

# Miami on the Cheap Guide

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# Free & Cheap Things for Kids to Do in Miami this Summer

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Summer vacation is here, and soon your kids may be whining “I’m bored.”

We have some suggestions for free and cheap things to do with kids in Miami-Dade this summer. Instead of whining “I’m bored,” your kids will be struggling to choose among all the great options.

Summer in South Florida brings free or cheap kids’ movies, the Summer Savings Pass discount for attractions and a chance for kids to bowl free. Plus, we have places like the beach, which are always free, and regular discount days at museums.

Here are our suggestions for free and cheap things to do with kids this summer, compiled from Miami on the Cheap.

## **Visit four attractions unlimited times for one price with the Summer Savings Pass**

The deal is good for Zoo Miami, the Miami Seaquarium, the Museum of Discovery and Science in Fort Lauderdale and Lion Country Safari. It costs \$58 plus tax for adults and \$48 plus tax for kids ages 3 to 12. If you already hold an annual pass to one of these venues, you can get the Summer Savings Pass at a discount: \$33 plus tax for adults and \$23 plus tax for youngsters.

Details: <https://miamionthecheap.com/summer-savings-pass/>

## Visit five attractions for the price of one with the South Florida Adventure Pass

This deal is good for Flamingo Gardens, Sawgrass Recreation Park, XTreme Action Park, Bonnet House Museum and Young at Art Museum. The South Florida Adventure Pass is \$45 plus tax for adults and \$35 plus tax for children 3-12.

If you have an annual pass to one of the attractions, you can update for \$30 plus tax for adults and \$20 plus tax for children. You can buy the pass at participating attractions. The pass is good May 15 through Sept. 30.

Details: <https://miamionthecheap.com/7-attractions-for-one-price/>

## See a baseball game by the Miami Marlins at a discount

There are a number of discounts offered, but one of the best deals for families is the Aquafina Family Four Pack: four admissions, four hot dogs and four Pepsi soft drinks or Aquafina waters at designated Sunday afternoon games. Games start at \$84.

Sunday games feature kid-friendly pregame entertainment, live music, games, giveaways and more.

Details: <https://miamionthecheap.com/marlins-baseball-ticket-deals/>



## Cool off or learn to swim

Learn to swim at a Miami-Dade park pool or at a City of Miami pool.

Miami-Dade County offers swim lessons year-round for all ages. Lessons cost from \$10 to \$60 per two-week sessions, and scholarships are available for children 2 to 17. Details on Miami-Dade pools and swim lessons: <http://www.miamidade.gov/parks/learn-to-swim-program.asp>

The city of Miami offers lessons year-round for \$45 for eight lessons for city residents and \$65 for non-residents. Miami city pool admission is free for youth 17 and older and \$3 for adults.

Details on City of Miami pools and swim lessons: <http://www.miamigov.com/parks/aquatics.html>

## Earn prizes in the Miami-Dade libraries summer reading program

The Miami-Dade Public Libraries Summer Reading Challenge is open to both children and adults, and you can register by picking up a reading log at any location.

Read or listen to a book for 30 minutes, then complete and submit an entry ticket to enter the drawing. Prizes include an iPad Mini, Miami Marlins tickets, one-year family memberships to HistoryMiami Museum and the Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science, a family four-pack of tickets for a Broadway show at the Adrienne Arsht Center and more.



The program also encourages reading to children. Keep an eye on your library's calendar for special free summer events.

Details: <https://miamionthecheap.com/miami-dade-libraries-kick-off-summer-reading-program/>

## Get a free book for reading eight books

Children in grades 1-6 can get a free book from Barnes & Noble after they've read eight books. The program runs from May 15 to Sept. 3, and the required reading logs are available at Barnes & Noble stores or online. The program is available in both English and Spanish.

Details: <https://specialists.barnesandnoble.com/summerreading>

## Get free passes to museums and attractions

Did you know that you can check out free passes for museums and attractions at the library? This is one of the best deals around.

Parents can check our passes that provide free visits to museums and attractions for up to four family members.

The passes are good at a number of attractions, including the Deering Estate, Fruit & Spice Park, HistoryMiami, the Miami Children's Museum, the Phillip & Patricia Frost Museum of Science, Perez Art Museum Miami, Vizcaya Museum and Gardens and Zoo Miami.

Each library has a limited number of passes, but you can check online to find out when they are available.

Details: <https://miamionthecheap.com/free-museum-attraction-visits-with-library-card-pass/>

## See shows for \$5 or visit museums for \$2.50 with Culture Shock Miami

This is another great deal for Miami-Dade residents. Culture Shock Miami provides students 13 to 22 with discount tickets to numerous cultural performances in Miami for only \$5 each.

Best of all, each student can buy another ticket, and anyone of any age can use the second ticket. That means two students can take two parents, and the whole family can see a show for just \$20.



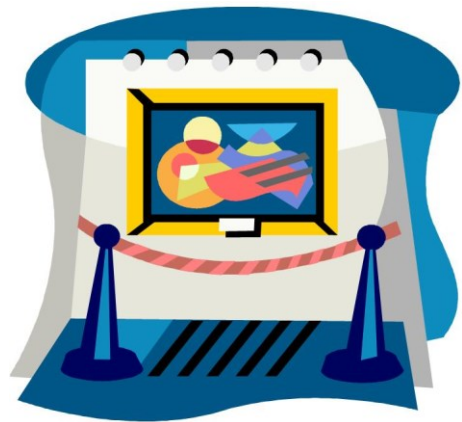
Culture Shock also has discounts to various museums and attractions that are usually expensive to visit, allowing students to purchase two tickets for \$2.50 each. The list of available discounts varies.

Details: <https://miamionthecheap.com/student-discounts-to-miami-shows-and-museums/>

## Visit museums on their free family days

Many Miami-Dade museums have monthly free days, and some of them have special family programs on those days. Among the Miami-Dade museums with free family days are:

- **Perez Art Museum Miami.** The museum offers free admission the first Thursday and the second Saturday of each month. The second Saturday features free family activities.
- **Coral Gables Museum.** The museum offers free admission on the second Saturday afternoon of each month, with a special family program. The event is part of Family Day on Aragon, which also includes free children's book activities at Books & Books in the morning, and a \$5 family movie at the Coral Gables Art Cinema at 11 a.m. (and also at 11 a.m. on Sunday).
- **HistoryMiami.** Family Day at HistoryMiami is the second Saturday of every month, when the museum offers free admission.
- **The Bass Museum of Art.** This Miami Beach museum offers a free family day with special art activities for kids from 2 to 4 p.m. the last Sunday of every month.



Details: <https://miamionthecheap.com/free-museum-days/>

## Free meals for children this summer

The Summer BreakSpot program provides free breakfast and lunch for Miami-Dade children 18 and younger this summer at libraries, public schools and parks throughout Miami-Dade County.

The lunches are made possible by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' [Summer BreakSpot program](#), also known as the Summer Food Service program, which is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. No registration is required, and all children are eligible at most sites.



The program runs June through August. For more information about this program or to find a lunch site dial 2-1-1 or text FOODFL to 877-877.

Find a location here: <http://summerbreakspot.freshfromflorida.com/>

## About Miami on the Cheap

Miami on the Cheap is South Florida's go-to spot for information about deals, discounts and free and cheap things to do for both children and adults. We have a daily event calendar of free and cheap activities. If you know of information we should include, email us at [news@miamionthecheap.com](mailto:news@miamionthecheap.com)

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