



Family Friendly Things to Do in Bemidji Winter 2022



Free Things to Do:

- **Story Time at the Bemidji Public Library:**
 - Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays at 10:30am
- **Story Time at the Bemidji Carnegie Library:**
 - Mondays at 10:30-11:15am
- **Story Time at Four Pines Bookstore**
 - Every Saturday at 11:00am
 - 102 3rd St NW (Downtown Bemidji)
- **Movement and Play Time (MAP):**
 - Fridays through Mar 25th 9:30-11:30am at the Boys and Girls Club Gym
 - Open play space for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers
- **Explore and Play Drop-In at ECFE**
 - Mondays 12:30-2:00 through May 23rd
 - \$5 per family-children ages 0-5 and their caregivers
- **American Indian Resource Center Moccasin Game:**
 - regular meetings every second and fourth Friday of the month to learn about the traditional Ojibwe Moccasin Game. Open to all ages.
- **Art Walk Downtown Bemidji:** Enjoy a Walk to find art sculptures downtown!
- **Watermark Art Center:** Check out the changing art exhibits
- **Play Area in Paul Bunyan Mall:** Climb, slide, and play
- **Paul Bunyan and Library Park:** Visit Paul and Babe statues, playground, the Visitor Center, and Sledding (free sleds!) at the Lakefront

Ice Skating:

- **Nymore Outdoor Rink**-lights on until 8:30pm (free)
 - Warming House open Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri: 3:00-8:30pm
 - Warming House open Wed, Sat, Sun 12:00-8:00pm
- **Bemidji City Park Outdoor Rink**-lights on until 8:30pm (free)
 - Warming House open Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri: 3:00-8:30pm
 - Warming House open Wed, Sat, Sun 12:00-8:00pm
- **Nary Heritage Park Ice Rink**-lights on 8am-10pm (free will donations)
- Skate rentals at Top Shelf Hockey Shop

Fun Activities for a Small Price:

- **Gym Bin Open Gym:**
 - Sept-May T-Th 10:30am-12:00pm
 - Cost: \$5 per child or \$9 per family
- **Headwaters Science Center:**
 - Monday-Saturday 9:30-5:00, Sunday 1:00-5:00
 - Cost: Children ages 2-11 \$6, Adults and children 12 and over \$9
 - Tots on Tuesdays-weekly themes for young children 10:00-5:00
- **Beltrami County History Center:**
 - Wednesday-Saturday 12:00-4:00
 - Cost: \$5 adults, \$1 children 6-12, Children under 5: Free
 - Learn about Bemidji's history through changing exhibits
- **Bemidji Bowl:**
 - M-F open 3:00-midnight, Sat-Sun open 12:00pm-Midnight
 - Prices vary based on day and time.
 - Specials: Monday and Tuesdays \$19/hr for 6 people.
- **Bemidji CEC Theater:** \$5 Tuesdays
- **Buena Vista Ski Area:** Skiing, Snowboarding, and Tubing. Ski and snowboarding lessons available for children ages 3 and up.
 - Children must be 42" and 5 years old to tube
 - Check out website for more information:
<https://www.bvskiarea.com/index.html>

Swimming Pools:

- **Best Western Hotel:**
 - Open swim 9am-9pm, \$10/person.
 - Call ahead to check availability 218-751-0390
- **Rutgers Lodge:**
 - Open swim daily 8:00am-8:00pm
 - \$10 plus tax per swimmer, punch cards available.
- **Stony Point Resort:**
 - Open swim. Pool Hours 10am-10pm.
 - \$5.37/person for 2 hours.
 - Call ahead to schedule a time to purchase pool pass 218-335-6311
- **BSU Rec Center:**
 - Sat-Sun 2:00-3:30pm \$5 per person
- **Community Education Open Swim at High School.**
 - Check Bemidji Community Education website or Facebook page for dates.

Day Trips

- **Itasca State Park:** Mississippi River Headwaters, playground, picnic, camping, visitor center, biking, hiking trails, fire tower, naturalist activities
- **Children's Discovery Museum and Judy Garland Museum:**
 - Grand Rapids, MN
 - Hours: Fridays and Saturdays 10-5.
 - Cost: \$8 per child under 12, \$12/adult.
 - Call for reservations to ensure open spot 218-326-1900
- **Seven Clans Casino Thief River Falls Waterpark**
 - Hours: Fri 12:00-9:00 Sat-Sun 9:00-9:00
 - Cost: \$20/person. Children under 3 are free.
- **The Backyard Youth Gym Indoor Playground:**
 - Detroit Lakes Community and Cultural Center.
 - Hours: Mon-Fri: 7am-8:30pm, Sat: 7am-4:30pm, Sun: 12pm-4:30pm.
 - Cost: Day pass \$11/adult, \$8/child. Free for under 3 yrs. Socks required. <https://www.dlccc.org/the-backyard-youth-gym.html>

Check out these resources for updated info on what's going on in Bemidji

- Bemidji Area Schools Community Education: <http://bemidjicommunityed.com/>
- Visit Bemidji Calendar of Events: <http://visitbemidji.com/calendar.html>
- City of Bemidji Parks and Recreation:
http://www.ci.bemidji.mn.us/index.asp?Type=B_EV&SEC={832853B8-DA46-491F-9CC9-BE0A004207F2}
- Headwaters School of Music and Art: <http://hwschool.org/>
- Bemidji Public Library http://www.krls.org/branches/branch_bj.html
- Bemidji Area Chamber of Commerce <https://www.bemidji.org/>
- Mix 103.7: www.kkbj.com
- Bemidji Early Childhood Collaborative
<https://www.bemidjinearlychildhoodcollaborative.org/>
- Northwest Indian Community Development Center: www.nwicdc.org



Special Winter and Early Spring Events in Bemidji



- **Dr. Seuss Birthday Party:**
 - Thursday, March 10th 10:00-11:30am Bemidji Carnegie Library hosted by Bemidji Parks and Recreation and Friends of the Library.
 - Free event, register at www.ci.bemidji.mn.us
 - Storytime, crafts, snacks, scavenger hunt, storywalk.

- **Parent's Night Out:**
 - Friday, March 18th 4:00-8:00pm at the Bemidji Carnegie Library hosted by Bemidji Parks and Recreation.
 - Fun games, crafts, snacks, activities and care for children ages 5-12.
 - \$15 per child. Registration required.

- **ECFE Movie Day: Paw Patrol the Movie!**
 - Saturday, March 19th at Bemidji Theater
 - 10:00am
 - \$3/person

- **Daddy Daughter Dance**
 - Friday, February 25th 5:30-8:00pm at the Hampton Inn and Suites
 - Dinner, photo, and dancing for all ages
 - Prices vary based on number of family: 2 people=\$42.64
 - Register at www.ci.bemidji.mn.us

- **Family Snow Shoeing**
 - Saturday, February 12th and March 5th at North Country Park
 - 5:00pm or later-bring flashlight for candle lit trail
 - All levels of experience welcome
 - Scavenger hunt
 - Register as family at www.ci.bemidji.mn.us

- **Bemidji Symphony Orchestra**
 - Sunday, February 20th at Bemidji High School
 - Believe in the Moments of Music: songs from your favorite movies
 - Feel free to dress as your favorite cinema character
 - Adults \$25, Children: Free!

- **Bemidji Community Theater presents Frozen, Jr**
 - April 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 8th, 9th, 10th