

2026

CLAY COUNTY

KIDS

SUMMER

ACTIVITY

&

RESOURCE GUIDE

2026 Summer Activity & Resource Guide

Clay Center Aquatic Park

Season Passes: Family Pass \$250. Single Pass \$75. Exercise Season Pass \$50

Daily Admission: \$4 for 3 years+

If you need help paying for a family or individual pass, please contact The Lighthouse for assistance.

Swimming Lessons

4 Years & Up: June 15-26 & July 6-17; 9 & 10 a.m. sessions

Parent/Tot Classes (6 mos-3 years): June 22-25 & July 6-9. 7-7:30 p.m.

COST: \$25 per swimmer

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Sunflower Summer

Sunflower Summer offers opportunities for families to explore Kansas for FREE from July 9-August 2! FREE admission to over 200 parks, museums, nature centers and more! [Download the app. here.](#)

Free Movie Fridays at The Rex

11:00 a.m. every Friday starting May 29-August 14

Concessions available

Wakefield Pool

Hours: 12-7 p.m. Daily

Daily Admission: \$2

Season Passes: Contact Wakefield City Office (785) 461-5886

Watch the [Facebook page](#) for Swimming Lesson dates & special events:

Free Fishing Weekend

June 6 & 7- No fishing license required
to fish in Kansas

Tiger Band Camp

July 27-30, Garfield. 1:00-3:00 p.m., CCCHS band room

CCCMS (grades 6-8) 9-11:30 a.m., CCCHS band room

August 3-7, Tiger Band, 8:00-4:00

August 7: Friends & Family Performance at the MAC, 6:00 p.m.

Individual Lessons also offered. Contact danielathrasher@usd379.org.

Kids Cafe

June 1-July 31, 12-1:00 p.m. Monday-Friday (no meal on July 3)

St Paul's Episcopal Church, 6th & Clarke St, Clay Center (across the alley from Wendy's)

FREE hot "Grab 'n Go" lunch for kids 1-18. There are no income guidelines. On the first pick up day, please have all children in the car who will receive a meal. After the first day, parents/guardians can pick up lunches without kids with them as long as they have their paper.

Fun Mondays at Common Ground

K-6th graders (2025-26)

June 15 - August 3, 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the CommonGround, 709 5th Street.

Free breakfast, worship with music followed by a devotion, a group game, an optional craft and free time. Different Mondays they will offer science, cooking, pottery, art, etc.

Wakefield Public Library

Open Monday & Wednesday 10:30 am-6 p.m.; Friday 9-4 & Saturday 9-12

Sign up for the Summer Reading Competition on the [library website](#):

Summer Events

June 12 2-3:00 p.m. Animals Around the World with Sunset Zoo

Mondays in June, 2-3:00 p.m. Teen Bingo Fever!

Elks Back to School Fair

August 4, 5:30-7 p.m., Clay Center Elks Lodge, 611 5th Street

Free school supplies!

St Paul Lutheran VBS

Tropical Trek VBS
May 26-29, 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
816 9th Street, Clay Center
[Register here.](#)

Presbyterian VBS

Idana Presbyterian Church
ages 4-6th grade
Tuesday, May 26-Friday, May 29
9:00-11:30 am daily
Call First Presbyterian Church at 785-
632-2813 to register.

CC United Methodist VBS

Find Your Strength In God VBS
May 26-29, 9:00-11:45 a.m.
Ages: 4- current 5th grade
Register [here](#) or contact the church
office at 785 -632-3106

Wakefield Methodist

June 1-5 9:00am - 11:30am.
Wakefield Methodist Church
[Register here.](#)

Hebron R.P. Church VBS

June 29th-July 3, 9:30 am-11:30 am.
1321 Goodin Drive, Clay Center
Ages 0-12 (under age 3 parent should
attend with child). Craft & snack
provided.
Register by emailing
catherinerohovit@gmail.com.

First Baptist (Clay Center)

VBS
July 12-15 6-8 PM
July 12 is VBS kick off - FREE pool party!

Mizpah United Methodist

VBS
1426 6th Road, Rural Wakefield
Every Friday morning 9-11:30 a.m. June
10-July 24 (will not meet July 3).
Contact Rhonda Gierhan at 785-632-7475
prior to June 8 to register.

Clay Center Covenant

Wonder Week
July 13-16, evenings (specific times TBA)
Ages 4 years – adult
Registration is required but isn't open yet.
Check [CC Covenant's website](#) &
Facebook page this summer for
registration info.

Wakefield Birthday Bash

August 28-30

Moms with Littles Playgroup

May 2 & August 1, 9-11:30 a.m. Moms & kids ages 0-5.
Hebron RP Church, 1321 Goodin Drive, Clay Center
Craft and snack provided.
Register by emailing: catherinerohovit@gmail.com

Clay Center Farmers Market

Saturday mornings all summer
Courthouse Square

Clay Center Utility Park

Hours: 8 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Free zoo , NEW Splash Pad, park , Kids Fishing Pond & walking trails.

Clay County Fair

July 20-26
Clay County Fairgrounds

Safe Sitter Training


June 9, 8 a.m.-noon, Clay County Medical Center
For students in 6th-8th grades
Contact Paige Hill to register: JeHill@ccmcks.org or 785-632-2144 x 3715

Ferguson's Rexall Free School Supplies

Saturday, August 8, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Families can pick up prepacked bag of supplies for their child according to grade, and then pick out a back pack and an iron on patch.
If you are unable to come that day, call 785-632-3121 to make arrangements for a different pick up day.

Clay Center Carnegie Library


Summer Reading Program – Sign up May 19-29 at the Library. Check out the many activities offered this summer on the calendars below!



May–June

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			Kick Off	May 29 "Mad Science" 2:30pm @ Garfield Elementary School Gym	Thanks to our Donors! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tasty Pastry Bakery & Coffee Shop • Short Stop • Twin Valley • Ferguson's Rexall Drugs • Union State Bank • Citizen's National Bank • Ray's Apple Market • Jady Wynn Nails • United Bank & Trust • Subway 	
1 Flint Hills Discovery Center 3pm at the Library	2 4H Visits 2pm at the Library	3 Movie Day 2pm at the Library	4 "Reading ROCKS" Storytime 10:30am at the Library	5 Rock Painting 2pm at the Library		
8 Milford Nature Center 2pm at Dexter Park	9 Dino Dig Site 2pm at the Library	10 Movie Day 2pm at the Library	11 "Digging for Stories" Storytime 10:30am at the Library	12 Perler Beads 2pm at the Library		
15 Clay County Conservation 2pm at the Library	16 4H Visits 2pm at the Library	17 Movie Day 2pm at the Library	18 "Dino-Tales" Storytime 10:30am at the Library	19 Library Closed Juneteenth		
22 Spray Zone 3pm at Dexter Park	23 Dino Egg Excavation 2pm at the Library	24 Movie Day 2pm at the Library	25 "Soil Stories" Storytime 10:30am at the Library	26 Plant Flowers 2pm at the Library		
29 Zoo Tour 3pm at The Clay Center Zoo	30 Paint Birdhouses 2pm at the Library					





July

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1 Movie Day 2pm at the Library	2 "Stars & Stripes" Storytime 10:30am at the Library	3 Children's Author Kady Toole Visits 3pm at the Library	Thanks to our Donors! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tasty Pastry Bakery & Coffee Shop • Short Stop • Twin Valley • Ferguson's Rexall Drugs • Union State Bank • Citizen's National Bank • Ray's Apple Market • Jady Wynn Nails • United Bank & Trust • Subway 	
6 Dinolympics 2pm at the Library	7 Dino Bingo 2pm at the Library	8 Movie Day 2pm at the Library	9 "Wiggle & Roar" Storytime 10:30am at the Library	10 Finale "Jammin' Randy" 2pm @ New 4-H Building (Fairgrounds)		
13	14	15	16	17		
20	21	22	23	24		
27	28	29	30	31		





Resources

Lighthouse for Christ

Mondays 12-3 p.m., Thursdays 12-5:00 p.m. & 4th Saturday of the month 10-1 p.m.

413 Lincoln Ave, Clay Center

If specific assistance for food, clothing or bills is needed, pick up a referral form at a local church, or contact Lisa Last (lisalast@usd379.org), 785-307-1550.

Clay County Comfort Corner

Provides food, hygiene, school supplies, shoes, clothing or other support to kids in USD 379 schools. Call Lisa Last (785-307-1550) or email lisalast@usd379.org for assistance.

Harvesters Food Distribution

1st Monday of each month

Clay County Fairgrounds, 12:00 p.m.

3rd Wednesday of each month

Covenant Church, 1330 15th Street, Clay Center, 11 a.m.-noon

No income requirements.

Catholic Charities

May 20, June 17, July 15 & August 19, 1-2:00 p.m.

Sts Peter & Paul Catholic Church

Food & hygiene assistance, diaper program, pregnancy support & adoption services, financial & housing assistance (emergency rent, utilities & prescriptions).

SunBucks

If you have a child aged 7 to 17 and your household already participates in Food Assistance or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) OR your child receives free or reduced-price school meals, you may be eligible for up to \$120 per child to help cover summer meals! For more information, [click here](#).