

Match Activity Handbook

An Activity Guide for Mentors and Mentees in Massachusetts



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Welcome to the 2010 Match Activity Handbook!

The Handbook was first created by the 2008-2009 AmeriCorps Ambassadors of Mentoring. The 2009-2010 Highland Street Corps has streamlined and updated the Handbook to include more details about each activity, as well as easy-to-read "top 10" lists for each county.

The Handbook is a resource for mentoring program staff, mentors and mentees. It includes activities across the state of Massachusetts, as well as site-based activity ideas, seasonal activities and helpful links.

We hope you – whether you are a mentor, mentee, or program staff – find the updated Handbook useful. The Highland Street Corps Ambassadors of Mentoring are committed to sustaining quality mentoring relationships.

New this year, we have converted the Match Activity Handbook into a user-friendly website. This site is an interactive tool; we encourage you to provide feedback on activities. You'll be able to rate and comment on the different places you go. You'll also find a map of each location. Visit the website at <http://aomfwp2.blogspot.com>!

The Handbook is organized as follows:

1) County

The Activities included in this Handbook are divided by county. Each county features its "Top 10" best activities. Within each county, the ten activities are listed alphabetically. Under each listing, you will find a short description of the activity, contact information (including address, website and phone number), as well as information on pricing, hours, and targeted age group. Price information is listed as follows:

\$ = 1 to 5 dollars

\$\$ = 6 to 10 dollars

\$\$\$ = 7 to 15 dollars

\$\$\$\$ = 16 to 20 dollars

\$\$\$\$\$ = 21 to 25 dollars

\$\$\$\$\$+ = more than 25 dollars

Note that prices reflect the per-person cost, and that many activities are described with a range of dollar signs, reflecting a range of prices. Many activities are free, and this information is recorded in the handbook as well. Prices and hours are always subject to change so please use the contact information under each listing to get the most up-to-date information.

2) Seasonal

In the handbook, you will find a list of seasonal activities. These are suggestions of fun things to do with your mentor or mentee in the fall, winter, spring and summer!

3) Site-based

For matches at site-based programs, this list offers fun, creative activities that will strengthen your bond without even stepping outside!

We hope you enjoy the Handbook, and we look forward to hearing your feedback!

Sincerely,

The Highland Street Corps Ambassadors of Mentoring 2009-2010

Top Ten Activities By County

Barnstable County



Barnstable County Fair

The Barnstable County Fair has been an annual summer tradition on Cape Cod for 166 years. The Fair is a place where families can spend the day together and share experiences they can only have at the Barnstable County Fair.

1220 Nathan Ellis Hwy.
East Falmouth 02536
508-563-3200
barnstablecountyfair.org

Prices Vary ▪ Seasonal Event. Contact for more information ▪ All ages

Cape Cod Baseball League

The Cape Cod Baseball League is a non profit that prides itself on creating affordable family entertainment. Baseball is one of America's favorite sports. Why not spend an afternoon watching a little bit of competition!

195 High School Rd.
Hyannis 02601
capecodbaseball.org

Free ▪ Open year-round during daylight hours ▪ All ages

Cape Cod Canal

The canal, built during the Great Depression, became and remains the widest sea-level canal without locks in the world. Whether its business, biking, boating, baseball, beaches or beautiful B & B's, the Cape Cod Canal Region has it all!

70 Main St.
Buzzards Bay 02532
508-759-6000
capecodcanalchamber.com

Free ■ Open year round during daylight hours ■ All Ages

Cape Cod Potato Chips

While you're in town, be sure to set aside some time to visit the site of New England's most popular potato chips!

100 Breed's Hill Rd.
Hyannis 02601
capecodchips.com

Free ▪ Monday – Friday, 9:00 am-5:00 pm ▪ All ages

Cape Cod Symphony Orchestra

Attend a concert with the Cape Cod Symphony Orchestra and be enlightened by the many forms of art they offer.

712A Main St.
Yarmouth Port 02675
capesymphony.org/default.asp

Prices vary ▪ Hours vary. Contact for more information ▪ All ages

Kalmus Beach

Curious to try your hand at wind surfing? Kalmus Beach has been rated best for wind-surfing on the Cape. Its consistent breezes and warm Nantucket Sound water draw sailboarders from practically everywhere.

Hyannis 02601
508-790-9884
morebeach.com

Free ▪ Open during daylight hours, year-round ▪ All ages

Long Pasture Wildlife Sanctuary

Are you interested in learning more about trees and plants? The Long Pasture Wildlife Sanctuary, a 110-acre haven for many species of wildlife, is a great place to go for a walk, take a class, and experience the diverse wildlife found in Barnstable County.

345 Bone Hill Rd.
Barnstable 02637
508-362-7475
massaudubon.org/Nature_Connection/Sanctuaries/Long_Pasture/index.php

\$ ▪ Open daily from dawn to dusk. Contact for more information ▪ All ages

Trayser Museum Complex

Featuring a 17th-century jail, the Trayser Museum Complex preserves the unique architectural, cultural and maritime history of Cape Cod.

3353 Main St.
Barnstable 02630
508-362-8521
coastguardheritagemuseum.org/Contact_Us.html

\$ (10 and under: free) ▪ Open Tuesday-Saturday, May- October 10:00 am-3:00 pm ▪ All ages

Scargo Tower

Scargo Tower is a 30-foot tall cobblestone tower located atop Scargo Hill. It offers beautiful views of the surrounding area.

Scargo Hill Rd.
East Dennis 02638
508-394-8300
dennishistsoc.org/historical/scargotower.htm

Prices Vary ▪ Hours vary. Contact for more information ▪ All ages

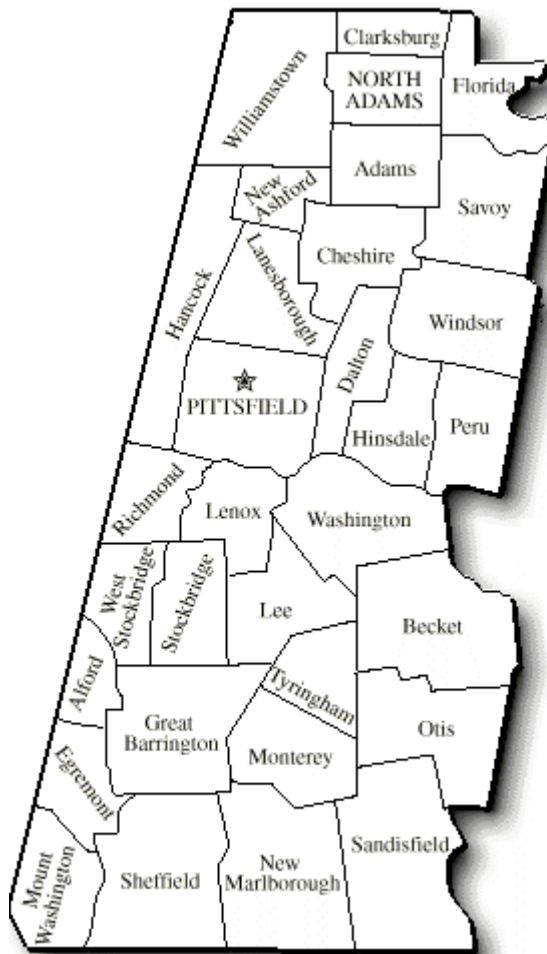
Sturgis Library

Visit the historic Sturgis Library in the village of Barnstable to learn not only about New England history, but also about whatever piques your interest at the time!

3090 Main St. (Rte. 6A)
Barnstable 02630
508-362-6636
sturgislibrary.org

Free ▪ Hours vary. Contact for more information ▪ All ages

Berkshire County



Bartholomew's Cobble

Bartholomew's Cobble is a 329-acre National Natural Landmark, open space preserve, agricultural preserve, and bio-reserve. Over five miles of moderately difficult hiking trails are located here, including The Ledges Trail, a self-guided interpretive walk that runs over and around the Cobbles.

117 Cooper Hill Rd.
Sheffield 01257
413-229-8600
thetrustees.org/places-to-visit/berkshires/bartholomews-cobble.html#t1

Free ▪ Open during daylight hours, year-round ▪ All ages

The Cove Bowling Lanes

The Cove features 24 bowling lanes, 18 hole indoor bi-level mini golf, arcade, lounge area, and great food.

109 Stockbridge Rd.
Great Barrington 01230
413-528-1220
covelanes.com

\$\$ ▪ Open daily, 9:00 am – 1:00 am ▪ All ages

Fun Works Fun Zone

30,000 square feet of high energy fun! Bouncy Bounces, mini-golf, gem mining and "Stuff Your Own Animal."

Berkshire Mall Next to Sears
655 Cheshire Rd.
Lanesboro 01237
413-442-1301
funworksfunzone.com

\$\$-\$\$\$ ▪ Mon. – Sat 10:00 am – 9:00 pm; Sun. 11:00 am – 6:00 pm ▪ Ages 13 and under

Hancock Shaker Village

This beautifully restored village, set among acres of farm, woodland and pasture, is home to the premier collection of Shaker buildings and artifacts. See the Village come to life through tours, exhibitions, demonstrations and participatory activities.

1843 W. Housatonic St.
Pittsfield 01201

413-443-0188
hancockshakervillage.org

\$\$ (12 and under: free) ▪ Hours vary. Contact for more information. ▪ All ages

Kilpatrick Athletic Center

The Kilpatrick Athletic Center features 58,000 square feet of top-of-the-line exercise and recreation facilities including: an 8-lane, 25-yard swimming pool; squash/racquetball courts; outdoor Har-Tru tennis courts; and an indoor climbing wall.

Bard College at Simon's Rock
84 Alford Rd.
Great Barrington 01230
413-528-7777
simons-rock.edu/campus-resources/facilities/kilpatrick-athletic-center

\$\$\$ ▪ Mon. - Fri., 6:00 am – 9:00 pm; Sat. and Sun., 8:00 am – 6:00 pm ▪ Ages 8 and up

The Mount

Visit the spectacular estate and gardens of Edith Wharton's classical revival house.

2 Plunkett St.
Lenox 01240
413-637-1899
edithwharton.org

\$\$ (18 and under: free) ▪ Hours vary. Contact for more information ▪ All ages

Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art (Mass MoCA)

Mass MoCA is the largest center for contemporary art in the United States. It is dedicated to the creation and presentation of provocative visual and performing arts pieces.

87 Marshall St.
North Adams 01247
413-662-2111
Massmoca.org

\$\$\$\$ (5 and under: free) ▪ Hours and activities vary. Contact for more information ▪ Ages 12 and up

The Norman Rockwell Museum

The Norman Rockwell Museum is dedicated to education and art appreciation inspired by the legacy of Norman Rockwell. It features a substantial collection of original artwork by Norman Rockwell.

9 Route 183
Stockbridge 01262
413-298-4100
nrm.org

\$\$ (18 and under: free) ▪ Hours vary. Contact for more information ▪ All ages

The Range (North Adams)

A beautiful recreational outdoor center featuring an 18-hole miniature golf course, three baseball batting cages, and a 300-yard driving range with natural grass hitting area.

Route 8, Curran Highway
North Adams 01247
413-663-3030
berkshirerange.com

\$\$ ▪ Open daily, 9:00 am – 10:00 pm ▪ Ages 6 and up

Tanglewood

Tanglewood is an estate and music venue in Lenox and Stockbridge. It has been the Boston Symphony Orchestra's summer home since 1937. Tanglewood offers free lawn tickets for children age 17 and under.

297 West St.
Lenox 01240
413-637-1600
Tanglewood.org

\$\$\$\$\$+ ▪ Programs, hours, and prices vary. Contact for more information ▪ All ages

Bristol County

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Battleship Cove

You can experience firsthand what it was like to serve on board a Navy warship in WWII and sound the diving horn on Submarine Lionfish. There's a lot more to discover at Battleship Cove, the world's largest naval ship museum.

5 Water St.
Fall River 02721
508-678-1100
battleshipcove.com

\$\$-\$\$\$ (6 and under: free) ▪ Open daily from 9:00am-4:30pm ▪ All ages

Capron Park Zoo

The Capron Park Zoo is a recreational attraction that provides visitors with educational programs and activities dedicated to the understanding of animals from all over the world.

201 County St.
Attleboro 02703
508-222-6202
capronparkzoo.com

\$\$-\$\$\$ (2 and under: free) ▪ Open daily from 10:00am-5:00pm ▪ All ages

Easton Children's Museum

The only children's museum between Boston and Providence, this museum offers three floors of interactive exhibits and over 100 programs that allow children to explore the world around them.

9 Sullivan Ave.
North Easton 02356
508-230-3789
childrensmuseumineaston.org

\$\$ (1 and under: free) ▪ Hours vary. Contact for more information ▪ Ages 8 and under

Horseneck Beach State Reservation

With 600 acres of barrier beach and salt marsh, Horseneck Beach is an ideal location for camping and swimming in the SouthCoast.

John Reed Rd. (Rte. 88)
Westport 02790
508-636-8816

mass.gov/dcr/parks/southeast/hbch.htm

Free ▪ Hours vary. Contact for more information ▪ All ages

Lazer Gate

Lazer Gate is a family entertainment center that includes a multi leveled, 8,500 square foot arena with mazes, sound and lighting effects, an 18-hole miniature golf course, an arcade and a café to help you refuel between games.

288 Plymouth Ave.
Fall River 02721
508-730-1230
lazergate.com

\$\$ (5 and under: free) ▪ Hours and activities vary. Contact for more information. ▪ All ages

Monster Mini Golf

An exciting indoor monster-themed, glow-in-the-dark, 18-hole miniature golf course that offers a host of family-oriented fun activities at every turn. In addition to the miniature golf course families can enjoy a fun filled arcade.

140 Taunton Ave.
Seekonk 02771
508-336-8004
monsterminigolf.com

\$\$ ▪ Hours vary. Contact for more information. ▪ All ages

Ocean Explorium

Individuals can visit this aquarium, museum and science center for a broader and deeper understanding of New Bedford's waters and the ocean beyond. While there, you can see a series of living aquatic environments, interactive exhibits and numerous outreach initiatives

174 Union St.
New Bedford 02741
509-994-5400
oceanexplorium.org

\$\$ ▪ Hours vary. Contact for more information. ▪ All ages

Regal Silver City 10 Cinemas

Located in the Taunton Silver City Galleria Mall, this cinema offers ten theatre rooms, where movie goers can enjoy the latest and most popular movies in the entertainment world.

2 Galleria Mall Dr.
Taunton 02780
508-821-4561
regmovies.com

\$\$-\$\$\$ ▪ Hours vary. Contact for more information. ▪ All ages

Women at Work Museum

The museum presents exciting and engaging exhibits. There are also educational programs about women who pursued their interests and made significant advances in math, science, engineering and technology.

35 County St.
Attleboro 02703
508-222-4430
womenatworkmuseum.org

Free ▪ Open Saturdays from 11:00am-4:00pm ▪ All ages

Wonder Bowl

Individuals, families and professional bowlers can enjoy this forty lane bowling alley. Each lane can accommodate up to six bowlers. Bowlers can enjoy tasty treats from Wonder Bowl's Snack Bar menu while bowling, playing video games or enjoying a friendly game of pool.

66 Hathaway Rd.
New Bedford 02746
508-993-1746
wonderbowl.com

\$\$-\$\$\$\$ ▪ Hours and prices vary. Contact for more information ▪ All ages

Dukes County



Fuller Street Beach

Fuller Street Beach is a great place to spend quality time relaxing with your mentee. The blue swells hitting the scenic seaboard is a beautiful panorama. The beach is located at the end of Fuller Street in Edgartown.

Free ▪ Open during daylight hours ▪ All ages

Stonewall Beach

Stonewall Beach, located in Dukes County, is not a tremendously congested piece of coast, and it is a perfect beach!

Free ▪ Open during daylight hours ▪ All ages

Oak Bluffs

Oak Bluffs is known as the most enchanting part of Martha's Vineyard. Take a walk and marvel at the local gingerbread houses from the 1800s!

P.O. Box 1327
Oak Bluffs 02557
508-693-3554 x113
oakbluffsma.gov

Free ▪ Open during daylight hours ▪ All ages

Farm Institute

The Farm Institute educates and engages children and adults in sustainable agriculture through the diverse operations of a working farm. What better way to spend a summer day?

14 Aero Ave.
Edgartown 02539
508-627-7007
farminstitute.org

\$\$ ▪ Hours Vary. Please contact for more information ▪ All ages

Gay Head Light

The handsome Gay Head Lighthouse stands in one of the most picturesque locations in New England, perched atop the 130-foot multicolored clay cliffs at the western shore of Martha's Vineyard.

9 Aquinnah Dr.
Aquinnah 02535

508-627-4441
lighthouse.cc/gayhead/index.html

\$ ▪ Hours Vary. Call for more information ▪ All ages

Polly Hill Arboretum

Established in 1997 as a not-for-profit institution, the Arboretum is devoted to the cultivation and study of plants and the preservation of the character and magic of this tranquil landscape.

809 State Rd.
W. Tisbury 02575
508-693-9426
pollyhillarboretum.org

\$ (12 and under: free) ▪ Open daily, 9:00 am-4:00 pm ▪ All ages

Long Point Wildlife Refuge Beach

Whether you want to body surf in the ocean, splash with the kids in sheltered salt and freshwater ponds, or explore a rare grassland habitat, this spectacular reservation will become a favorite escape!

Off Edgartown-West Tisbury Rd.
Martha's Vineyard 02568
508-693-3678
thetrustees.org

\$\$ (15 and under: free) ▪ Hours Vary. Call for more information ▪ All ages

The Flying Horse Carousel

The Flying Horse Carousel has been enjoyed since 1884 by adults and children alike. It is the nation's oldest platform carousel still in operation. Jump on and give it a ride!

33 Circuit Ave.
Oak Bluffs 02557
508-693-9481
mvpreservation.org/carousel.html

\$ ▪ Hours Vary. Please contact for more information ▪ Under 13

Manuel Correllus State Forest

Delight your adventurous side at this park, a great place to hike, cross-country ski, cycle, horseback ride and more! There are picnic areas, rest rooms and showers available when your adventure ends.

Barnes Rd.
Vineyard Haven 02568
508-693-2540
mass.gov/dcr/parks/southeast/corr.htm

Free ▪ Hours vary. Call for more information ▪ All ages

Agricultural Fair

Come to the Fair! There are rides, games, shucking and fiddle contests, skillet toss, horse pull, woodsmen competition, fiber-arts tent, dog and livestock shows. 2010 will mark the 149th year of this wonderful fair.

35 Panhandle Rd.
Vineyard Haven 02568
508-693-9549
mvas.vineyard.net/fair.php

\$\$ (5 and under: free) ▪ Seasonal. Contact for more information ▪ All ages

Essex County



Appleton Farms

Appleton Farms is one of the oldest farms in the country and showcases Massachusetts's agricultural history. Visitors can explore the farm, walk over six miles of trails, and watch a diverse population of animals roam throughout the grounds.

Route 1A

Hamilton 01982

978-356-5728

TheTrustees.Org/Places-To-Visit/Northeast-Ma/Appleton-Farms.Html

\$ ▪ Open daily, sunrise to sunset ▪ All ages

Crane Wildlife Refuge On The Crane Estate

The Crane Estate, once the magnificent summer residence of industrialist Richard T. Crane, Jr., is now a great place to visit for hikers, boaters, and environmentalists. The refuge includes a long stretch of coastland and islands.

Argilla Rd.

Ipswich 01938

978-356-4351

thetrustees.org/crane-estate/

\$\$ ▪ Open daily, 8:00 am-4:00 pm ▪ All ages

“Cry Innocent” Witch Trial

Visitors can be the jury in this dramatic reenactment of the first American witch trial.

32 Derby Square

Salem 01970

978-867-4767

Roadsideamerica.Com/Story/11764

\$\$ ▪ Hours vary. Contact for more information ▪ Ages 8 and up

Essex Shipbuilding Museum

The Essex shipbuilding Museum is an interactive maritime museum with activities for visitors of all ages. There are educational exhibits, tours of historic buildings, and community classes.

66 Main St.

Essex 01929

978-768-7541

Essexshipbuildingmuseum.org

\$\$ ▪ Hours vary. Contact for more information ▪ All ages

Ipswich River

Walk, canoe, or just explore the impressive wetlands at Mass Audubon's largest sanctuary, Ipswich River. There are over ten miles of trails and plenty of interactive programs throughout the year for everyone to enjoy.

87 Perkins Row
Topsfield 01983

978-887-9264

Massaudubon.Org/Nature_Connection/Sanctuaries/Ipswich_River/Index.Php

\$ ▪ Open Tues. - Sun., 9:00 am-4:00 pm ▪ All ages

Imagine That

A 12,000-square-foot interactive educational play space with stations that include a child-sized grocery store, a farm, a dinosaur climbing structure, and an arts and crafts area. It is a great place to spend an afternoon!

354 Merrimack St.
Lawrence 01843

978-682-5338

imajinethat.com

\$\$ ▪ Open Sun.-Thu., 9:00 am- 5:00 pm; Fri. and Sat. ▪ Ages 7 and under

Lawrence Heritage State Park

The heritage park includes many great attractions for visitors. To begin with, there is a restored boarding house with two floors of interactive exhibits tells the tale of Lawrence, one of the nation's first planned industrial cities. While at the park, also stop by Pemberton Park, off Canal Street near the Central Bridge. It offers superb views of the city's mills and historic dam and opportunities for fishing and boating. Finally, before you leave check out Lawrence Riverfront State Park where you can enjoy tennis, basketball, street hockey courts; wooded walking trails; children's play area and a sledding hill.

One Jackson St.
Lawrence 01840

978-794-1655

mass.gov/dcr/parks/northeast/lwhp.htm

Free ▪ Open daily, 9:00 am- 4:00 pm ▪ All ages

New England Pirate Museum

An educational and entertaining museum that provides visitors with a glimpse into New England's pirating past. Explore a pirate ship, treasure room, and pirate cave while learning the true history of some of the world's most famous pirates.

247 Derby St.
Salem 01970
978-741-2800
Piratemuseum.com

\$\$ ▪ Hours vary. Contact for more information ▪ Ages 13 and under

Peabody Essex Museum

The Peabody Essex Museum provides visitors with a diverse collection of art from around the world. Its unique collections and educational programs are fun for everyone. Make sure to check the museum's website as the exhibits frequently rotate.

161 Essex St.
Salem 01970
978-745-9500
Pem.org

\$\$\$ (16 and under: free) ▪ Open Tues. – Sun., 10:00 am-5:00 pm ▪ All ages

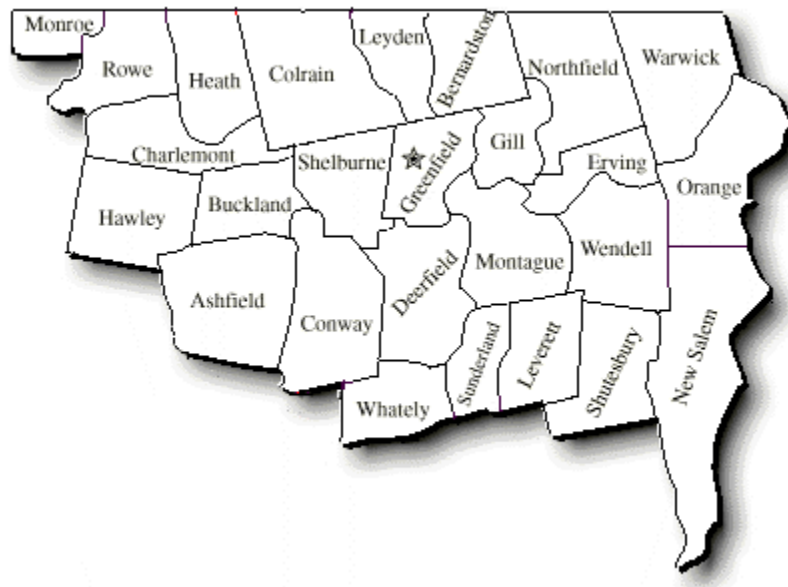
Stage Fort Park

Stage Fort Park sits on the site of Gloucester's first settlement and now boasts two beautiful beaches. Enjoy a day relaxing on the beaches, exploring the shoreline, or learning about Gloucester's history at the welcome center.

Hough St.
Gloucester 01930
978-281-8865
essexheritage.org/sites/stage_fort_park.shtml

Free ▪ Open May – October. Hours vary. Contact for more information ▪ All ages

Franklin County



Crab Apple Whitewater Inc.

In the northern Berkshires Mountains of Western Massachusetts, Crab Apple Whitewater offers five different white water rafting adventures. River rafting trips range from mild to wild, full or half-day in rafts and inflatable kayaks. Also, check out Zoar Outdoor for more rafting opportunities in Charlemont.

2056 Mohawk Tr.
Charlemont 01339
800-553-7238
crabapplewhitewater.com/massachusetts

\$\$\$\$\$+ ▪ Call for reservations ▪ Ages 8 and up

Goodnow's Chip and Putt

Goodnow's is an 18-hole par three chip and putt course. Its relaxed atmosphere makes it perfect for beginners and amateurs.

1211 Mohawk Tr.
Shelburne Falls 01370
413-625-6107

\$\$\$ ▪ Open year-round, dawn to dusk ▪ Ages 10 and up

Great Falls Discovery Center

Visit the Great Falls Discovery Center and learn about the Connecticut River Watershed's rich natural, cultural and industrial history. The four-acre park that surrounds The Center has butterfly gardens, native plantings views of the canal and river as well as safe play areas.

2 Avenue A.
Turners Falls 01376
413-863-3221
greatfallsma.org

Free ▪ Hours Vary. Call for more information. ▪ Ages 10 and up

The Highlands of Conway Disc Golf Course

This popular disk golf course utilizes much of its 45 acres to challenge players with natural fairways and elevation changes. Check out their website to get directions and learn more about this great course. For other nearby disc golf courses check out Tully Lake in Royalton and Flat Rock in Athol.

Conway 01314

617-817-2774
highlandsdiscgolf.com/

\$ - \$\$ ▪ Open year-round. Call for more information. ▪ All Ages

High Ledges Wildlife Sanctuary

This sanctuary protects an extraordinary diversity of native plants. Numerous species of wildflowers can be observed along the 4-mile trail system. The ledge, for which the site is named, offers a panoramic view of the Deerfield River valley and Mt. Greylock, the highest mountain in the state.

Patten Rd.
Shelburne 01370
978-464-2712
massaudubon.org/Nature_Connection/Sanctuaries/High_Ledges

\$ ▪ Open year-round, dawn to dusk ▪ Ages 2 and up

Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory and Gardens

The conservatory features an 8,000-square-foot tropical conservatory that is home to nearly 4,000 exotic and domestic butterflies. Magic Wings focuses on butterfly-related education, recreation, entertainment and gardening needs.

281 Greenfield Rd.
South Deerfield 01373
413-665-2805
magicwings.com

\$\$ ▪ Open year-round, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm ▪ All ages

Mohawk Trail State Forest

Mohawk Trail State Forest has 63 miles of unsurpassed splendor and 50,000 acres of state parks and forests. The forest is an excellent choice for fun and adventure for all ages during any season.

175 Mohawk Tr., Route 2
Charlemont 01339
413-339-5504
mohawktrail.com

\$ ▪ Open year-round, dawn to dusk ▪ All ages

Northfield Mountain

This pumped storage hydroelectric facility offers four seasons of recreational activities that everyone can enjoy. There is cross country skiing, hiking, and mountain biking on 26 miles of trails; camping, canoeing, kayaking; interpretive riverboat cruises; public environmental and recreation programs; and more!

99 Millers Falls Rd.
Northfield 01360
413)-659-3714
firstlightpower.com/northfield/default.asp

Prices Vary ▪ Open year-round. Call for more information. ▪ All ages

Poet's Seat Tower

From its lofty perch atop Rocky Mountain on the ridge that forms the eastern boundary between Greenfield and the Connecticut River, the tower commands a near 360-degree view of the lush Pioneer Valley.

Mountain Rd. and Maple St.
Greenfield 01301

Free ▪ Open year-round, dawn to dusk ▪ All ages

Songline Emu Farm

The farm's 20-minute tour explains the origin and evolution of this pre-historic bird. Learn about emu life in the Australian Outback and how they have adapted to New England winters. Hear about egg laying, incubation, hatching and have the opportunity to view emu of various ages on the farm.

66 French King Hwy.
Gill 01354
413-863-2700
songlineemufarm.com

\$ ▪ May-Sept., 12:00 pm-4:00 pm ▪ All ages

Hampden County



Agawam Municipal Golf Course

This public course is located amidst beautiful rolling hills and offers eighteen full holes. Tee times can be reserved up to a week in advance.

128 Southwick St.
Feeding Hills 01030
413-786-2194
agawamgc.com

\$\$\$ ▪ Call to reserve a tee time ▪ Ages 9 and up

Basketball Hall of Fame

Since 1959, the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame has honored and celebrated the game's greatest moments and brightest stars. Today, the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame is home to nearly three hundred inductees and more than 40,000 square feet of basketball history.

1000 West Columbus Ave.
Springfield 01105
413-781-6500
hoophall.com

\$\$\$ ▪ 10:00 am-4:00 pm ▪ All ages

Forrest Park Zoo

The Zoo features exotic and indigenous animals representing a large variety of species found in North America and throughout the world. The zoo is dedicated to wildlife education and offers a variety of educational programs and special events for children and adults. Different events almost every weekend allow guests to explore all aspects of science, while having a good time.

Forrest Park
Springfield 01108
413-733-2251
forestparkzoo.org

\$ ▪ 10:00 am-5:00 pm ▪ All ages

Six Flags

Six Flags New England is a major theme park with rides for people of all ages. You can check out the #1 steel coaster in the world, Bizarro, explore the water rides at Hurricane Harbor, and much more!

1623 Main St.
Agawam 01001
sixflags.com/newEngland

\$\$\$\$+ ▪ April – Oct., 10:30 am-5:00 pm ▪ All ages

Springfield Museums

Michele and Donald D'Amour Museum of Fine Arts

The Michele & Donald D'Amour Museum of Fine Arts presents a strong cross section of American and European paintings, sculpture and works on paper.

Open 11:00am to 4:00pm.

Museum of Springfield History

The museum interprets Springfield history in the larger context of American history in the 19th and 20th centuries. It includes a collection of Indian Motorcycles and antique cars.

Open 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.

George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum

The George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum is one of the two Springfield Museums dedicated to fine and decorative arts. It represents the personal taste and Victorian aesthetic of the collector whose name it bears. He became a leading 19th-century collector of Chinese, Japanese and Middle Eastern art, and also amassed an outstanding selection of 19th-century American paintings.

Open 11 :00 am to 4:00 pm.

Springfield Science Museum

Highlights from this science museum include: Dinosaur Hall with a full-size replica of Tyrannosaurus rex; R. E. Phelon African Hall with a huge African elephant, a giraffe, two lions, an ostrich, a rhino and many other animals; Seymour Planetarium where you can take imaginary voyages to the farthest corners of the universe; Astronomy Hall where you can touch rocks from outer space; and Native American Hall where you'll see how New England Indians used to live.

Open 11:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Dr. Seuss National Memorial

The five bronze sculptures include Dr. Seuss busily working at his drawing board with the Cat in the Hat standing at his side as his muse, and many other popular Dr. Seuss characters such as Horton the Elephant, Yertle the Turtle, the Grinch and his dog Max, the Lorax, Gertrude McFuzz, Things One and Two, and the lovable Thidwick the Moose.

Open 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

21 Edwards St.
Springfield 01105
413-263-6800
springfieldmuseums.org

\$\$ ▪ All ages

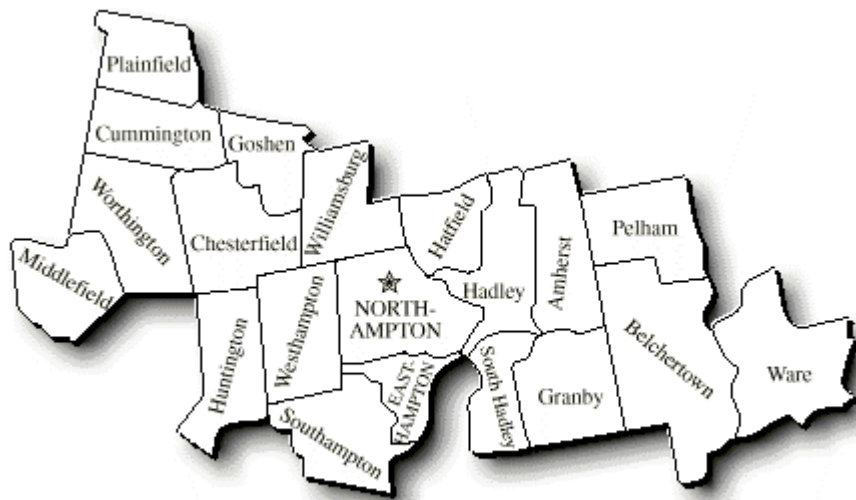
Symphony Hall

The 2,611-seat Symphony Hall is home to Broadway-style theatre, top-quality children's programming, internationally-recognized speakers and numerous concerts and performances. Built in the early 1900s, the historic building underwent an extensive renovation in the fall of 2004.

1 Columbus Ctr.
Springfield 01103
413-788-7033
symphonyhall.com

\$\$\$\$ ▪ See website for performance schedule ▪ All ages

Hampshire County



Amherst College Museum of Natural History

The museum features a variety of displays on vertebrate evolution and extinction, including free standing fossil skeletons of a mammoth, mastodon, dire wolf, saber-toothed cat, Irish Elk and cave bear. See the world's largest collection of dinosaur tracks (primarily from the Connecticut River Valley), skulls of a Tyrannosaurus rex and a Triceratops, and a diorama with a model showing what some of our local dinosaur species might have looked like.

11 Barrett Hill Rd., Amherst College
Amherst 01002
413-542-2165
amherst.edu/museums/naturalhistory

Free ▪ Tues.-Sun., 11:00 am-4:00 pm ▪ All ages

Bassett Planetarium

Explore the Greek and Roman mythologies that gave rise to the names of the constellations. The planetarium also features exhibits on the mechanics and structure of the solar system.

165 South Pleasant Street, Amherst College
Amherst 01002
amherst.edu/museums/bassett

Free ▪ Hours vary. Contact for more information ▪ All ages

Mead Art Museum

The museum features an encyclopedic collection of 16,000 works of art from many cultures and historical periods. Best known for its early American portraits, Hudson River School landscapes, and American Impressionist paintings, the collection also includes several ancient Assyrian relief carvings, a selection of European old master paintings, a British Jacobean paneled room, and collections of Yoruba sculpture, Russian pre-Revolutionary Modern art, Mexican folk art, and Japanese prints.

41 Quadrangle Dr., Amherst College
Amherst 01002
413-542-2335
amherst.edu/museums/mead

Free ▪ Tues.-Thurs., 9:00 am-12:00 pm; Fri. and Sat., 9:00 am-5:00 pm ▪ All ages

Music at Amherst Concert Series

Amherst College draws professional performers in a wide range of genres. You can also hear performances from the college's many talented faculty and students.

Buckley Recital Hall, Amherst College
Amherst 01002
413-542-2195
studentsamherst.edu/academiclife/departments/music/events

Prices Vary ▪ Hours vary. Contact for more information ▪ All ages

Interskate 91 North Roller Rink

This is an indoor skating center for both inline and regular quad skates. The roller rink offers a variety of skating sessions and times as well as laser tag and arcade games.

367 Russell St.
Hampshire Mall
Hadley 01035
413-586-2737
interskate91.com/Hadley

\$ ▪ Open year round ▪ All ages

Smith College Botanical Gardens

While the living plant specimens are the heart of the Botanic Garden, activities and collections also include books and other resource materials, an international seed exchange, research and conservation, and diverse events.

15 College Ln.
Northampton 01063
413-585-2740
smith.edu/garden/home

Free ▪ 8:30 am-4:00 pm ▪ All ages

Smith College Museum of Art

This eclectic art museum features art spanning the ages and artists, both local and international. The museum also offers lectures and guided tours.

Elm St. at Bedford Ter.
Northampton 01063
413-585-2760
smith.edu/artmuseum

\$ ▪ 10:00 am-4:00 pm ▪ All ages

Smith College Performing Arts Events

Smith College offers a variety of dance, music and theater performances throughout the year.

Smith College
Northampton 01063
413-585-2787
smith.edu/smitharts/calendar

\$-\$\$ ▪ Hours vary. Contact for more information ▪ All ages

Quabbin Reservoir

The reservoir is one of the largest man-made public water supplies in the United States. It offers fishing, hiking, cycling and bird watching.

Quabbin Visitor Center
485 Ware Rd. (Rt. 9)
Belchertown 01007
413-323-7221
mass.gov/dcr/parks/central/quabbin

Free ▪ Open year-round, dawn to dusk ▪ All ages

Veteran's Field Skate Park

Located in Veteran Field Park, this public skate park is great for in-line skating and skateboarding. It is open during the spring, summer and fall.

88 West St.
Northampton 01060
northamptonma.gov/recreation/Skate_Park

Free ▪ Open year-round, dawn to dusk ▪ All ages

The Butterfly Place

Walk around this indoor butterfly garden and watch local and exotic butterflies as they fly around you.

120 Tyngsboro Rd.
Westford 01886
978-392-0955
butterflyplace-ma.com

\$\$ - \$\$\$ ▪ Open daily March – Oct., 10:00 am-4:00 pm ▪ All ages

Drumlin Farms

Drumlin Farms is a real working farm that invites visitors to explore its grounds and enjoy a wide variety of activities. You can visit the animals in the farmyard, try your hand at gardening, or learn about farming through a range of educational activities.

208 South Great Rd.
Lincoln 01773
781-259-2200
Massaudubon.Org/Nature_Connection/Sanctuaries/Drumlin_Farm/Index.Php

\$\$ ▪ Hours vary by season. Contact for more information ▪ All ages

Harvard Museum of Natural History

This museum boasts a wide variety of exhibits, programs, and classes about the natural world. From its great mammal hall to its glass flowers to its mineralogical and geological gallery, the HMNH has something for everyone.

26 Oxford St.
Cambridge 02138
617-495-3045
Hmnh.Harvard.Edu/

\$\$ ▪ Open daily 9:00 am-5:00 pm ▪ All ages

Land's Sake Farm

Land's Sake Farm is a community farm that provides visitors with the opportunity to pick their own produce, attend educational programs, and enjoy public open space.

90 Wellesley St.
Weston 02493
781-893-1162
landssake.org

Prices vary ▪ Hours vary by season. Contact for more information ▪ All ages

Longfellow National Historic Site

The historic home of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow now provides visitors with a glimpse into the art and literature of the 19th century through tours and educational programs.

105 Brattle St.
Cambridge 02138
617-876-4491
Nps.Gov/Long/Index.Htm

\$ (16 and under: free) ▪ Hours vary by season. Contact for more information ▪ All ages

Lowell National Historic Park

Learn about Lowell's key position in America's industrial revolution at this interactive museum. The park's visitor center is housed in one of Lowell's old textile mills and there you can learn about the other parts of this great museum.

246 Market St.
Lowell 01850
978-970-5000
Nps.Gov/Lowe/Index.Htm

\$\$ ▪ Hours Vary. Contact for more information ▪ All ages

Minuteman National Historic Park

Learn about the Revolutionary War and explore beautiful Concord at the Minuteman National Historic Park. You can easily spend the whole day at the park: watching the park's multimedia presentation, walking the Battle Road Trail and visiting the historic buildings throughout the park.

174 Liberty St.
Concord 01742
978-369-6993
nps.gov/mima/index.htm

\$ (16 and under: free) ▪ Open daily, 9:00 am-5:00 pm ▪ All ages

National Heritage Museum

The National Historic Museum tells a broad spectrum of American history in an interactive and engaging manner. There are many changing exhibits that range from Revolutionary War history to 1950s diner culture.

33 Marrett Rd.
Lexington 02421
781-861-6559
Nationalheritagemuseum.Org

Free ▪ Open Tuesday -Sunday. Hours Vary. Contact for more information ▪ All ages

Science Discovery Museum

The Science discovery museum provides school-aged children with the opportunity to explore math and science in a creative and fun manner. It is located on the same campus as the Children's Discovery Museum which helps younger children learn while they play.

177 Main St.
Acton 01720
978-264-4200
Discoverymuseums.org

\$\$\$ ▪ Hours Vary. Contact for more information ▪ Ages 10 and under

Walden Pond Reservation

The beautiful Walden Pond Reservation includes 462 acres of preserved land for visitors to enjoy. The reservation is open for swimming, canoeing, hiking, picnicking, fishing, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing. Spend the day enjoying the land that inspired Henry David Thoreau to write *Walden*.

915 Walden St.
Concord 01742
978-369-3254
mass.gov/dcr/parks/walden/index.htm

Free ▪ Open 8:00 am to Sunset ▪ All ages

Nantucket County



Brant Point Lighthouse

The Brant Point Lighthouse, established in 1746, is America's oldest lighthouse. Its occulting red light is 26 feet above sea level, making it one of the lowest of New England's lights! It is seen by thousands of people each year as they enter and leave Nantucket on ferries from the mainland.

10 Easton St.
Nantucket 02554
lighthouse.cc/brant/index.html

Prices Vary ▪ Hours vary. Contact for more information ▪ All ages

Whaling Museum

Restored in 2005, the Nantucket Whaling Museum features a restored 1847 candle factory, expanded top-quality exhibition space, a fully accessible rooftop observation deck overlooking Nantucket harbor, and a sperm whale skeleton. Learn about Nantucket's whaling history and artifacts at the museum!

15 Broad St.
Nantucket 02554
508-228-1894
nha.org

\$\$-\$\$\$\$ ▪ Hours vary. Contact for more information ▪ All ages

Aunt Leah's Fudge

Curious to know what 30 different types of fudge taste like? Go to Aunt Leah's Fudge! Recently, it has been taken over by other members of Leah's family, but the fudge experimentation is still going strong! Remember to make this your first on the island and your last stop before you leave.

16 Straight Wharf
Nantucket 02554
508-228-1017
auntleahs.com

Prices vary ▪ Hours vary. Contact for more information ▪ All ages

Madaket Beach

Indulge in Madaket's incredible sunsets. The beach is located as far west as you can go and includes a perfect six-mile bike ride on a scenic, paved bike path. Not up for a bike ride? Not a problem, you can take the shuttle bus. Madaket Beach is located on the South side of Nantucket.

Nantucket 02554
nantucket.net/beaches/madaket.php

\$ ▪ Open daily, sunrise to sunset ▪ All Ages

Children's Beach

Children's Beach is on the harbor. It is a great beach for kids as it has calm water and a wonderful picnic area boasting a large playground.

Harbor View Way
Nantucket 02554
nantucket.net/beaches/childrens.php

Free ▪ Open during daylight hours, year-round ▪ All ages

Nantucket Athenaeum

Inspired by Athena, the goddess of wisdom, the Nantucket athenaeum continues to advance its original ideals as a library, a museum with special collections, and a cultural center.

1 India St.
Nantucket 02554
508-228-1110
nantucketatheneum.org

Free ▪ Open during daylight hours, year-round ▪ All ages

First Congregational Church & Old North Vestry

If you have ever wondered what the entirety of Nantucket looks like, all you have to do is walk 92 steps to the top of the church. The amazing view is something visitors to the area shouldn't miss!

62 Centre St.
Nantucket 02554
508-228-0950
nantucketonline.com/chapters/completelistings.cfm?chapter=services&cat=176

Free ▪ Open Mid-June to Mid-Oct., 10:00 am to 4:00 pm ▪ All ages

Nantucket Boy's and Girls Club

Shoot some hoops, go for a swim or just relax to catch your breath at the local boys and girls club once you have finished touring the town of Nantucket!

61 Sparks Ave.
Nantucket 02554
508-228-0158
nantucketboysandgirlsclub.org

Free ▪ Open during daylight hours, year-round ▪ All ages

Nantucket Community Sailing

If you are up for learning something new while touring Nantucket, Learn how to sail, windsurf, and be one with the water!

4 Winter Street
Nantucket 02584
508-228-6600
nantucketcommunitysailing.org/

Prices vary ▪ Hours vary. Contact for more information ▪ Ages 7 and up

Nantucket Boat Rental

Nantucket Boat Rental has a range of center console powerboats available for rent by the day, week or month. If you are seeking an intimate experience on the water and to soak in the rays, check this place out, you will not be disappointed!

1 Straight Wharf
Nantucket 02554
508-325-1001
nantucketboatingclub.com

Prices vary ▪ Hours vary. Contact for more information ▪ Ages 7 and up

Norfolk County



Adams National Historic Site

Preserves the home of Presidents of the United States John Adams and John Quincy Adams; of U.S. Ambassador to Great Britain, Charles Francis Adams; and of the writers and historians Henry Adams and Brooks Adams.

135 Adams St.
Quincy 02169
617-770-1175
nps.gov/adam/index.htm

Free - \$ ▪ Open April 19 – Nov. 10, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, seven days a week ▪ All ages

Blue Hills Trailside Museum

The Blue Hills Trailside Museum is the interpretive center for the state's 7,000-acre Blue Hills Reservation and is managed by Mass Audubon. Indoor exhibits feature wildlife you may see while exploring the reservation's 150 miles of trails. Outside the museum, stroll through exhibits featuring native wildlife such as wild turkeys, red-tailed hawks, and a snowy owl.

1904 Canton Ave.
Milton 02186
617-698-1802

Free ▪ Hours Vary. Contact for more information ▪ All ages

Fairbanks House

The Fairbanks House in Dedham, MA is thought to be the oldest standing timber frame building in North America. Built circa 1637-1641 for Jonathan and Grace Fairebanke and their six children, it was home to eight generations of the Fairbanks family. The Fairbanks House is now a historic house museum.

511 East St.
Dedham 02026
781-326-1170
fairbankshouse.org

\$ ▪ Open to the public for tours from May – Oct. ▪ All ages

United First Parish Church

This church holds the remains of the two Adams presidents and their wives. The tour includes a visit to the sanctuary, the president's pew (which you can sit in), and their crypt. The building was erected in 1828 during John Q. Adams's presidency. Both Adams presidents were members of the congregation.

1306 Hancock St.
Quincy 02169
617-773-1290

Free ▪ Hours Vary. Contact for more information ▪ All ages

Babson Skating Center

A fun public ice skating rink at Babson College.

150 Great Plain Ave.
Wellesley 02482
781-239-6056
babsonathletics.com/information/facilities/babsonskatingcenter/publicskatingandhockey

\$\$ ▪ See website for hours ▪ All ages

Davis Museum and Cultural Center

The Davis Museum and Cultural Center is characterized by collections that span global history from Ancient times to yesterday. With masterpieces from almost every continent, with collections installed in one of this country's most significant examples of museum architecture, and with a rotating series of temporary exhibitions that challenge our understanding of history and the role of the arts in society, the museum provides an exciting environment to see, hear, experience and learn about the visual arts.

Wellesley College
106 Central St.
Wellesley 02481
781-283-2051

Free ▪ Hours Vary. Contact for more information ▪ All ages

Museum of Bad Art

The Museum of Bad Art (MOBA) is the world's only museum dedicated to the collection, preservation, exhibition and celebration of bad art in all its forms.

580 High St. (Dedham Community Theater)
Dedham 02026
781-444-6757
museumofbadart.org

Free ▪ Hours Vary. Contact for more information ▪ All ages

F. Gilbert Hills State Forest

Covering 1,027 acres in Foxboro and Wrentham, F. Gilbert Hills is a "passive use" pine and oak forest. There are 23 miles of trails for various uses, looping through the forest.

45 Mill St.
Foxboro 02035
mass.gov/dcr/parks/southeast/fgil.htm

Free ▪ See website for hours ▪ All ages

Orpheum Theater/Bay Colony Productions

Bay Colony Productions showcases community theatre at its best. The theatre company offers productions that appeal to a wide range of audiences, featuring performers of all ages and the highest production value and quality. In addition to main-stage productions, Bay Colony Productions has special events, films, and family entertainment.

1 School St.
Foxboro 02035
508-543-4434
Baycolonyproductions.com

\$-\$\$\$ ▪ Call for hours ▪ All ages

Lazer Zone

An entertainment center that boasts Lazer Tag, an arcade, and much more!

330 North Main St.
Randolph 02368
781-961-3300
Lazerzone.net

\$\$-\$\$\$ ▪ See website for hours ▪ All ages

Bridgewater Ice Arena

The Bridgewater Ice Arena is a twin surface, state-of-the-art hockey facility. Enjoy ice-skating year round!

20 Bedford Park
Bridgewater 02324
508-279-0600
bridgewatericearena.com/index.html

\$ ▪ Hours vary by season. Contact for more information ▪ All ages

Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary

Hundreds of acres of grasslands, woodlands, and wetlands attract herons, egrets, and shorebirds, as well as muskrats and mink. Before you visit, download and print a "bird checklist" from the website to keep track of what you spot while you're there!

Winslow Cemetery Rd.
Marshfield 02050
781-837-9400
southshore@massaudubon.org

\$ ▪ Trails open daily, dawn to dusk ▪ All ages

Duxbury Beach Park

Duxbury Beach Park contains a six-mile stretch of level beach. The park boasts a bathhouse with bathrooms and showers as well as multiple concession stands. A perfect place for swimming, Frisbee, paddleball or just relaxing and enjoying the view!

Gurnet Rd.
Duxbury 02332
781-837-3112
Duxburybeachpark.com

Parking \$\$-\$\$\$ ▪ 9:00 am-8:00 pm, weather permitting ▪ All ages

Fuller Craft Museum

New England's home for contemporary craft. Described as "fun and funky," the museum is located on 22 acres of woodland on the shores of Porter's Pond and provides beautiful views inside and out. The exhibits rotate, displaying a diverse array of artists and creative crafts; everything from shoes to jewelry to quilts.

455 Oak St.
Brockton 02301

508-588-6000
Fullermuseum.org

\$\$ (12 and under: free) ▪ Open Tues. - Sun., 10:00 am-5:00 pm, Wed. (5:00 pm-9:00 pm), FREE ▪ All ages

Check out Letterboxing – download clues on the museum’s website to participate in a museum ground’s scavenger hunt of sorts.

Jenney Grist Mill Museum

America’s first grist mill, built in 1636. Take the historic tour to find out exactly what “grist” is and how important it was to the pilgrims. Follow the story of pilgrim John Jenney to find out how he traveled to America and why he built the mill. See the water wheel turning the grinding stones and find out how the “fish ladder” affected the building of the mill.

6 Spring Ln.
Plymouth 02360
508-747-4544
jenneygristmill.org

\$\$ (17 and under: free with paying adult) ▪ Monday-Saturday (3/27-11/28) 9:30 am – 4:30 pm, reservations suggested ▪ All ages

A longer (60 minute) tour is also available, which includes Town Brook, Brewster Gardens, Plymouth Rock, Cole’s Hill, and the historic Town Square area. See website for details.

Paragon Carousel

A gorgeous relic of the 1920s, the Paragon Carousel still features original carved horses, a Wurlitzer organ, and a giant clock tower. Ride one of the 66 horses on this beautiful landmark – a true work of art.

205 Nantasket Ave.
Hull 02045
781-925-0472
ParagonCarousel.com

\$ ▪ 10:00 am – 10:00 pm (seasonal) ▪ Ages 5-9

Plimoth Plantation/Mayflower II

Authentic living history museum of 17th century Plymouth Colony. Outdoor sites include pilgrim village, Native homesite, craft center where 17th century crafts are reproduced, and Nye barn where rare breeds of farm animals are kept. There is also an

indoor exhibit and museum shops. Explore life in the new colony in 1627, as close to first-hand as you can get!

137 Warren Ave.
Plymouth 02362
508-746-1622
Plimouth.org

\$\$-\$\$\$\$\$+ ▪ April-Nov., 9:00 am-5:00 pm ▪ All ages

Myles Standish State Forest

Largest publicly owned recreation area in southeastern Massachusetts. Recreational opportunities include bike paths, boating, camping, canoeing, fishing, hiking, skiing, swimming, and walking trails.

Cranberry Rd.
South Carver, 02366
508-866-2526
mass.gov/dcr/parks/southeast/mssf.htm

Free ▪ Campground office hours are 8:00 am-8:00 pm ▪ All ages

Stony Brook Wildlife Sanctuary

An extensive boardwalk system allows you to follow along the edge of Teal Marsh for a great view of turtles, fish, muskrats, and great blue herons. The boardwalk leads to a grove of beech, where wood ducks, black ducks, and Canada geese can often be seen. In the summer visit the butterfly garden by the nature center.

108 North St.
Norfolk 02056
508-528-3140
stonybrook@massaudubon.org

\$ ▪ Trails open every day from dawn to dusk. Contact for Nature Center hours ▪ All ages

South Shore Natural Science Center

The Center is dedicated to educating the public about the natural and cultural environments of the South Shore. Explore the habitat exhibits where you can visit live inhabitants of a pond and woodland. Indoor exhibits and outdoor interpretive trails promote the center's mission of knowledge and appreciation of natural resources. Watch a live feed demonstration, take a hike on one of many woodland trails, or enjoy hands-on activities.

Jacobs Ln.
Norwell 02061
781-659-2559
ssnsc.org

\$ ▪ Monday-Saturday 9:30 am-4:30 pm, changes seasonally ▪ All ages

The first Tuesday of each month is "Free Senior Day" --Admission is free for 60+. Admission to Vine Hall Art Gallery, the Nature Gift Store and Woodland Trails is always free.

Suffolk County



The Arnold Arboretum

The Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University is the oldest public arboretum in North America and one of the world's leading centers for the study of plants. The Arboretum is a unique blend of respected research institution and beloved public landscape.

125 Arborway
Boston 02130
617-524-1718
arboretum.harvard.edu

Free ▪ Open year-round ▪ All ages

Coit Observatory at Boston University

The Judson B. Coit Observatory is used for both undergraduate and graduate level courses, public open nights, and observing projects of the Boston University Astronomical Society.

725 Commonwealth Ave. (roof of BU's Arts & Sciences Building)
Boston 02215
bu.edu/astronomy/astronomy-department-facilities/judson-b-coit-observatory/

Free ▪ Open most Wednesday evenings throughout the year ▪ All ages

Franklin Park Zoo

Zoo New England's mission is to inspire people to protect and sustain the natural world for future generations by creating fun and engaging experiences that integrate wildlife and conservation programs, research, and education.

One Franklin Park Rd.
Boston 02121
617-541-5466
zoonewengland.org

\$\$-\$\$\$ ▪ Hours vary by season. Contact for more information ▪ All ages

Freedom Trail

The Freedom Trail is a 2.5 mile red-brick walking trail that leads you to 16 nationally significant historic sites, every one an authentic American treasure. The Freedom Trail is a unique collection of museums, churches, meeting houses, burying grounds, parks, a ship, and historic markers that tell the story of the American Revolution and beyond.

Boston 02210
617-357-8300

thefreedomtrail.org

Free ▪ Open seven days per week ▪ All ages

See website for trail location

The Institute Of Contemporary Art

The Institute of Contemporary Art strives to share the pleasures of reflection, inspiration, provocation, and imagination that contemporary art offers through public access to art, artists, and the creative process.

100 Northern Ave.

Boston 02210

617-478-3100

icaboston.org

\$\$ (17 and under: free) ▪ Tuesday and Wednesday 10:00am – 5:00pm; Thursday and Friday 10:00am – 9:00pm; Saturday and Sunday 10:00am – 5:00pm ▪ All ages

Free for all from 5:00pm to 9:00pm every Thursday for Target Free Thursday Nights

Museum of Fine Arts

The MFA is one of the most comprehensive art museums in the world; the collection encompasses nearly 450,000 works of art. Come experience art from ancient Egyptian to contemporary, special exhibitions, and innovative educational programs.

465 Huntington Ave.

Boston 02115

617-267-9300

mfa.org

\$\$ ▪ Open seven days a week ▪ All ages

Museum of Science

Along with over 500 interactive exhibits, the Museum of Science features a number of live presentations throughout the building everyday, along with shows at the Charles Hayden Planetarium and the Mugar Omni IMAX theater

1 Science Park

Boston, MA 02114

617-723-2500

mos.org

\$\$ ▪ Saturday – Thursday, 9:00am – 5:00pm; Friday, 9:00am – 9:00pm ▪ All ages

New England Aquarium

The New England Aquarium is a global leader in ocean exploration and marine conservation. The Aquarium is one of the premier visitor attractions in Boston, with over 1.3 million visitors a year, and a major public education resource.

1 Central Wharf
Boston 02110
617-973-5200
neaq.org

\$\$ ▪ Fall & Winter Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 5:00pm; Saturday – Sunday, 9:00am – 6:00pm ▪ All ages

USS Constitution Museum

Only yards away from “Old Ironsides,” the Museum is a “must see” for everyone visiting Boston. Interactive galleries take adults, families and children of all ages on a 200-year voyage.

Charlestown Navy Yard
Building 22
Charlestown 02129
617-426-1812
ussconstitutionmuseum.org

Free ▪ April 1 – October 31, 9:00am to 6:00pm; November 1 – March 31, 10:00am to 5:00pm ▪ All ages

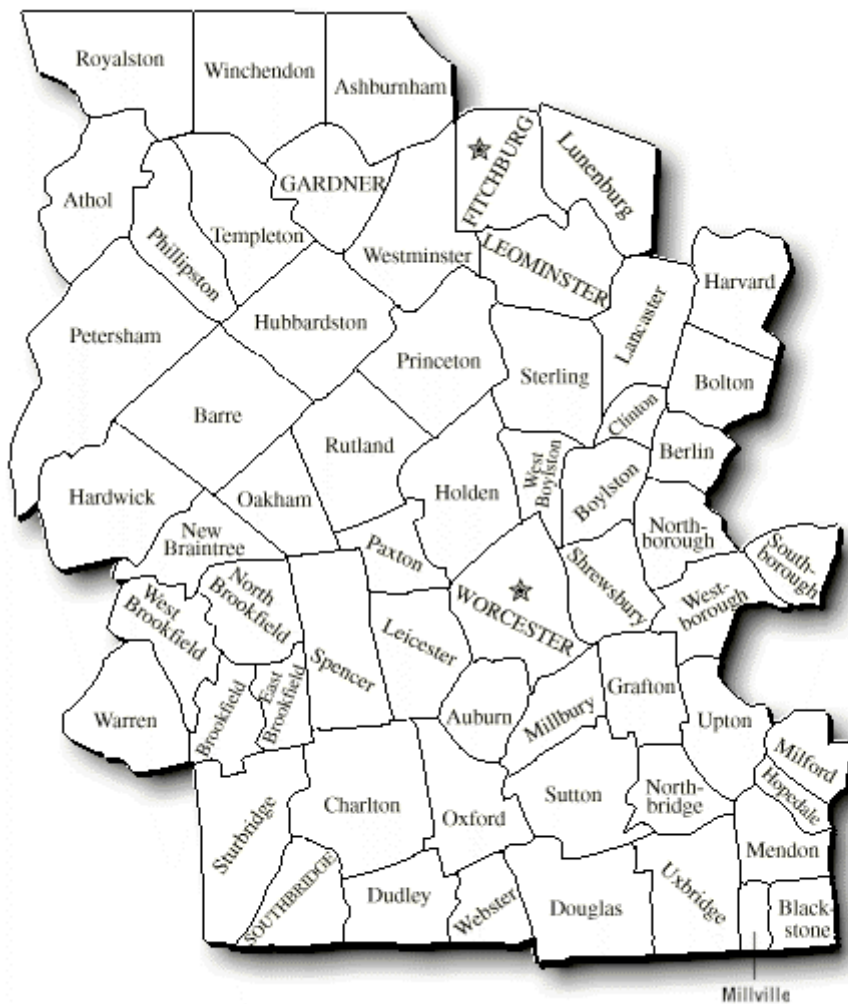
Sports Museum of New England

The exhibits at the Sports Museum of New England focus on the history of various sports in the Boston area, including the Boston Red Sox, Boston Celtics, New England Patriots, Boston Bruins and the Boston Marathon. The museum features diverse sports memorabilia, curiosities, and life size sculptures of Larry Bird and Ted Williams by Rhode Island sculptor Armand LaMontagne.

TD Banknorth Center
1 Legends Way
Boston 02114
617-624-1234
sportsmuseum.org

\$ ▪ Open every day from 10:00am – 4:00pm ▪ All ages

Worcester County



Brookfield Orchards

These orchards feature in-season apple picking, a snack bar and bakery, the Country Store, a picnic area, as well as a playground.

12 Lincoln Rd.
North Brookfield 01535
508-867-6858
brookfieldorchardsonline.com

Free ▪ Open year-round, 9:00 am – 5:00 am ▪ All ages

EcoTarium

The EcoTarium is a unique indoor-outdoor museum. It offers a chance to walk through the treetops, take a thrilling multimedia journey through the galaxy at a digital planetarium, meet wildlife, stroll nature trails, ride a narrow-gauge railroad, and get hands-on with family-friendly exhibits.

222 Harrington Way
Worcester 01604
508-929-2700
ecotarium.org

\$\$ ▪ Tues. - Sat., 10:00 am – 5:00 pm; Sun., 12:00 pm -5:00 pm ▪ All ages

Higgins Armory Museum

The Higgins Armory Museum features thousands of pieces from the ancient military traditions of Western Europe, Ancient Rome, Feudal Japan, and beyond. It is one of the largest arms and armor collections in the world with over 80 suits of armor spanning the Medieval to renaissance and early modern periods.

100 Barber Ave.
Worcester 01606
508-853-6015
Higgins.org

\$\$ ▪ Tues, -Sat., 10:00 am – 4:00 pm; Sun., 12:00 pm -4:00 pm ▪ All ages

Old Sturbridge Village

A trip to Old Sturbridge Village, the largest outdoor history museum in the Northeast, is a journey through time to a rural New England town of the 1830s.

1 Old Sturbridge Village Rd.
Sturbridge 01566
508-347-3362
osv.org

\$\$-\$\$\$\$ ▪ Open daily, 9:30 am-5:00 pm ▪ All ages

Southwick's Zoo

Southwick's has the largest collection of endangered species (White Rhinoceros, African elephants) and some not-so-endangered animals in the region.

2 Southwick St.
Mendon 01756
508-883-9182
southwickszoo.com

\$\$\$ ▪ Hours vary. Contact for more information ▪ All ages

Skylite Roller Skating Center

Skylite Roller Skating Center features a fun roller skating rink with frequent public skating opportunities. It offers roller skate rentals and has a snack bar.

648 Park Ave.
Worcester 01603
508-757-8640

\$\$-\$\$\$ ▪ Hours vary. Contact for more information ▪ Ages 8 and up

Tower Hill Botanical Garden

The Tower Hill Botanical Garden is a 132 acre botanical garden with spectacular views of Mount Wachusett and the Wachusett Reservoir.

11 French Dr.
Boylston 01505
508-869-6111
towerhillbg.org

\$ ▪ Tues.-Sun., 10:00 am – 5:00 pm ▪ All ages

Town & Country Lanes

Enjoy a game of bowling at the AMF Town & Country Lanes. This location also features late night and weekend Xtreme Bowling – an adventure of lights, great music, and wild bowling challenges.

405 Boston Turnpike, Route 9
Shrewsbury 01545
508-754-7050

\$\$ ▪ Sun. -Thurs. 9:00 am – 11:00 pm; Fri.-Sat. 9:00 am – 12:00 am ▪ All ages

West Boylston Cinemas

The West Boylston Cinemas features first and second run movies. The theaters have surround sound with rocker/stadium seating. The best place to see films on the big screen without spending big bucks!

101 W. Boylston St.
Route 12 (Wal-Mart Plaza)
W. Boylston 01583
508-835-4861
westboylstoncinema.com/

\$\$ ▪ Hours vary. Contact for more information ▪ All ages

Worcester Art Museum

Considered a “classic American museum,” the Worcester Art Museum has built a 35,000-piece collection that spans over fifty centuries.

55 Salisbury St.
Worcester 01609
worcesterart.org

\$\$ ▪ Hours vary. Contact for more information ▪ All ages

Site-Based Activities

Elementary

Make Silly Putty

Rip it, stretch it, bounce it, and use it to make sculptures or take impressions of newspapers! This homemade recipe is easy and the end product is fun to keep and play with (at least for a couple of weeks in an air-tight container).

Materials: large bowl, white glue, measuring cup, food coloring (optional), liquid starch, large spoon, zipper-closure baggie or container with airtight lid
If you need help finding liquid starch, check the laundry aisle at the grocery store

1. Pour cup of glue into bowl. If using food coloring, add to the glue
2. Add one cup liquid starch to glue
3. Encourage mentee to use large spoon to stir. Keep mixing until it congeals and then pour off the extra liquid
4. Have fun—but avoid using on carpet or clothing (table or floor are preferable)!

Make a Calendar Together

Making a calendar is a great way to learn about the months, seasons and days of the week. It's also a great way to talk about future plans and what you are looking forward to. Mentor and mentee should both put special dates in the calendar together, including days that you see one another, birthdays, and special events.

Materials: Be creative! You can use graph paper or create your own calendar squares on blank paper. You can also print out free calendar templates at one of the links below. You will also need pictures – crayons/markers, photos, magazine cutouts, stickers (your choice!)

1. Print free calendar pages for each month, or draw your own using paper and straight edge to create the boxes. You can also do this in Microsoft Word. When creating your own, devote half the page to the picture section
2. Fill in the numbers for each month. Go over number of days in each month. You can use the following rhyme: "Thirty days has September, April, June and November" (all the others have 31 – except for February).
3. Create a picture for each month using photographs, coloring or cutting pictures out of magazines. Try to have each picture relate to something about that month.
4. Use stickers or markers to mark in holidays, birthdays and any other special dates.

Links:

<http://donnayoung.org/calendars/blank-calendars.htm>

http://familycrafts.about.com/od/calendars/Making_Calendars.htm

<http://www.kidsturncentral.com/calendars2010.htm>

Play Mancala

Mancala is an ancient strategy game that dates back thousands of years. The game has even been found in Egyptian tombs! Although you can purchase Mancala sets, it's easy to make your own and is a fun two person game.

Materials: an empty egg carton (six holes in two rows), two bowls or dishes for the score pots, 48 playing pieces – these can be any small objects such as seeds, buttons, stones, marbles, beans, etc. The color and size don't matter as long as you can fit 6-8 pieces in one hole. You can also draw the board with chalk or on paper (see pictures below)

1. Set up the board by placing one "store pot" on each side of the egg carton. Place 4 playing pieces in each hole (but none in the score pots). Players sit opposite one another. The store pot to your left is *your* store; to your right is your opponent's. The goal of the game is to end up with the most playing pieces in your store pot when play finished
2. The first player picks up all of the pieces in any one of the holes on his/her side of the board. Moving clockwise, the player deposits ONE of the stones in each hole until the stones run out. Be sure to put one stone in your store if there are enough. If he/she is still holding stones, then she continues putting them in holes on the left side, past the bowl.
3. Do not put a stone in your opponents store pot. Just skip over it, and continue putting pieces in the holes. Each turn, a player can choose any hole from which to pick up pieces. Once the player has chosen, he/she must deposit one piece in each hole until the pieces run out (remember to deposit one in your own store, but not your opponents). Once each piece is deposited, the turn switches to the other player. Players may not count the number of pieces in each hole before choosing a hole for play.
4. The game ends when all six spaces on one side of the Mancala board are empty.
5. Count all the pieces in each store. The winner is the player with the most pieces.



Links:

<http://www.creativekidsathome.com/games/mancala.shtml>

Make a Tornado in a Bottle

This activity will allow you to see what a tornado looks like on a small scale. The end product shows water moving through a small hole in a manner that simulates the spiraling behavior (or vortex) of the tail of the tornado. A thunderstorm may draw up air from the ground, creating unstable combinations of rising and falling air and resulting in a violent rotating storm. If the storm touches the ground, a tornado is born.

Materials: Two clear plastic large soda bottles (empty and without the caps), tape, water, food coloring (optional)

1. Fill one of the bottles three-quarters full of water.
2. Add a couple drops of food coloring.
3. Invert the other bottle so that it sits on top of the first bottle with the openings together.
4. Wind the tape tightly around the necks of the bottles so that no water can leak out (this is important – it won't work if the water leaks). The top bottle should be securely balanced on top of the bottom bottle.
5. Now, hold the bottles with two hands and swirl the water around.
6. Turn upside down and watch what happens

Links:

<http://fun.familyeducation.com/activity/childrens-science-activities/39505.html>

Tell a story using one word at a time

Creating a story together using this method is sure to get a laugh. This is also a neat activity to do with a computer or word processor, if you have access to one.

Materials: None needed – but if you have a computer, use it!

1. Have your mentee say one word to begin the tale
2. You add one word and then your mentee adds another until the first sentence is completed.
3. Continue taking turns providing words until the story comes to a conclusion. Remember that you may not wind up with the ending you envisioned; you never know what direction the story will take with a coauthor.
4. If you are able to sit at a computer, type the words as you come up with them and then read the story back once you are finished.

Middle School

Create a Jeopardy Game

This is a fun activity to do with your mentee later in the year when you have had an opportunity to share a lot with each other or after a long break. It is a great way for both of you to see what you have learned about each other. You can each create your own jeopardy game and then have each other play it. It will be a fun experience to hear the responses.

Materials: Computers and Jeopardy PowerPoint Template

1. Start by brainstorming questions for the game. You will want to be sure that you are asking questions that are not very high-risk. Below are some examples of things matches typically share that you can quiz each other on:

How many siblings do I have?

What is my pet's name?

What is my favorite vacation spot?

What is my favorite sport?

2. Visit the website below to download the template for the game.
3. Fill out the template with your questions and answers.
4. Play! See how much you really know about each other.

Links:

<http://www.murray.k12.ga.us/teacher/kara%20leonard/Mini%20T's/Games/Basic%20Jeopardy.ppt#5>

Create a Journal

A great way to share personal information with your mentee is to create journals that you exchange. This is an especially good activity if your mentee has a passion for writing.

Materials: Two notebooks and pens

1. Provide both the mentor and mentee with a notebook and have them decorate the cover however they like. They can use this opportunity express themselves and their personalities.

2. Every other week the mentor and mentee will write in their own journal. Below are examples of topics you can ask them to write about. As the year progresses the match can decide what they want to write about.
 - *Hobbies*
 - *Hometown*
 - *Major*
 - *Favorite Emotion*
 - *Family Members*
 - *Five-or Ten-Year-Goals*
3. After the first entry is written, the mentor and mentee will exchange journals and respond back to each other with any questions, comments or concerns.

Dyads

This is a great way to learn more about your mentee without pushing too hard. After you both complete the dyads, you can share your responses with each other and discuss anything that surprised you or you expected.

Materials: Paper and pens

The facilitator can read the sentence to all of the matches or they can all have sheets of paper with these listed and take their own time in covering them. Here are some examples:

4. My main interests are...
5. The way I would describe my family is...
6. The thing I remember most about elementary school is...
7. My fondest memories of another person are...
8. My most unusual friend is...
9. The things I value most are...
10. My favorite pastimes are...
11. Some of the things that make me happy are...
12. Where I hope to be five years from now...
13. The thing I would most like to accomplish this year...

This activity can be done in the beginning of the year and then at the end of the year. Matches can discuss whether answers to these dyads stood the same or changed over time.

Machine Game

This is a great activity to do with your matches when you notice that the group is hungry for movement and excitement and can't seem to stay focused. It gives them a chance to get out of their seats and have some fun.

Materials: None

1. Form groups of 2 or more matches (4-6 people). The only rule is that everyone must participate.
2. Each group will be given a card with the name of a machine. They must use their bodies to form the machine. Remember, everyone must participate!
3. Once the machine is formed, they may make the sound of the machine.

The following are ideas for machines:

- Stapler
- Television Set
- Washer/Dryer
- Vacuum
- VCR
- Microwave
- Three-hole punch

Sing Down

This activity allows matches to see the diverse music genres that others in their group listen to. What they learn in this activity may surprise them.

Materials: paper and pens for each group

1. Teams are created; with four to ten in a group.
2. The facilitator will give the groups a word (love, boy, dance, etc.), and give the teams one minute to think of as many songs as they can with that word in it.
3. Once the minute has passed, one team begins by singing a part of a song with that word in it. All team members must sing it.
4. The other team(s) then responds. No songs may be repeated. The group with the most songs wins.
5. The game can be repeated with another word.

High School

Create a Personal Coat of Arms

Coat of arms were originally used to identify warriors dressed in armor. Each knight chose symbols and colors to represent his family or clan. You and your mentee can make your own personal coat of arms based on the values and principles that are important to you.

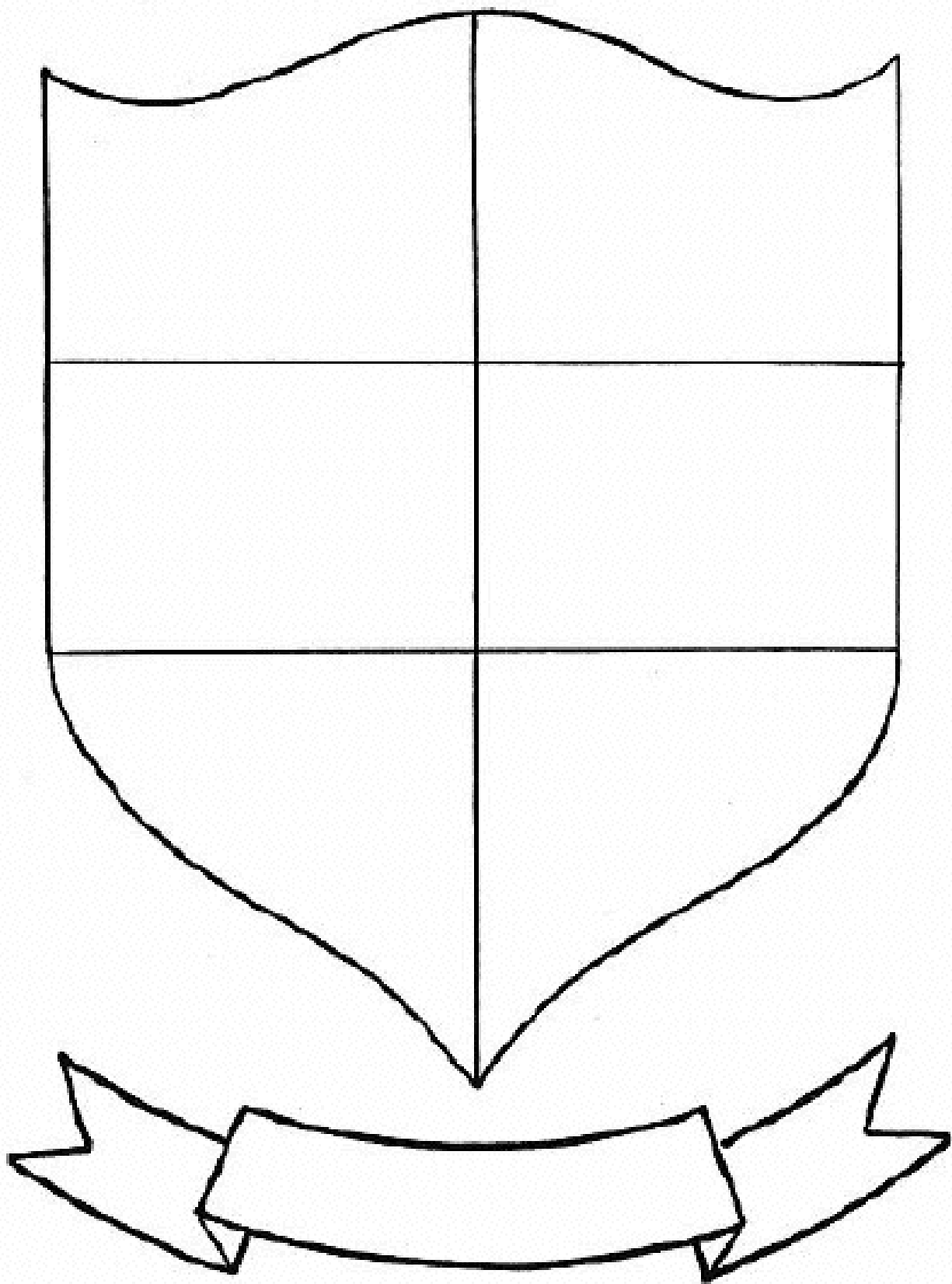
Materials: Copies of a blank coat of arms divided into six sections (provided below) and markers

If there are not any copies of the coat of arms made, have the mentee draw his or her own on paper and divide the shields into six sections. The mentor then chooses six topics. For example:

- *I would never give up...*
- *What I want to be ...*
- *I am...*
- *My greatest achievement is...*
- *The most important thing to me is...*
- *If I had a million dollars, I would...*
- *My favorite vacation spot is...*
- *My favorite musical group is...*
- *If I had one year to live and could do anything, I would...*

The mentee completes each sentence in one of the six sections of the shield. They can write or draw their answers. These are a few possible examples; however, the mentor may wish to make up his/her own. The beginning statements should be low-risk and gradually get harder or more risky.

The mentor should also complete their own coat of arms. Once both the mentee and mentor have completed their coat of arms, they should share their answers with each other.



Create a Road Map

By allowing your mentee to reflect and report on his/her life experience, you validate their experiences and allow them to present their history to you, building a stronger relationship.

Materials: large sheets of paper (up to three feet) and markers

1. Read your matches the following instructions:
“For the next few minutes, reflect on the course of your life. Recall all major and minor decision points, as well as the chance events that impacted your life. Visualize your life as a road map with highways, crossroads, intersections, detours, and dead ends. You may also include traffic lights, bypasses and mountains. Using the materials given, transfer your mental road map to paper. Add any information appropriate – dates, time, people, places, circumstances. Be creative if you wish and add drawings to your map as well as comments.”
2. Then hand out the materials and let them draw their “life road.”
3. After 15-20 minutes, have the matches present their road maps to each other.

Mafia Game

Mafia is a popular strategy and bluffing game that is good for discussing topics such as lying, deception, trust, good versus evil, etc. or just for a fun time. There are five roles one can play: one narrator, two members of the mafia, two members of the police (or one if the group is not large), one doctor, the remaining people are townspeople.

Materials: A deck of cards to determine who plays which role.

The narrator needs to prepare the right number of playing cards to set up the game. If there are 12 people playing, there would be two aces, two kings, one queen, and seven number (non-face) cards, adding up to 12 cards. These numbers can fluctuate according to the group size. The narrator shuffles these cards and each person randomly selects a card, without revealing his or her identity. The person assumes the role for the round.

Roles

- *Ace card:* Anyone who gets an Ace card is a Mafia member. Their goal is to keep secret that they are Mafia and blend in with the Townspeople. For them to win the game, they want to eliminate the townspeople one by one each round but not to get eliminated (voted off) during the day.
- *King card:* Anyone who gets a King card is a member of the Police. These members try to figure out who is guilty of being a Mafia and who is innocent. Thus, their goal is to help the townspeople vote correctly in who to eliminate during the day (the good people, not the bad!). They generally want to keep their identity secret so that the Mafia cannot eliminate them early.

- *Queen card*: The doctor role. This optional (but recommended) role serves one purpose – to try to protect people during the night. He or she can also be selfish and choose to protect him/herself during the night.
- *All other cards* (number cards): Townspeople. Their goal is to figure out who is a member of the secret Mafia, and to eliminate them from the town during the day.

How to Play

Arrange the players in a circle, with the narrator outside the circle and walking around it. Each “day” of the game, the narrator takes the entire town through the following commands in this order:

Nighttime

- *It is nighttime, so everyone please go to sleep.* (Everyone puts their head down and closes their eyes)
- *“Mafia, please wake up.”* (Only the mafia quietly opens their eyes. The ones that are still “alive” quietly and unanimously choose a person to eliminate by pointing to someone in the group. The narrator takes note of the person chosen.)
- *“Mafia, please go to sleep.”* (The mafia closes their eyes and places their heads down again.)
- *“Police, please wake up.”* (The member(s) of the police that are still alive open their eyes and quietly points to one person who they suspect is a member of the Mafia.)
- *The narrator quietly nods or shakes his or her head to indicate whether that person is indeed Mafia.*
- *“Police, please go to sleep.”* (The member(s) of the police close their eyes and place their heads down.)
- *“Doctor, please wake up and choose someone you’d like to protect.”* (The doctor, if still alive, wakes up and silently points to someone they would like to protect for that day.)
- *“Doctor, please go to sleep.”* (The doctor closes his or her eyes and puts his/her head down.)
- *“It’s morning. Everyone please wake up.”* (Everyone opens their eyes and raises their head.)

Daytime Update

- The narrator announces the person who was eliminated, unless the doctor correctly selected the person who was targeted by the Mafia for the night. The person who was eliminated **MUST** reveal their card and quietly leave the circle. This person may not speak to anyone for the remainder of the entire game, but he or she may now keep his/her eyes open to watch everything.

Daytime Discussion/Voting

- The townspeople (along with the Mafia and Police who may pretend to be townspeople) then nominate and vote on people who they suspect is a Mafia. Each person nominated may make a defense and plead their case. The person receiving a majority vote (50% or above) is eliminated. After someone is voted off, they reveal their card and the day is over. The day ends, and the pattern starts again (Nighttime, Daytime Update, Daytime Discussion/Voting).

How to Win

The police or townspeople win if they successfully eliminate all mafia members. The mafia wins if they successfully eliminate all the townspeople. This group game involves lots of strategy, knowing how and when to reveal your identity, who to trust, etc.

Variations

A variation for younger kids is known as *Predator*. Instead of mafia, there are "predators," and instead of police there are "hunters." The other roles remain the same.

Open or Closed

This brainteaser is a great way to get matches to think outside of the box. It requires patience and observation.

Materials: empty water bottle with the cap

1. Have the group of matches sit in a circle.
2. The first person starts by turning to the person to his/her right and saying, "I am passing this bottle to you..." (And they fill in either "closed" or "open." The phrase they choose to end with depends on whether their legs are crossed or open. They can do whatever they want with the bottle in terms of how they pass them to the person next to them.
3. The person who is receiving the bottle must say, "I am receiving this bottle..." (The ending should reflect how the person before had his/her legs positioned - NOT how they passed the bottle.)
4. The game continues around the circle...play until everyone has figured out the game.

NOTE: Participants can get easily frustrated if they cannot figure out the game. Be patient and encouraging.

Psychiatrist

This brainteaser is an exciting and fun way to learn about each other. It requires creativity, observation and patience.

Materials: None

1. Have the entire group of matches sit in a circle with everybody facing each other. Select one person to go out of the room.
2. Now the group decides on a "problem." Examples: everybody is the person to their left, or has green socks on, or everybody on one half of the room is one person and everybody else is another; there are hundreds of variations - be creative!
3. Once a "problem" has been determined, have the selected person come back in the room. Now, he/she has to stand in the middle of the circle and go around, in any order they want, and ask people yes/no questions. Popular questions include:
 - *"Are you a guy or a girl?"*
 - *"Are you wearing a sweatshirt?"*
 - *"Do you have brown hair?"*
 - *"Are you wearing socks?"*
 - *And endless numbers of questions of course.*
4. People who are asked the questions have to answer them, keeping their "problem" in mind. For example, if everybody is the person to the left, and I am a blond girl but a red-headed guy is sitting to my left, I have to answer like I am the guy to my left. So if the "It" person asks me "Do you have red hair?" I'd answer "Yes." If the "It" person asks if I am a guy, I'd say "Yes!" This can be pretty funny at times!
5. Now, let's say someone answers incorrectly? Anyone who realizes that person has answered wrongly now yells "Psychiatrist!!!" At this call, everybody gets up and moves to another place. But their "problems" now apply to the way the room is situated - if I am the person two to the right, I am now whoever is newly the person two to the right.
6. The point of this is for the "It" person to figure out the group's "problem." Once he/she has, the last person to answer a question goes out of the room and is "It."

Additional Links

Activities for ages 6-10, including word games and card games

<http://fun.familyeducation.com/hobbies-and-interests/games/33402.html>

Make a duct tape wallet

<http://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Duct-Tape-Wallet>

Fun crafts

<http://familyfun.go.com/crafts/>

Science projects, games, activities

<http://www.creativekidsathome.com/games/>

Paper and pencil games

<http://www.todaysparent.com/craftsactivities/article.jsp?content=1151187&page=1>

Additional Resources

Seasonal Events around Massachusetts

January

The Boston Celtic Music Festival
bcmfest.com/index.html

February

Massachusetts Multicultural Film Festival
umass.edu/film/mmff.html

March

Boston's St. Patrick's Day Parade
bostoncentral.com/events/boston_st_patricks_day_parade/p1130.php

April

Nantucket Daffodil Festival
nantucketchamber.org/visitor/daffodil.html

May

Annual Sheep and Woolcraft Fair
masheepwool.org/

June

Boston Early Music Festival
bemf.org/pages/fest/festival.htm

July

Lowell Folk Festival
lowellfolkfestival.org/

Pittsfield Art Show
pittsfieldartshow.org/

Art in the Park
worcestermass.org/arts-culture-entertainment/worcester-cultural-commission/art-in-the-park

August

Sandcastle and Sculpture Day
nantucketchamber.org/visitor/sandcastle.html

Marshfield Fair
marshfieldfair.org/

WordXWord Festival
wordxwordfestival.com/

The Bolton Fair
boltonfair.org/

September

The Big E
thebige.com/

(ahts): Boston Arts Festival
bostonahtsfestival.com/ahts/%28ahts%29%3A_The_Boston_Arts_Festival_Home.html

Country Fair at Hancock Shaker Village
pittsfield.com/events.asp?eventID=3504

King Richard's Faire
kingrichardsfaire.net/

StART on the Street
startonthestreet.org/

Spencer Fair
centralmass.org/members/spencer-fair-grounds

October

Cranberry Festival
cranberryharvest.org/

Harvest Festival
berkshirebotanical.org/events/index.html

Topsfield Fair
topsfieldfair.org/

November

Cider Days Festival
ciderday.org/index.html

December

Edaville USA
edaville.com/edaville_directions.html

A YEAR'S WORTH OF MENTORING ACTIVITIES

52 ideas, one for each week of the year

(Cross them out as you do them!)

1. Set your mentoring goals together.
2. Find a new recipe and make dinner together.
3. Make popcorn and watch a movie.
4. Go to a concert.
5. Tackle some homework and talk about study habits.
6. Go out to dinner together.
7. Go to a movie.
8. Shoot some hoops.
9. Go to the library together.
10. Construct a kite together and fly it.
11. Go window shopping
12. Learn about pop music.
13. Go to a sporting event.
14. Give a tour of your current job.
15. Do an art project
16. Talk about planning a career/plan a career.
17. Visit a nursing home and read to the elderly.
18. Go to the planetarium.
19. Visit a community college/technical school.
20. Plan a dream vacation (just for fun!).
21. Go on a picnic.
22. Try ice skating.
23. Attend a school play
24. Work on a resume.
25. Make holiday cards
26. Go hiking.
27. Do a pretend job interview.
28. Do some volunteer work together.
29. Talk about banking, credit cards, and budgets.
30. Talk about where to look for a part-time job.
31. Go to the beach.
32. Watch a Red Sox game on TV.
33. Volunteer
34. Take a trip to the mall.
35. Make a pizza.
36. Try new ice cream flavors
37. Visit an animal shelter
38. Go to the aquarium
39. Go bargain hunting.
40. Visit a farmer's market.
41. Swim laps at a local pool.
42. Play video games.
43. Go apple picking.
44. Visit an art gallery.
45. Use a disposable camera to capture special moments.
46. Go for a scenic drive to see fall foliage.
47. Bake cookies together and give them to friends.
48. Go to a local museum.
49. Do a bike tour of a nearby city
50. Go bowling.
51. Make root beer floats and play card games.
52. Tie-Dye a t-shirt or pillow cases.