

# Hot date with summer

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Summer equals more free time than usual, so here is a whole month of fun stuff to do to keep your boredom at bay.

Places like the zoo and museum offer free days every few months, and hey, why not set up a slip 'n slide in your back yard for some inexpensive fun in the sun.

Denver has a lot of parks and trails that will keep you busy for days, and your pup would love some playtime at one of the many dog parks in the Metro area.

We may not have a beach here in Colorado but that doesn't mean you can't swim, boat, Jet Ski or lay by one of the many reservoirs. Camping is a great option too; there are loads of places to choose from to set up camp and adventure through the mountains.

Nobody said roasting marshmallows were reserved for the mountains though, so invest in an outdoor fire pit and make s'mores in your back yard all summer long.

For a shorter trip head up to Red Rocks Amphitheater for their moving screening Film on the Rocks, or check out some art at the First Friday Art Walk on Santa Fe which is free!

And of course, summer in Denver is full of festivals, festivals and more ... festivals.

PrideFest is a huge two-day celebration in the heart of downtown at Civic Center Park. Here you will find parades and fun costumes in a rainbow of colors. Making its 35 appearance in Denver, PrideFest is a celebration of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community and culture.

Taste of Puerto Rico is a festival celebrating the music and food of the country. There will also be a lot of salsa dancing.

The Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods People's Fair is one of the largest two-day festivals in the country with more than 250,000 fairgoers. The festival will feature homemade arts and crafts, food from local restaurants and live local entertainment. There will also be a wine pavilion and a mural project.

A productive way to spend a Sunday is at the Walk for Lupus Now. Lupus is a chronic autoimmune disease and 1.5 million Americans have the disease according to lupus.org.

If you need a break from the sun you can always pop some popcorn and have a movie marathon, or spend some time cleaning out that closet that looks like Pandora's box.

A lot of these things are free or low in cost, just remember to slather on the sunscreen and stay hydrated. You have until Aug. 23 to jam in as much fun as you can!

June 2010						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	 Memorial Day	1 Continue the celebration; have a picnic in your favorite park	2 Denver Cruiser Ride: "Celebrity Rehab" 7 p.m., Casselman's, 26th and Walnut Street	3 Slip 'n slide to cool off	4 First Friday Art Walk on Santa Fe Free	5 Free day at the Denver Art Museum 
6 Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods People's Fair Free, Civic Center Park	7  Summer classes start	8 Film on the Rocks: "The Hangover" \$10, 7 p.m., Red Rocks Amphitheater	9 Denver Cruiser Ride: "Bubble Wrap, Duct Tape and Cardboard" 7 p.m., Casselman's, 26th and Walnut Street	10 National Collegiate All Stars Rugby Infinity Park	11 	12 Taste of Puerto Rico Free, 10 a.m. Stapleton's Central Park
13 Walk for Lupus Now 10 a.m., Washington Park	14 Go tubing at Confluence Park 	15 Film on the Rocks: "The Princess Bride" \$10, 7 p.m., Red Rocks Amphitheater	16 Denver Cruiser Ride: "Rainbow Ride" 7 p.m., Casselman's, 26th and Walnut Street	17 Head for the hills and gamble at Blackhawk 	18 Be a tourist in your own city; grab a camera and check out the things you usually ignore.	19 Denver PrideFest Civic Center Park
20  Denver PrideFest Civic Center Park	21 RTD Art and Bar Tour \$30, 5-9 p.m., The Buckhorn Exchange	22 Film on the Rocks: "Speed" \$10, 7 p.m., Red Rocks Amphitheater	23 Rockies vs. Red Sox 6:40 p.m. Coors Field 	24 Astronomy Night \$3, 8:30 p.m. Chamberlin Observatory	25 Poor persons wine tasting; grab a box of Franzia	26 Backyard camping trip 
27 Backyard camping trip	28 Go geocaching Learn more at geocaching.com	29 Free tour of governor's mansion 1-3 p.m. 	30 Film on the Rocks: Favorite John Hughes Film \$10, 7 p.m., Red Rocks			

## Summer fun at Auraria

### Campus softball leagues

• Campus Recreation is registering teams for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. Games will be played at 6 or 7 p.m. Contact Campus Recreation for more information.

### Beginner dance lessons

• Thursdays, June 10 — July 15.

• Cost: \$30 for students, staff, faculty and alumni; \$40 for guests. Register for both classes and save \$10. Stop by Auraria Event Center Room 108 or call 303-556-3210 for more information or to register.

• Classes are instructed by Linda Kessel. Classes will take a field trip to a tango or salsa nightclub.

• Ballroom basics: 6-7 p.m.

• Latin dance: 7:15-8:15 p.m.