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# 101 Fun Things to Do in Katy This Fall

From hay rides and pumpkin patches to story time and family bike rides, you'll find the perfect way to enjoy fall fun in Katy

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- 1 Attend a high school football game at Rhodes Stadium and see the amazing band, color guard, and drill team.
- 2 Tour Katy Heritage Park the first weekend of any month and get a glimpse of Katy's past.
- 3 Pick out a cool pumpkin and go on a fall hayride at Dewberry Farm.
- 4 Visit the Fort Bend County Fair between Sept. 23 and Oct. 2.
- 5 Catch a fish at Mary Jo Peckham Park.
- 6 Splurge on Sunday brunch at Perry's Steakhouse and Grille at LaCenterra.
- 7 Take a Zumba class at Lifetime Fitness or with Kenyatta Kelley at Dance with Stars at 829 Mason Rd.
- 8 Sip a smoothie from Jamba Juice as you people watch at LaCenterra.
- 9 Indulge in a frozen low-fat treat at Orange Leaf Self Serve Frozen Yogurt at the Villagio Town Center or Tutti Frutti Frozen Yogurt on Kingsland Blvd.
- 10 Chow down on some all-American grub at Snappy's Café in old Katy.
- 11 Eat lunch, then let the kids frolic at Chick-fil-A's indoor playground.
- 12 Have a family movie night at home with pillows, blankets, pajamas, and lots of popcorn.
- 13 Relax and read *Katy Magazine*, while you sip a Frappuccino at Starbucks.
- 14 Grab your girlfriends and head to the Brookwood Community for lunch and a little gift shopping.
- 15 Pick up a cupcake tree or some amazing cake balls at Cake Sweet Cake on S. Mason and Highland Knolls.
- 16 Shop for gorgeous homecoming dresses at The Silver Hanger on Fifth St. in Katy.
- 17 Check out the fun trinkets and treasures at Mimosa Rose.
- 18 Trade in your gently used clothing for cash or store credit at Blackbird Trading Company.
- 19 Learn to ballroom dance at Fred Astaire Dance Studio on Mason Rd.
- 20 Plan an outing with the girls at Pinot's Palette and discover your inner artist.
- 21 Host a neighborhood Bunco night, inviting each guest to bring their favorite dish to share.
- 22 Foster or adopt a homeless pet at Citizens for Animal Protection (CAPS).



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- 23 Do some mother-daughter shopping at LaCenterra's Beau Kisses and Apricot Lane boutiques.
- 24 Get your kids' photo taken to enter Katy's Cutest Kid Cover Contest at *Katy Magazine's* booth at the Rice Harvest Festival. (Near the food court)
- 25 Release energy by jumping around on InflataZone, Katy's giant inflatables.
- 26 Invite friends and neighbors over for the BIG college football game. Wear your team jerseys and make it a day to remember.
- 27 Meet friends with kids at CiCi's pizza for fun and yummy pizza.
- 28 Take the family to 'brinner' at IHOP (*brinner=breakfast food at dinner time*).
- 29 Have a classic dinner and a movie date night at Alamo Drafthouse Cinema.
- 30 Sign up for craft classes at local Hobby Lobby or Michael's stores.
- 31 Take a twilight drive down a country road and enjoy the sunset and sights.
- 32 Sign your kids up for a swim lesson or sports activity at the Katy Family YMCA.
- 33 Have a family Wii tournament and give away fun prizes and awards.
- 34 Take the kids to grandma's house and escape to Massage Envy for a couple's massage.
- 35 Take the dog shopping at PetSmart. The kids will love looking at the fish and birds, too!
- 36 Have a family laser tag challenge at Laser Quest.
- 37 Enjoy a day of shopping and lunch at Katy Mills Mall.
- 38 Plan a family outing to Times Square Entertainment for bowling, pool, laser tag, and arcade games.
- 39 Take a family bike ride just before sunset.
- 40 Try the giant onion rings or famous wings at Texas Borders Bar and Grill.
- 41 Attend the Katy VFW parade in downtown Katy on Veteran's Day.
- 42 Take your little tykes to the Katy Library for Baby Bounce story time.
- 43 Go 'thrifting' at Katy Christian Ministries' second hand boutique section
- 44 Set up a playdate at Monkey Joe's and let the kids burn off some energy on the giant inflatables, while you visit with friends.
- 45 Play Frisbee at the wide open spaces of George Bush Park.

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- 46 Take a sushi adventure and try a new dish at Nagoya Sushi at the Gardens at Westgreen Park.
- 47 Hit the Sonic drive thru from 2 to 4 p.m. and enjoy a “happy hour” half-price slushie.
- 48 Go skating at Mason Road Skating Center or take a few skating lessons.
- 49 Let your dog run amok at Millie Bush Bark Park, George Bush Park.
- 50 Take the kiddies to St. Peter’s fall festival and pumpkin patch.
- 51 Stop by Texian Market Days at George Ranch Historical Park on Oct. 22.
- 52 Try on Halloween costumes at Party City on Fry Rd. and I-10.
- 53 Round up all your old books, sell them to Katy Budget Books, then browse and shop for new finds.
- 54 Volunteer as a docent at Katy Heritage Park the first weekend of every month.
- 55 Get a new fall “do” at Simply Irresistible Hair Salon on Mason Rd.
- 56 Browse the awesome antiques for sale at Best Years Antiques and Collectibles in Brookshire.
- 57 Take the little ones to Chuck E. Cheese for playtime and lunch with friends.
- 58 Sign up now for the Katy Family YMCA’s Turkey Trot that takes place early Thanksgiving morning (See ad on page 54).
- 59 Take a bike ride with the family on the bike trails at George Bush Park.
- 60 Practice hitting home runs at Katy Miniature Golf and Batting Cages on Mason Rd.
- 61 Arrange for the kids to tour a local fire department and learn about fire safety.
- 62 Have dinner at Lupe Tortilla, then enjoy a margarita while the kids play in the play area.
- 63 Pig out without feeling guilty at the salad bar at Jason’s Deli.
- 64 Go bowling at AMF lanes at Franz and N. Fry Rd.
- 65 Book the Don’t Stress package at Bella Salon and Day Spa. Get a massage, facial, mani, and pedi for just \$163!
- 66 Buy tickets to the fall musical at your local high school. You won’t believe the talent level of these amazing teens!
- 67 Sign up for family martial arts at Katy TaeKwonDo on Mason Rd.
- 68 Shop ‘til you drop at Second Baptist Church’s famous Celebrations Christmas Market in November.

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- 69 Shop for cozy sweaters and scarves at LaCenterra
- 70 Do a few random acts of kindness this fall. Pay for the car behind you at the drive thru window, bake cookies for a neighbor, or leave an encouraging note for a teacher.
- 71 Get in shape and sign up for Houston Adventure Boot Camp.
- 72 Take your kids for swimming lessons at Aqua-Tots.
- 73 Give each child \$5 and hit the Saturday morning garage sales. See who can get the most bang for their five bucks.
- 74 Take horseback riding lessons at ACT III Farms or Circle Lake Ranch.
- 75 Get an updated family portrait at See What Develops on Park Row.
- 76 Learn to do a flip at The Little Gym in Katy.
- 77 Take the family golfing at The Golf Club at Cinco Ranch or one of Katy's many other golf courses.
- 78 Load up the kids and dogs and head to the Katy Dog Park on Franz Ed. for a day of play.
- 79 Tour the model homes at Firethorne or Cross Creek Ranch and get some great decorating ideas.
- 80 Sign up early for the Katy Youth Soccer Club on Nov. 15 (*ages 4 and up*).

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- 81** Buy a giant cookie cake at Nestle Toll House Cafe that says “I love you” and surprise the kids after dinner.
- 82** Turn off the TV and have a hula hoop, bubble gum blowing, or other fun contest in the backyard for prizes.
- 83** Write “I love you” or other inspirational messages on your child’s bathroom mirror.
- 84** Take a daily after-dinner walk with the family and the family dog.
- 85** Have a family garage sale and give the proceeds to Katy Christian Ministries or another worthwhile charity.
- 86** Grab a homemade burger from Otto’s Deluxe Grille and dine al fresco.
- 87** Snuggle up under a blanket with a flashlight and read bedtime stories in a backyard hammock.
- 88** Have a family jam session after dinner. Round up tambourines, musical instruments, and voices, and discover the joy of music.
- 89** Let the kids eat free at an area restaurant. Check with Denny’s, La Finca, and other local eateries.
- 90** Train to become a volunteer firefighter at the West I-10 Fire Department.
- 91** Take up to 10 years off your age with a smile makeover and/or teeth whitening at Dentistry by RSE on Cinco Ranch Blvd.
- 92** Get a Brazilian Blowout at Pari’s Gallery Salon and Day Spa. *(Don’t forget to use your 50% off coupon! See ad on pg. 112)*
- 93** Check out a stack of books at the Cinco Ranch, Maud Marks, or Katy libraries.
- 94** Attend a West Houston Muscle Club car show regularly held at various Katy locations.
- 95** Visit Katy Youth Basketball’s website for information on winter basketball sign-up dates.
- 96** Don your costumes for LaCenterra’s annual Howl-O-Ween Dog Walk.
- 97** Pitch the tent and have a family campout in the backyard on Saturday night, complete with s’mores and ghost stories.
- 98** Gather the family and see the space station from your pitch black backyard. Visit [nasa.gov](http://nasa.gov) for sighting info.
- 99** Relax and unwind at Dunn Brothers Coffee, while listening to great music by local musicians.
- 100** Get fit and give back by signing up the family for the MS Walk, Alzheimer’s Walk, or Celebrate Your Princess walk.
- 101** Make and decorate your own candy apples, then write a sweet note and give them to friends as a fall treat. **KM**

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