

# What to do for spring break? PP&R has it covered

By CASEY BROWN

Parents, are you looking for ways to keep your children active over spring break (March 27-31)? Pendleton Parks and Recreation is hosting a Spring Break Stay-cation with three boredom-busting events. Throughout the week, kindergarteners through fourth graders can “Xplore Pendleton,” 7- to 15-year-olds can catch a ride and catch air on the “Get Air Tri-Cities Road Trip,” and families with kids of all ages will enjoy the free movie night screening of “Moana.” Each event provides entertainment and activity to make spring break happier and healthier for the whole family.

“Xplore Pendleton” will be a fun and exciting multi-day event taking

kids on a downtown adventure to three locations where they can take part in hands-on activities: Pendleton Rec Center, Pendleton Center for the Arts and the Children’s Museum of Eastern Oregon. The cost is \$40 for three half-days of activity on March 28, 29 and 30 from 8 a.m. to noon each day.

The first group (kindergarten and first-graders) begins at the Children’s Museum to create art, play music, experiment with science, cook and garden. This station provides opportunities for concentrated play, which gives children an outlet to focus their energy on. These activities teach children how to plan and design, and what steps are involved to making something from nothing.

Next stop is the Pendleton Center for the Arts to work with clay, papier maché and painting. It’s another opportunity to create new projects and interact with peers for laughter, group learning and sharing.

At the last station, kids can burn off lots of energy at the Pendleton Recreation Center. They can rip and roar across the gymnasium to play a variety of games such as dodgeball, pickleball and ping pong. An obstacle course will also be set up for children to hop, duck and shimmy through, helping children develop agility and improve concentration and focus.

The second group (second to fourth graders) will do the same activities at each location but begin instead at the Pendleton Center for the Arts. Children of all ages will be dropped off at their respective starting points and picked up from their respective end points.

For children age 7 to 15, the “Get Air Tri-Cities Road Trip” provides an adventure to Kennewick’s Get Air trampoline park. Children can get out of town for a few hours and may make new friends on the bus ride. Then they’ll get lots of opportunity for physical activity between various styles of trampolines, the foam pit and dodgeball. The group, limited to the first 14 to register, departs from the Pendleton Rec Center’s parking lot at noon on March 27. The \$20 registration fee includes transportation and one hour of jump time.



A night of fun for the whole family, the spring break movie this year will be Disney’s animated hit, “Moana” – the tale of a girl in ancient Polynesia who must defend her island against a terrible curse. Some concessions will be available for purchase at this free movie event.

On Friday, March 31, Vert Auditorium opens its doors at 6:15 and the movie starts at 7 p.m.

Between these three events, the goal at Pendleton Parks & Recreation is to provide fun, entertainment and a safe place for kids during their stay-cation. For more information and to register, contact Pendleton Parks & Rec at 541-276-8100 or visit [www.pendletonparksandrec.com](http://www.pendletonparksandrec.com).

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