

# Free & Fun Guide

## Some of the best things in Katy are free!

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It doesn't take a new gadget, pricey concert, or expensive outing to have fun. Katy Magazine highlights the coolest ways to have a blast in Katy without spending a dime.

### AWESOME PARKS

#### Exploration Park

15048 Cinco Park Rd. | [willowforkdrainagedistrict.com](http://willowforkdrainagedistrict.com)

This colorful, multipurpose park features a sensory garden, musical bridge, and a lawn with tall glass rods that make children feel as small as ants passing through tall grasses.

#### Katy Play Station

5720 Franz Rd. | [cityofkaty.com](http://cityofkaty.com)

See ad on page 106

Tucked in Katy City Park, this train-themed play area features swings, ramps, and special equipment for children of all physical abilities, and was designed with multiple-impaired and deaf children in mind.

#### Mary Jo Peckham Park

5597 Gardenia Ln. | [pct3.com/peckham\\_cc.html](http://pct3.com/peckham_cc.html)

With a free putt-putt golf course, playground and picnic area, and a fishing pond, Peckham Park has something for all ages.

#### Railroad Park

5615 1st St. | [cityofkaty.com](http://cityofkaty.com)

Although this park serves as a tourist center, it offers a great site for children and families to explore Katy's railroad heritage. The park is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

#### City of Katy Dog Park

5414 Franz Rd. | [cityofkaty.com](http://cityofkaty.com)

This 14-acre park for dogs features water fountains, pools, and trails just for dogs. It's open seven days a week from dawn to dusk.

#### VFW Park and Community Center

6202 George Bush Dr. | [cityofkaty.com](http://cityofkaty.com)

With a children's playground, pavilion, jogging trails, a full kitchen, and covered tables, this is the perfect spot for a family picnic. The VFW Post 9182 Museum is a great place to remind the younger generation of the cost of American freedom and honor the nation's soldiers.

#### George Bush Park

16756 Westheimer Pkwy. | [pct3.com/parks.html](http://pct3.com/parks.html)

The park itself spreads across 7,800 acres and includes wonderful amenities like hike and bike trails, a shooting range, picnic areas, and even equestrian trails.

### NIGHTTIME FUN

#### Special Movie Screening

LaCenterra at Cinco Ranch

23501 Cinco Ranch Blvd. | [lacenterra.com](http://lacenterra.com)

See ad on page 75

On select Saturdays each month, Alamo Drafthouse Cinema presents a fan-favorite movie on the courtyard. The film begins at dusk, so grab the whole family and bring your lawn chairs.

#### Family Night

Chick-fil-A

Cinco Ranch, Katy Green, & Mason Rd. | [chick-fil-a.com](http://chick-fil-a.com)

See ad on page 30

Chick-fil-A locations host family night almost every night of the week from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. These events are full of fun and include themes like pirates, indoor campouts, and painting. Check online calendar for schedule details.

#### Pajama Story Night

Cinco Ranch Branch Library

2620 Commercial Center Blvd. | [fortbend.lib.tx.us/](http://fortbend.lib.tx.us/)

Pajama story night combines bedtime stories, activities, and pajamas. The events are held every Tuesday from 7 to 8 p.m. and are limited to the first 150 participants.

#### Movie Night

Central Green in LaCenterra at Cinco Ranch

23501 Cinco Ranch Blvd. | [willowforkdrainagedistrict.com](http://willowforkdrainagedistrict.com)

Sit back, relax, and enjoy family-friendly blockbusters without paying the ticket price. Movie showings begin at dusk and include kid classics like *Freaky Friday*, *Tangled*, and *Despicable Me*.

Exploration Park celebrates water conservation with unique attractions like interactive water cycle displays

Photo by Katya Horner



Mini-golf at Mary Jo Peckham Park is always a family favorite



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Katy is home to multiple parks designed to accommodate children of all ages and capabilities



Get ballet basics for free with a complimentary trial class at Connolly Dance Arts







Photo by Shanna Kenney

Join Katy Budget Books for Story Time which includes stories, movies, crafts, and activities



Katy neighborhoods are famous for walking, bike trails, and resort-style recreation areas

## THE ART SCENE

### Katy Heritage Society

5990 George Bush Dr. | [katyheritagesociety.com](http://katyheritagesociety.com)

The Katy Heritage Society allows visitors to take a walk down memory lane through the preservation of antique Katy landmarks. The historic homes in Katy Heritage Park are free the first weekend of every month from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays.

### Katy Contemporary Arts Museum

805 Avenue B | [katycam.com](http://katycam.com)

Art can be fun and free! KCAM's mission is to leave an impression on the minds and hearts of it's visitors through the unique art on display. Admission is free every day, and the museum is open Wednesday through Sunday.

### Katy Veterans Museum

6202 George Bush Dr. | [cityofkaty.com](http://cityofkaty.com)

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This museum features a Hall of Fame, Hall of Freedom, and exhibits from some of the most popular fights in history. It's open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## READING AND STORY TIME FUN

### Kids Club

Chick-fil-A Katy Mills  
25601 Nelson Way | [cfarestaurant.com/katymills](http://cfarestaurant.com/katymills)  
See ad on page 65

Join them for their Kids Club on Tuesday nights or Thursday mornings from 9 to 11 a.m. Chick-fil-A Katy Mills' kids club features story time, face painting, and balloon art.

## Story Time and Book Clubs

Katy Budget Books  
2450 Fry Rd. | [katybooks.com](http://katybooks.com)  
See ad on page 143

Children ages 3 to 6 years old can enjoy stories, movies, and age-appropriate crafts and activities. For a complete schedule, call Katy Budget Books. They also offer middle school and young adult book clubs.

### Kinder Korner

Cinco Ranch Branch Library  
2620 Commercial Center Blvd. | [fortbend.lib.tx.us/](http://fortbend.lib.tx.us/)

On select Wednesdays throughout the month, children in kindergarten can gather at the library for stories, crafts, and movies.

### Family Story Time

Cinco Ranch Branch Library  
2620 Commercial Center Blvd. | [fortbend.lib.tx.us/](http://fortbend.lib.tx.us/)

Bring the whole family to explore on Saturday mornings at 10:15 a.m. through stories, rhymes, and songs at the library's family story time.

### Preschool Explorers

Maud Smith Marks Branch Library  
1815 Westgreen Blvd. | [hcpl.net](http://hcpl.net)

Every Wednesday at 11:15 a.m., children 2 ½ through 5 years old test their science and sensory exploration.

### Teen Time

Maud Smith Marks Branch Library  
1815 Westgreen Blvd. | [hcpl.net](http://hcpl.net)

The library doesn't leave out the big kids. Every Thursday from 2:45 to 4 p.m. tweens and teens occupy their time with games, crafts, and movies.

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## FREE TRIAL CLASSES

### Becky's Academy of Dance

2501 S. Mason Rd., #220  
281-398-9226  
beckysonline.com  
See ad on page 37

Ages 2 through adult can take a free trial class at Becky's Academy of Dance. They offer classes in ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical, hip hop, drill team prep, and more.

### Connolly Dance Arts

22760 Westheimer Pkwy., #300  
281-693-1232  
connollydancearts.com  
See ad on page 129

Connolly offers classes in ballet, pointe, jazz, tap, lyrical, and modern. Their visitors also get one free trial class of any dance style. Classes are open from ages 2 years old through adults.

### Katy Kips Gymnastics Club

923 S. Mason Rd.  
281-578-5477  
katykip.com  
See ad on page 160

The free class allows kids over 18 months and adults to experience the physical and mental benefits of gymnastics. The free class is open to new students only and can be scheduled by calling the gym.

### School of Rock Katy

3750 S. Mason Rd., #800  
281-769-7010  
katy.schoolofrock.com  
See ad on page 178

Everyone has an inner rock star screaming to get out. At the trial lesson kids and adults learn the fundamentals of music technique and theory. KM

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## Daily Free Fun in Katy

### Monday MONDAYS WITH MOMMY AT LACENTERRA

Ages infant to 5 years old can bounce and play on the first Monday of the month at 10 a.m.

### Tuesday AIR PATROL AT W. HOUSTON AIRPORT

Ages 12+ can watch the skies from 6:45 to 9 p.m. Call Second Lt. Audrey Morrow at 713-515-4136.

### Wednesday SUNSET YOGA AT LACENTERRA

Bring your yoga mat and towel to the courtyard. All levels welcome.

### Thursday TWEEN CAFÉ AT CINCO RANCH LIBRARY

Students in sixth grade and up can hang out, snack, and complete homework with their peers. Call 281-395-1311.

### Friday KATY PRAIRIE CONSERVANCY

Explore the Indiangrass Preserve and learn about animals and plants from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visit [katyprairie.org](http://katyprairie.org).

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