Family Fun & Education

Ann Arbor is a wonderful place for families. We have a highly regarded public school system and various recreational activities: parks spread over 2,000 acres, bike paths, walking trails, three city swimming pools, ice rinks, softball and baseball fields, and much, much more. In addition, Ann Arbor is home to C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital which has been ranked one of the top children’s hospitals in the nation.

A few family friendly attractions

- Culture Zone
- Domino’s Petting Farm
- Hands-On Museum
- Wiard’s Orchards
- The Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village
- The Detroit Zoo
- Various organizations throughout Ann Arbor host other children’s activities, too, including story-times, arts and crafts, dance and music lessons, sports lessons for all ages, nature hikes, and outdoor summer movies. These are listed in the newspapers and on Arborweb.

Ann Arbor Public School System

The Ann Arbor public school system’s mission is to educate and empower every student to succeed. Teachers are dedicated and highly educated with approximately 76 percent of the teaching staff having earned at least a master’s degree. Ann Arbor schools consistently exceed the national performance averages on standardized tests for all grade-levels. AAPS highlights include:

- 20 elementary school districts, five middle schools, two high schools, and four alternative school programs
- Extended day kindergarten options
- K-12 literacy programs
- Alternative educational programs
- Many extracurricular opportunities
- Valued music and art curriculums
- Athletic and physical education
- Student diversity

U-M affiliated child care services

- University of Michigan Health System Child Care Center: open to UMHS hospital and medical campus employees only
- University of Michigan Pound House Children’s Center: considers all applicants, but give priority status to U-M students, faculty and staff
- University of Michigan Family Housing and Single Graduate Housing: open to the public; priority given to students who are enrolled at the University of Michigan Ann Arbor campus
- University of Michigan Children’s Centers: open to the public

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