fun is right in their own backyard!”

Live Racing at Colorado’s Premier Horse Track

Date: June 8 – August 17, 2014

Races are Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Time: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Location: Arapahoe Park

Price: \$3 - \$20, Free Parking

What’s better than spending a day at the races? Exciting live horse races have returned to Aurora! Put on your best hat and get down to the track – with general admission around \$3, you’ll even have some spare change to bet on your favorite pony.

Sounds of Southlands Outdoor Concerts

Date: Thursdays in June and July, 2014

Time: 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Location: 6155 S. Main Street

Price: Free!

Join your friends and neighbors for the South of Southlands outdoor concert every Thursday evening throughout the months of June and July! From 80s covers to contemporary jazz, R&B Horn ensembles to boot-stompin’ country, there’s a

performance for everyone's musical tastes! Stay up to date on the bands coming to Sounds of Southlands here: <http://www.visitaurora.com/event-calendar>.

Rocky Mountain Rugby Challenge

Date: June 13 – June 15, 2014

Time: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Location: Aurora Sports Park

Visit Aurora is thrilled to host the 2014 Rocky Mountain Challenge, America's premier high school all-star rugby tournament. This competition will feature over 20 sides, making it the largest field in tournament history. Boys and girls from all over the United States will compete in three brackets: girls, boys' varsity and boys' junior varsity.

For more information, visit <http://www.rockymountainrugby.org>.

Jeffrey

Date: June 13, 14, 20 and 21, 2014

Time: 7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Location: Vintage Theatre

Price: Ticket pricing begins at \$22

"Jeffrey," a comedy-drama by Paul Rudnick, tells the story of a young man living in New York at the height of the AIDS epidemic in the 1980s. After firmly deciding on celibacy, he meets the man of his dreams – a man who has been diagnosed with AIDS. Will Jeffrey risk falling in love, or choose a life without inevitable heartbreak?

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit: <http://theatrix-usa.ticketleap.com/jeffrey/>.

Southlands Farmers' Market

Date: Every Saturday, June – October, 2014

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Location: Town Square

Shop more than 40 local vendors in Aurora's Town Square for organic and pesticide-free produce, fresh dairy products, delicious baked goods, homemade salsa, tamales and tortillas, as well as gourmet pasta, fresh seafood, natural soaps, handmade goods and much more.

Enjoy a Saturday morning out and about in the Colorado sunshine and support local business.

7th Annual Cruzin' Havana Car Show & Poker Run

Date: June 14, 2014

Time: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Location: Havana Street

Price: Free!

Gear up and bring your car and family to the 7th annual Cruzin' Havana Car Show & Poker Run, presented by Havana Auto Parts! See over 5,000 of the region's best classic cars parked at the five different festival sites and in a poker run along Havana Street in Aurora.

There's no need to sign up or enter your car – everyone is welcome to participate. If you'd like to participate in the Poker Run, be sure to pick up the registration form at any of the Poker Run booths, and drive to each festival site to draw your poker card. For more information, visit: <http://www.onhavanastreet.com/7th-annual-cruzin-havana-car-show>.

Havana Farmers' Market

Date: Every Monday starting June 16, 2014

Time: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Location: Havana Exchange Shopping Center

What's better than locally grown, fresh, organic produce? Join us at the Havana Farmers' Market every Monday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to peruse amazing vendors like Forte Farms, Rocky Mountain Rice Co, Snow Creek Ranch, Styria Bakery and more!

This year the Aurora Public Library Mobile Van will be in attendance. The van is stocked with books from its summer reading program, and even has computers with WiFi available for public use.

DeLaney's Farm Camp for Kids

Date: June 16 – 20, 2014

Time: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Location: DeLaney Community Farm

Price: \$300

Children ages 8 to 12 are welcomed to participate in DeLaney's new Farm Camp! This unique experience will engage and educate kids about DeLaney's mission-based CSA and seasonal vegetables through hands-on growing activities. Your son or daughter will learn about the importance of community to DeLaney's success!

To register, visit: <http://dug.givezooks.com/events/2014-csa-camp-for-kids>.

KidTopia

Date: June 18 and June 24, 2014

Time: 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Location: Southlands Town Square

Bring the kids for this fun event that offers them amazing things to see and do! From Birdie Ball golf to caricatures, plasma car races to White Tiger martial arts, there's something for every child to enjoy! Dinger, the Colorado Rockies' mascot will be hanging out with a few of his other Colorado mascot friends - don't miss out on your chance to take pictures with them! Kids can participate in face painting, balloon twisting, hula hoop contests, gymnastics practice, hockey shoot competitions and more!

Triple Crown Fireworks Softball Tournament

Date: June 30 – July 6, 2014

Time: All day

Location: Aurora Sports Park

Price: Free!

The Triple Crown Fireworks Softball Tournament will be held at Aurora Sports Park from June 30 to July 6, 2014.

Fourth of July Spectacular

Date: July 4, 2014

Time: 6 p.m – 10 p.m.

Location: Aurora Municipal Center

Price: Free!

Join Visit Aurora for a truly spectacular Fourth of July celebration! There will be patriotic music simulcast on Studio 1430 KEZW radio, food trucks and activities for the whole family. Stick around for the amazing fireworks show!

2014 FIL World Lacrosse Championships

Date: July 10 – 19, 2014

Time: All day

Location: Dick's Sporting Goods Park

Price: Single day tickets start at \$30

Bring the family out to Dick's Sporting Goods Park for an international lacrosse showdown! The U.S. team will be facing off against Australia, Canada, England, Iroquois and Japan in the blue division. Come out and cheer on the US of A! For more information and tickets, visit: <http://www.worldlacrosse2014.com>.

USA Powerlifting Raw National Championships

Date: July 17 – 20, 2014

Time: All day

Location: Red Lion Hotel

Observe the best of the best in Powerlifting at the USA Raw National Championships this July, Men and women will compete in different weight categories for the chance to be a champion.

For more information and tickets, visit: <http://usaplcolorado.com/2014/01/01/rocky-mountain-lifting-club-pl-championship/>.

TriRock Colorado Triathlon

Date: July 19 – 20, 2014

Time: All day

Location: Aurora Reservoir

Price: visit <http://trock.competitor.com/aurora/register/>

Now in its second year as a part of the TriRock Triathlon series, TriRock Colorado is bringing the excitement back to Aurora Reservoir this summer. Contestants will start on the beach of the reservoir, bike through meadows, run along the the lake and are greeted at the finish line with everything they might need to refuel and recover.

The Triathlon Club Challenge awards the top-10 teams based on number of registered participants with their very own pre- and post-race areas!

10th Annual Hops for Habitat Festival

Date: July 19, 2014

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Location: Plains Conservation Center

Price: \$40 in advance, \$45 at the door.

*Please note: this is a 21+ only event.

How can you drink beer and benefit the environment? Grab your drinking buddies and head down to the Plains Conservation Center for the Hops for Habitat Festival. Over 15 Colorado microbreweries will be in attendance, and the event will feature live bands, food trucks, wagon rides, beautiful scenery and tons of fun.

Proceeds from the Hops for Habitat Festival will go towards prairie preservation and educational programs by the Plains Conservation Center. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit: <http://www.plainscenter.org/events/info/1469/>.

US Lacrosse U15 National Championships

Date: July 21 – 23

Time: All day

Location: Aurora Sports Park

Head down to Aurora Sports Park to watch the US Lacrosse U15 National Championships! As many as 32 boys' and 32 girls' teams from around the country will compete in the highest level of national competition and sportsmanship. For more information, visit: <http://www.visitaurora.com/event-calendar>.

Arapahoe County Fair

Date: July 24 – 27, 2014

Time: All day

Location: Arapahoe County Fairgrounds

Price: \$5 per vehicle and \$15 per person

Put on your boots, grab your cowboy hat and join your friends and family for the annual Arapahoe County Fair! There are rodeos, concerts, carnivals, demo derby 4-H events and interactive fun for the whole family! Gate admission prices allow unlimited carnival rides – children under 36” are free. <http://www.arapahoecountyfair.com>.

For more information on Aurora, upcoming events or meeting facilities, visit www.VisitAurora.com or call 303-326-8698.

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