

# A week of things to do with the kids

## Monday

### MEET ALEXANDER CAMELTON

This adorable baby Bactrian camel was born May 9, the first camel calf born at Lincoln Park Zoo since 1998. And if seeing the young one frolicking around the Antelope & Zebra Area isn't enough of a lure, the not-so-little guy (4 feet tall and 81 pounds at birth) has a great name: Alexander Camelton, a nod to the Pulitzer Prize- and Tony-winning smash hit. At Lincoln Park Zoo, 2001 N. Clark St. Free.

## Tuesday

### MAKE MUSIC CHICAGO

Now in its sixth year in Chicago, the world's largest DIY jam fest celebrates the longest day of the year with live concerts at more than 200 locations. Highlights include Marsha's Music Fam Jam at the Hyde Park Neighborhood Club at 10 a.m.; DJ Victor Salazar giving DJ lessons to kids in Dvorak Park at 2 p.m.; and Chicago Philharmonic Brass performing from the Welles Park gazebo at 6:30 p.m. See the online schedule for full details at [www.makemusicchicago.org](http://www.makemusicchicago.org)

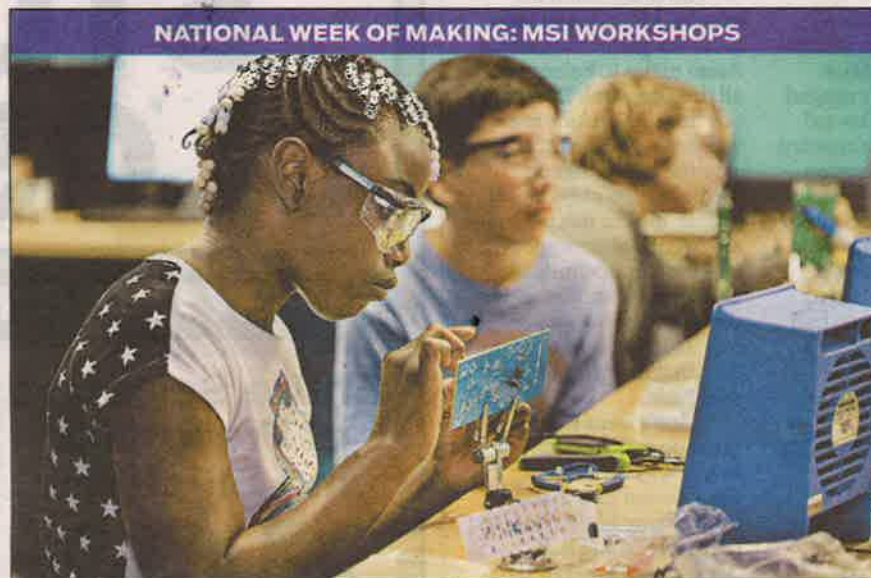
### 'FERRIS BUELLER'S DAY OFF'

Millennium Park's outdoor summer-film series kicks off on the solstice with this John Hughes classic, released 30 years ago this month. The PG-13 comedy follows the adventures, of course, of master manipulator Ferris Bueller, who plays hooky with his best friend and girlfriend to enjoy life in Chicago, from the Art Institute to the Willis (nee Sears) Tower to Wrigley Field. Watch the 40-foot LED screen from a seat in the pavilion, or bring your own blanket and picnic for the lawn. 6:30 p.m. at Millennium Park's Pritzker Pavilion, 201 E. Randolph St. Free. [www.cityofchicago.org](http://www.cityofchicago.org)

### 'RAPTORS!'

Birds of prey are the focus and families are the target audience for this summer program, during which kids get to meet animals up close. The Tuesday evening offerings help children learn how the carnivorous birds have adapted to an urban environment. "Raptors!" starts at 6 p.m. (and repeats July 19 and Aug. 23) at Lurie Garden in Millennium Park (southeast corner), near Columbus Drive and Monroe Street. Free, but advance online registration is recommended. [www.lurigarden.org](http://www.lurigarden.org)

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You know the "maker" movement, which encourages creating, crafting, tinkering and all-around DIY'ing, has hit the big time when the White House declares a National Week of Making. A number of city institutions offer programming to celebrate; find a full list of events, many of them free, at [www.makersinchicago.org](http://www.makersinchicago.org). Among the cooler paid activities is a workshop, held at the Museum of Science and Industry's Wanger Family Fab Lab, to build a multicolor light-emitting circuit. It's open to kids 6 and up; anyone younger than 13 must be accompanied by a ticketed chaperon. 3 and 3:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at Museum of Science and Industry, 5700 S. Lake Shore Drive. \$27, \$18 for kids 3-11 (includes general museum admission). [www.msichicago.org](http://www.msichicago.org)

## Wednesday

### 'THE LEGO AMERICANA ROADSHOW'

It's a great time to be a Lego fan. Not only can you see "Brick by Brick," the Lego exhibit at the Museum of Science and Industry, there's also a traveling exhibit just arrived in Northbrook. Try to find 10 large-scale replicas of U.S. buildings and monuments. Make a scavenger hunt of finding them all or consult the maps to locate them. Daily through July 4 at Northbrook Court, 1515 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook. Free. [www.northbrookcourt.com](http://www.northbrookcourt.com)

## Friday

### LONG GROVE SUMMER FEST

This weekend, an annual fest proves Darwin was right: Evolution happens! This year, Long Grove's beloved Strawberry Fest morphs into Summer Fest, which means that even if you're an odd

duck who dislikes strawberries, you'll find lots of other delectables. The three-day festival includes plenty of local bands and a dedicated kids area. Friday through Sunday in downtown Long Grove, between Old McHenry and Robert Parker Coffin roads. \$5, free for kids 12 and under. [www.visitlonggrove.com](http://www.visitlonggrove.com)

### 'THE SECRET GARDEN'

For the first show of its inaugural season, Lake Forest Theatre presents this Tony-winning family musical. It's the story of 10-year-old Mary Lennox, a troubled orphan who unlocks a new life for herself and her uncle, adapted from the Frances Hodgson Burnett children's novel. Anticipate an impressive sound: The production includes a 15-piece live orchestra. 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays through July 2 at the John & Nancy Hughes Theatre, 400 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest. \$49. [www.lakeforesttheatre.com](http://www.lakeforesttheatre.com)

## Saturday

### CHICAGO DRAGON BOAT RACE

Among Chicagoland's hundreds of summer fests, you'll be hard-pressed to find one as unique as the 16th annual Chicago Dragon Boat Race for Literacy. In our local version of an ancient custom, 20-member teams race long boats (decorated with dragon heads) on the Chicago River, paddling to the beat of a drummer. Races begin at 8 a.m., with victorious teams advancing through the day. Other fun includes an opening Lion Dance at 9, plus acrobats and other entertainment throughout the day at Ping Tom Memorial Park, 300 W. 19th St. Free. [www.chicagochinatown.org](http://www.chicagochinatown.org)

### PIONEER DAY

Step back through time, courtesy of costumed interpreters at The Grove, the historic 143-acre land settled by the Kennicott family in 1836. Hands-on activities like candle dipping and basket weaving are among the day's duties at this free event. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at The Grove National Historic Landmark, 1421 N. Milwaukee Ave., Glenview. [www.glenviewparks.org](http://www.glenviewparks.org)

### FUN & FIT FAMILY DAY

Fun run meets charity outing at this Lambs Farm benefit, helping adults with developmental disabilities. Opt between a 5K run through Lambs Farm and the adjacent Old School Forest Preserve, or choose a 2-mile walk (strollers and wheelchairs welcome), beginning at 9 a.m. Can't make the run but want to enjoy the Ralph's World concert afterward, at 10:30 a.m.? That's OK too! A festival with a DJ, bounce house and other activities rounds out the day at Lambs Farm, 14245 W. Rockland Road, Libertyville. \$30 per person or \$120 per family (up to five people); \$5 suggested donation for the concert only. [www.lambsfarm.org](http://www.lambsfarm.org)

## Sunday

### PASCHKE PAGES STORYTIME

When the renowned Storybook Mom teams up with the Ed Paschke Art Center for a monthly story time, can the art in the picture books match the amazing art on the walls? Come and find out! 11 a.m. at the Ed Paschke Art Center, 5415 W. Higgins Ave. Free. Repeats July 16 and Aug. 20. [www.edpaschkeartcenter.org](http://www.edpaschkeartcenter.org)

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