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## OUR READERS PICKED THEIR FAVORITES!

This year's TulsaKids Family Favorites issue is especially meaningful. For the most part, Family Favorites winners and finalists are local. They represent people you know, businesses you frequent, services you use and healthcare professionals that you trust. Last year was rough for many small businesses, so we're thrilled to see things beginning to safely open up.

TulsaKids is a small business, too. And, like many of the places on the Family Favorites list, we had to figure out how to navigate an unprecedented year. We learned a lot about serving our readers with more digital products in new ways. Restaurants and businesses took on the challenge of delivering family meals or offering curbside services to keep customers coming back. Doctors' and dentists' offices changed their protocol to safely serve their patients.

For me, rather than turning to Amazon last year, I tried to buy local whenever I needed or wanted something. As a person who works for a small, local business, it was important to me to do my part to find ways to support other local businesses.

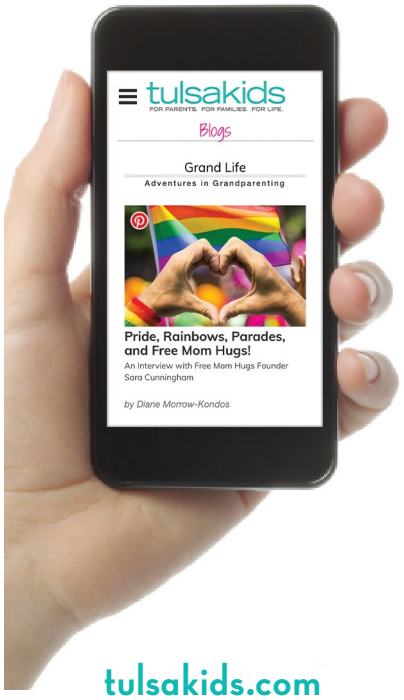
Thousands of you filled out the ballot to nominate and then vote for your Family Favorites this year. It is all done online and tabulated by a third party. We've published the winner and the next top two in each category in these pages.

I hope you will see some of your favorites on this list. I also hope that you find some new places to dine, visit or find services you may need. Support your local people. They are your friends, your neighbors and they care about making Tulsa and the surrounding community an amazing place to live.

Congratulations to all of our winners and finalists! We have devoted this issue to you! The Family Favorites listing is also on our website with convenient click-throughs to the websites of our top three!



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**ON THE COVER:**

Cover Kid winner Quinn Boswell finds a new furry friend at Tulsa SPCA. **The Tulsa SPCA was the TulsaKids Family Favorites winner for Favorite Pet Rescue organization.** Taylor the dog was super sweet and great with strangers and kids. At the time of the photo, he was up for adoption. Photography by Andrea Murphy Photography



# METRO CHRISTIAN ACADEMY JAZZ BAND WINS HONORS

The Metro Jazz Band walked away with the 3A State Championship Jazz Band title, earning the highest score at the OSSAA Jazz Contest among all Class 3A-6A bands at a recent two-day competition.

The entire school celebrated the win with a pep rally and concert.

"The number one reason we were successful this year is because the fantastic students of the Metro Christian Academy jazz band applied themselves all year long to be successful across the board," said George Toumayan, band director. Since 2016, Toumayan has grown the jazz band from eight students to 20. Toumayan has a passion for jazz. He has a master's degree in music performance with a Jazz Emphasis and performs around the region with a variety of artists.

"My next goal is to try my very best to continue making great music with the students at Metro Christian Academy," Toumayan said. "They deserve to be successful, and I would like to keep pushing in that direction. In addition to continuing the success of jazz band, we hope to continue growing the concert band to compete as early as next year."

# STUDENTS MISSING ROUTINE-BUT-CRITICAL VACCINES

During the COVID-19 pandemic, millions of children—at least one in five—have missed critical vaccinations that keep them healthy and our communities free from disease.

Students without these vaccinations may not be eligible to return to in-person learning in the fall. Even worse, losing herd immunity could put millions of unvaccinated children and adults at risk for deadly or debilitating diseases such as measles, whooping cough and polio.

The Learning First Alliance (LFA) has launched a new public information campaign, "The Power to Protect," and a new website, www.getvaxfacts.org, to remind parents and guardians of the need for these routine shots and how to obtain vaccinations at no cost if needed. LFA is a coalition of 12 national education groups representing 10 million parents, teachers, support staff, principals, superintendents, school board members, and teacher educators.

Vaccines provide powerful protection against 16 serious diseases throughout a child's lifetime and keep those diseases from spreading to others, including students, teachers, staff, and vulnerable community members.

"Childhood and adolescent vaccination rates in the United States have declined at an alarming rate as a result of missed appointments," said Richard M. Long, executive director of the Learning First Alliance.

Time is of the essence particularly for adolescents who are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. There is an extended period before, during or after getting the COVID-19 vaccine when they can't receive another vaccination. That could limit a teen's ability to get the COVID-19 vaccine or return to school in-person if they are off-schedule with their vaccinations.

The website, www.getvaxfacts.org, has information on each of the 16 diseases and conditions that are protected by vaccinations for children and adolescents, charts for scheduling vaccines and information on how to obtain a free vaccination.

Learn more at www.getvaxfacts.org.



# PRIMROSE SCHOOL OF BROKEN ARROW NOW OPEN FOR ENROLLMENT

Broken Arrow and the surrounding communities have a new option for quality early education and care with the opening of Primrose School of Broken Arrow in September 2021.

The 14,091 square-foot school has 12 classrooms and can accommodate up to 220 children and is currently enrolling children ages 6 weeks to 12 years old. The campus features four playgrounds, a sport basketball court and a garden. For kids in kindergarten through third grade, Primrose School of Broken Arrow also offers before- and after-school care as well as a fun, full-day summer learning program.

Local Franchise Owners Manish and Gia Patel are excited to bring exceptional early learning experiences to children in the community. The Patels have two daughters, and have lived in Broken Arrow for over 10 years.

"We are thrilled to be part of the Broken Arrow surrounding community and help provide young children with the right foundation for future learning and life," the Patels said. "Our family knows what a struggle it can be to find premier high quality child care, and we want to give parents the peace of mind that comes from knowing their children are well-cared for and happy."

Primrose School of Broken Arrow offers the Primrose-exclusive, research-informed Balanced Learning approach, which blends purposeful play with nurturing guidance from teachers to encourage curiosity, creativity, confidence and compassion. Children learn and practice concepts like science, technology, math, language and literacy continually throughout each day. The thoughtfully designed curriculum is updated regularly by Primrose Early Learning Council, a panel of nationally recognized experts that puts children first in every lesson. Approximately 9 out of 10 pre-kindergarten Primrose students demonstrated readiness for kindergarten across six learning domains using the Teaching Strategies® GOLD® assessment. These age-appropriate, integrated learning experiences are guided by teachers who are dedicated to helping each child foster a lifelong love of learning.

In addition to core academic subjects, the curriculum includes enrichment in music, art, physical activity, gardening, sign language, and Spanish. Also, there is a focus on character development, social-emotional intelligence, cognitive and life skills.

To ensure the health and safety of students and staff, the school follows Primrose Schools stringent health and safety requirements, maintains all protocols as outlined by local and state health departments and licensing agencies, and monitors CDC recommendations..

The school is equipped with a Dedicated Outdoor Air System (DOAS) that acts as a first line of defense in improving indoor air quality by properly conditioning and filtering all incoming outdoor air required to ventilate the building. In addition, the school uses as a state-of-the-art system to reduce bacteria, viruses and mold and to control allergens and asthma. A unique disinfecting and sanitizing solution is used for frequent disinfecting and sanitizing of high-touch toys daily.

Primrose School of Broken Arrow is located at 1701 W. Albany St. Broken Arrow, OK 74012. To inquire about enrollment or job opportunities, please email GPatel@PrimroseBA.com, call 918.355.6827 or visit www.PrimroseBA.com.



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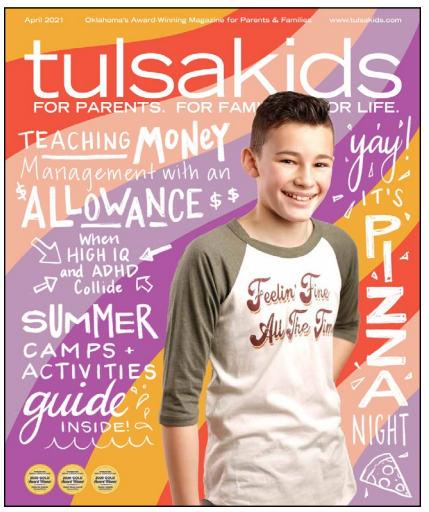

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### FINALISTS

**REDROCK CANYON GRILL — TULSA**

**CHARLESTON'S RESTAURANT**

## FAVORITE PLACE FOR A GIRLS' NIGHT OUT

**THE SUCCULENT SHOP**

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### FINALISTS

**PINOT'S PALETTE**

**VINTAGE WINE BAR**

## FAVORITE BREW PUB

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### FINALISTS

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**WELLTOWN BREWING**

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### FINALISTS

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### FINALISTS

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### FINALISTS

**FOX CLEANERS**

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### FINALISTS

**GOOD SHEPHERD VETERINARY HOSPITAL**

**HARVARD AVENUE VETERINARY HOSPITAL**

## FAVORITE DOG GROOMING

**SLOPPY DOG WASH**

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### FINALISTS

**U DIRTY DAWG**

**MUDDY PAWS**

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### FINALISTS

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### FINALISTS

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# FAMILY DINING

## FAVORITE PLACE TO GET PIZZA

**HIDEAWAY PIZZA**

Hideaway complements its creative pizzas — like the Pepperonipalooza and Da Bomb — with a fun, creative atmosphere. From staff dressed in tie dye to social media video contests, to printable coloring pages, Hideaway is a kid-friendly, community-oriented restaurant that serves delicious food the whole family will love. hideawaypizza.com

### FINALISTS

**ANDOLINI'S PIZZERIA**

**SAVASTANO'S**

## FAVORITE PLACE TO GRAB A BURGER

**SMITTY'S GARAGE BURGERS & BEER**

With mouth-watering options like the Sticky Finger (PB, bacon bits, sweet jalapeno relish and cheddar) and the BBQ Bacon Theta, Smitty's Garage takes burgers to the next level! What's more, all burgers come with your choice of protein, including vegetarian options. eatatthegarage.com

### FINALISTS

**RON'S HAMBURGERS & CHILI**

**ARNOLD'S OLD FASHIONED HAMBURGERS**

## FAVORITE ETHNIC RESTAURANT

**LANNA THAI RESTAURANT**

Lanna Thai has been a local since its establishment in 1998, even receiving national recognition as one of the 50 best Thai restaurants in the U.S. Patrons can enjoy authentic Thai food like curries and stir-fries. Kids can choose between Khao-Pad (Thai Fried Rice) and Peek Gai Tod (Chicken Wings). lannathaitulsa.com

### FINALISTS

**DESI WOK**

**INDIA PALACE**

## FAVORITE HEALTHY EATING RESTAURANT

**ZOËS KITCHEN**

Healthy eating is a treat when you're eating at Zoës! Serving fresh Mediterranean food like falafels and lamb, Zoe's has a large menu packed with gluten free, vegetarian and vegan options. Don't feel like cooking dinner? Check out their family meals! zoeskitchen.com



SMITTY'S GARAGE BURGERS & BEER



HIDEAWAY PIZZA

### FINALISTS

**TAZIKI'S MEDITERRANEAN CAFÉ**

**JASON'S DELI**

## FAVORITE KID'S MEAL

**CHICK-FIL-A**

Most kids probably consider themselves fans of the chicken nugget. For a healthier choice, Chick-fil-A also offers a grilled nuggets kid's meal. But our thing about Chick-fil-A's kid's meals is that they come with books or engaging activities you'll actually be excited to bring home! chick-fil-a.com

### FINALISTS

**THE BROOK RESTAURANT AND BAR**

**MCALISTER'S DELI**

## FAVORITE DELIVERY SERVICE

**DOOR DASH**

The pandemic really drove home (get it?!) just how convenient a food delivery service can be! Door Dash has an easy-to-navigate app and tons of local favorites to choose from, from fast food to fine dining. doordash.com

### FINALISTS

**INSTACART**

**GRUBHUB**

## FAVORITE FAMILY MEAL DEAL

**TED'S CAFÉ ESCONDIDO**

Ted's Party Packs are "the perfect family meal"! Choose from tacos, enchiladas and fajitas. All Party Packs can be ordered to serve five or ten people, starting at $49.99. tedscafe.com/party-packs

### FINALISTS

**CHARLESTON'S**

**TAZIKI'S MEDITERRANEAN CAFÉ**



ANDOLINI'S PIZZERIA

## FAVORITE COFFEE SHOP

**ROCKET BROTHERS**

Where would we be without our morning cup of joe? Rocket Brothers has two convenient locations, one in Broken Arrow and one at 61st and Mingo. Rocket Brothers serves all the classics, from drip coffee to cappuccino, as well as Italian sodas and specialty hot chocolates. rocketbrotherscoffee.com

### FINALISTS

**COFFEE HOUSE ON CHERRY STREET**

**SHADES OF BROWN COFFEE & ART**

## FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT BREAKFAST

**NEIGHBORHOOD JA.M.**

Start your morning with a trip to Neighborhood JA.M., and you're practically guaranteed an amazing day. The décor is bright and cheerful, and the menu includes over-the-top sweet and savory options, like the Crab Cake Benny and Pineapple Bourbon Cakes. Plus, they have a variety of cocktails and boozy coffee beverages! thatsmyjamok.com

### FINALISTS

**TALLY'S GOOD FOOD CAFÉ**

**BRAMBLE BREAKFAST & BAR**

## FAVORITE PLACE TO PURCHASE DONUTS

**DAYLIGHT DONUTS**

No matter where you're at in Tulsa, chances are, you're near a Daylight Donuts. Established in 1954 by Tommy and Lucille Day, Daylight Donuts started in Tulsa and has since become a national and international favorite. The secret? The Days' unique, light donut recipe. daylightdonuts.com

### FINALISTS

**OK COUNTRY DONUT SHOPPE LTD**

**HURTS DONUT TULSA**

## FAVORITE FOOD TRUCK

**ANDOLINI'S PIZZERIA**

Andolini's was a finalist for Place to Get Pizza, so it's no surprise that people love Andolini's food truck! They serve made-on-the-spot pizza by the slice, making it fast and easy to get your pizza fix without sacrificing the quality people expect from Andolini's restaurants. andotrucktulsa.com

### FINALISTS

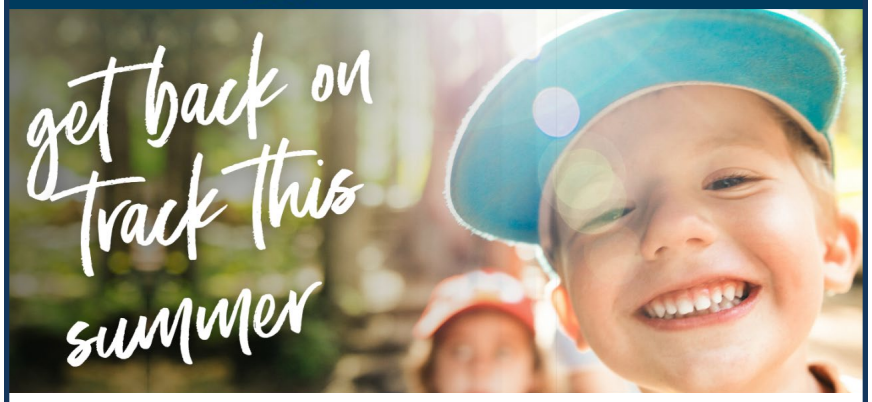
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# EDUCATION & ENRICHMENT




## FAVORITE SWIM LESSONS

**MILLER SWIM SCHOOL**

Miller Swim School is a family-owned business founded by Larry and Rita Millller in 1960. According to their website, the Millers have taught at least 300,000 Tulsans how to swim! They are passionate about ending the drowning epidemic through year-round, high quality swimming lessons with locations in Tulsa and Jenks. millerswimschool.com

## FINALISTS

**SAFESPLASH + SWIMLABS SWIM SCHOOL**

**DENISE WESTFALL — ORU**

# EDUCATION & ENRICHMENT

## FAVORITE PRESCHOOL

**KIRK OF THE HILLS PRESCHOOL**

Kirk of the Hills Preschool has been serving local families for more than 50 years. Their philosophy is that "children learn best when they feel safe and loved and are given many opportunities to play and learn simultaneously." They enroll ages 6 months to 5 years. thekirk.com/preschool

### FINALISTS

**MINGO VALLEY CHRISTIAN**

**ASBURY PRESCHOOL**

## FAVORITE CHILDCARE

**HAPPY CAMPERS ACADEMY**

With three locations in midtown Tulsa, Happy Campers offers a child-led curriculum that encourages kids to learn by doing. They serve ages infants through PreK, with a preschool curriculum designed to prepare young learners for kindergarten. happycampersacademy.com

### FINALISTS

**MINGO VALLEY CHRISTIAN**

**RHEMA CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

## FAVORITE PRIVATE ELEMENTARY

**METRO CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**

Metro Christian Academy has programs from early childhood through high school. But it's their elementary school in particular that secured their Family Favorites win! With a strong emphasis on core academics, as well as "encore opportunities" — P.E., Spanish, etc., — MCA's elementary school focuses on "maximizing the unique potential of every child." metroca.com

### FINALISTS

**MISS HELEN'S PRIVATE SCHOOL**

**MINGO VALLEY CHRISTIAN**

## FAVORITE PRIVATE MIDDLE SCHOOL

**MONTE CASSINO SCHOOL**

An education at Monte Cassino's Middle School gives students the groundwork they need to excel in high school. The teaching staff is highly trained; most have master's degrees or have taught at the high school level. High-achieving students can take honors classes beginning in 6th grade. montecassino.org

### FINALISTS

**METRO CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**

**LINCOLN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

## FAVORITE PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOL

**BISHOP KELLEY HIGH SCHOOL**

Founded in 1960, Bishop Kelley is "A Life Preparatory School." In addition to stellar academic programs, Bishop Kelley students can participate in numerous clubs, such as National Honor Society, Creative Writing Club, and service clubs. There are multiple leadership opportunities as well. bishopkelley.org

### FINALISTS

**HOLLAND HALL**

**METRO CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**

## FAVORITE IN-STATE SUMMER CAMP

**NEW LIFE RANCH**

New Life Ranch is a classic summer camp, offering horseback riding, canoeing, rock climbing and much more! There is a strong emphasis on creating meaningful relationships and spiritual growth as well. In addition to overnight camps, New Life Ranch offers day camp, horse camps, retreat space and leadership development. newliferanch.com

### FINALISTS

**CAMP LOUGHRIDGE**

**CAMP TALLCHIEF — GIRL SCOUTS OF EASTERN OKLAHOMA**

## FAVORITE OUT-OF-STATE SUMMER CAMP

**KANAKUK**

Kids will have a blast at Kanakuk! Estabiiished in 1926, this long-running camp in Branson, Missouri, offers over 70 sports activities, including archery, sailing, and both a wet and dry zipline. If an overnight camp isn't for you, check out KampOut!, one-week day camps offered throughout Oklahoma. kanakuk.com

### FINALISTS

**CAMP OZARK**

**CAMP WAR EAGLE**

## FAVORITE YOUTH THEATRE

**THEATRE TULSA**

Does your kid have a flair for the dramatic? Theatre Tulsa Academy, with options for children ages 5-18, can help develop their acting, singing and dancing skills. With high expectations and professional instructors, Theatre Tulsa Academy combines fun with valuable performing experience. theatretulsa.org

### FINALISTS

**THEATRE ARTS**

**SPOTLIGHT CHILDREN'S THEATRE**



MONTE CASSINO SCHOOL

## FAVORITE GYMNASTICS/ CHEER/DANCE

**SOUTH TULSA DANCE CO.**

Whether your child is in it to win it or just wants to have fun, South Tulsa Dance Co. has a program for them, including four competitive programs for ages 5–18. Parents can even work out in the on-site gym while their child is in class! southtulsadanceco.com

### FINALISTS

**THE LITTLE GYM OF SE TULSA**

**TIPPI TOES TULSA**

## FAVORITE MARTIAL ARTS STUDIO

**APOLLO'S MARTIAL ARTS**

Learning martial arts can not only help kids stay active, it can help them learn important life skills like confidence and self-control. This personal development is a key focus of Apollo's Martial Arts programs, offered for kids ages 4 to adult. apolloskarate.com

### FINALISTS

**GOLDEN DRAGON TAEKWONDO**

**CHRISTIAN KARATE ACADEMY**

## FAVORITE PLACE TO LEARN SOCCER

**SOCCERCITY**

SoccerCity's Li'l Kickers program (ages 18 months to 9 years) teaches soccer fundamentals through fun, age-appropriate activities. Furthermore, the program is designed to help kids mature physically, mentally and emotionally, so that they find success both in class and beyond. They also offer classes for older children through adults. soccercitytulsa.com

### FINALISTS

**CITY OF TULSA PARKS AND RECREATION**

**SOCCER SHOTS**



SAIED MUSIC CO.

## FAVORITE SOCCER CLUB

**METRO TULSA SOCCER CLUB UNITED**

MTsc offers competitive, try-out-based leagues for children ages 10.5 to 18 years old, as well as friendship/recreational teams and a Special Needs Soccer League for ages 3.5 to 18 years. Parents of toddlers may want to learn more about the Mommy or Daddy & Me program for ages 1.5 to 3.5 years. metrotulsasoccer.com

### FINALISTS

**TULSA SOCCER CLUB**

**BROKEN ARROW SOCCER CLUB**

## FAVORITE MUSIC PROGRAM OR LESSONS

**SAIED MUSIC CO.**

Saied Music Co. has long been a trusted resource for musical instruments, sheet music and other musical needs. But they also offer affordable private lessons for pretty much any instrument you can think of, as well as group lessons in violin, piano and guitar. saiedmusic.com

### FINALISTS

**ANTHEM ROAD ACADEMY**

**MIDTOWN SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS**

## FAVORITE ART PROGRAM OR LESSONS

**PHILBROOK MUSEUM OF ART**

With free admission for kids 17 and under, and an ever-evolving roster of kid-friendly, creative activities, it's no wonder local parents love Philbrook Museum! Find at-home family art activities on their YouTube channel, or visit philbrook.org/calendar for upcoming events like Little Garden Explorers! philbrook.org

### FINALISTS

**AHHA TULSA**

**TULSA ART CENTER**

## FAVORITE TUTORING

**LAVENDER'S BLEU LITERACY MARKET**

Students ages PreK through 12th grade can sharpen their literacy skills at Lavender's Bleu Literacy Market. Not only are tutoring rooms engaging, with colorful murals, the instructors are all Certified Reading Specialists with master's degrees or higher. Visit their website to learn how to schedule a free assessment. lbliteracymarket.com

### FINALISTS

**BRAIN BALANCE CENTER OF TULSA**

**MATHNASIUM**

## FAVORITE PLACE FOR STORY TIME

**TULSA CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY**

Even during the pandemic, Tulsa City-County Library continued to offer virtual story times through Facebook and YouTube, including bilingual and family storytimes. TCCL librarians are passionate about their work and experts at keeping kids engaged through fun stories, songs and other activities. tulsalibrary.org

### FINALISTS

**LAVENDER'S BLEU LITERACY MARKET**

**ELEANOR'S BOOKSHOP**


TULSA CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY STORY TIME








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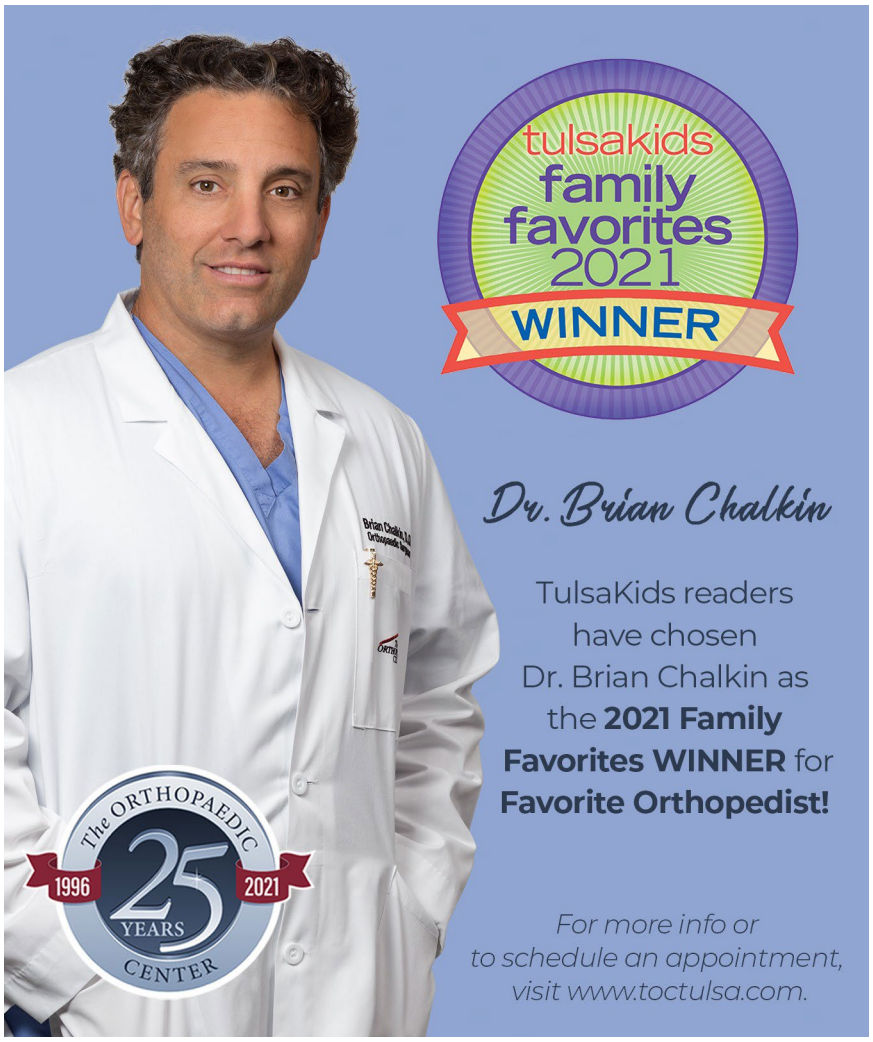
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Dr. Brian Chalkin

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*For more info or to schedule an appointment, visit www.toctulsa.com.*

# STAYING HEALTHY

## FAVORITE KID-FRIENDLY DENTIST

**ON THE CUSP PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY**

Founded by Dr. Ryan Roberts in 2012, On the Cusp is uniquely qualified in pediatric dentistry to give young patients a comfortable, supportive experience. On the Cusp professionals can guide you through your child's dental health needs and answer any questions you have. They even offer orthodontics treatment, if necessary. onthecuspdds.com

## FINALISTS

**FOX BROERMANN PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY OF TULSA**

**MORROW, LAI AND KITTERMAN TULSA CHILDREN'S DENTISTRY**

# STAYING HEALTHY


BIRTH & BEYOND PEDIATRICS

## FAVORITE PEDIATRICIAN

**BIRTH & BEYOND PEDIATRICS**

For seven years this pediatric group has been a TulsaKids Family Favorite. Truly a family practice that embraces your family, Drs. Sanjiv, Alka and Umang Sood are board certified with the American Academy of Pediatrics. They are ready to partner with you to care for your child. birthandbeyondpediatrics.com

### FINALISTS

**TULSA PEDIATRIC GROUP**

**DR. STACY O'SULLIVAN, PEDIATRIC SPECIALISTS OF TULSA**


DR. STEPHANIE D. BURLESON

## FAVORITE FAMILY DOCTOR

**DR. STEPHANIE D BURLESON, D.O., WARREN CLINIC**

Stephanie Burleson, DO, is a Family Medicine Specialist with Warren Clinic — South Memorial. She has over 21 years of experience in treating patients, who say she listens carefully to their health concerns. saintfrancis.com

### FINALISTS

**DR. DUSTIN CUPP, ASCENSION ST. JOHN**

**DR. DAVID KONDOS, UTICA PARK CLINIC**

## FAVORITE OB/GYN

**DR. SARAH SHEPHERD, OB/GYN SPECIALISTS OF TULSA**

A native Tulsan and mother, Dr. Shepherd is an award-winning physician who understands the unique healthcare needs of women from both a professional and personal perspective. From gynecological services for every stage of life to obstetric services, readers chose Dr. Shepherd as their healthcare partner. ogstulsa.com

### FINALISTS

**DR. COLE NILSON, TULSA WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE**

**DR. JENNIFER DONNELLY, TULSA OB/GYN ASSOCIATES**

## FAVORITE OPTOMETRIST

**HARREL EYE CARE**

With three locations, Harrel Eye Care offers convenient care for everyone in the family, from kids to grandparents. Not only do they provide eye exams, contacts and glasses, Harrel Eye Care has vision therapy for children as well as custom-made lenses for hard-to-fit patients. harreleyecare.com

### FINALISTS

**DR. JEFF LONG'S CHILDREN AND FAMILY EYE CARE**

**DOWNTOWN TULSA EYE CARE**

## FAVORITE ORTHODONTIST

**DR. CLINT EMERSON, EMERSON ORTHODONTICS**

Children and adults can get the smile they deserve with Emerson Orthodontics, serving Tulsa and Broken Arrow. Dr. Emerson has a caring staff, comfortable offices and has been voted Orthodontist by TulsaKids' readers year after year. emersonbraces.com

### FINALISTS

**ON THE CUSP PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY**

**KIRKPATRICK & LAI ORTHODONTICS**

## FAVORITE ALLERGIST

**DR. JAMES T. LOVE, ALLERGY CLINIC OF TULSA**

Board certified and Peidatrics in Allergy/Clinical Immunology, Dr. Love is the experienced professional readers turn to when their children are suffering from allergies. He is a past-president of the Oklahoma Allergy and Asthma Society, and a Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the OU Health Sciences Center in Tulsa. allergyclinicoftulsa.com

### FINALISTS

**DR. KATHRYN BROWN, ALLERGY CLINIC OF TULSA**

**DR. LYNN WIENS OF WARREN CLINIC ALLERGY AND IMMUNOLOGY**

## FAVORITE ENT

**DR. ATUL VAIDYA, TULSA SPINE & SPECIALTY HOSPITAL**

Dr. Vaidya grew up in Chickasha, OK, graduated from Brown University and received his M.D. degree from the University of Oklahoma. Experienced in all aspects of ear nose and throat surgery, Dr. Vaidya's special interests are pediatric otolaryngology and nasal and sinus surgery. tulsaspinehospital.com

### FINALISTS

**DR. EVAN MOORE, EASTERN OKLAHOMA ENT**

**DR. WILLIAM H. HAWKINS, TULSA SPINE & SPECIALTY HOSPITAL**

## FAVORITE THERAPIST (PHYSICAL HEALTH)

**THERAPYWORKS**

A pediatric clinic offering speech, feeding, occupational, physical and school therapy, TherapyWorks offers parents a one-stop location for a variety of therapies in a state-of-the-art, 12,000 square-foot facility. therapyworkstulsa.com

### FINALISTS

**SPEECH AND BEYOND PEDIATRIC THERAPY**

**PHYSICAL THERAPY OF TULSA**




## FAVORITE ORTHOPEDIST

**DR. BRIAN CHALKIN, THE ORTHOPAEDIC CENTER**

Dr. Chalkin is a board certified, fellowship-trained hand and upper extremity surgeon and orthopaedic surgeon who lectures nationally and trains OSU Orthopaedic Surgery residents state-of-the-art techniques in hand, elbow and shoulder surgery. toctulsa.com

### FINALISTS

**DR. CALEB NUNLEY, TULSA BONE & JOINT**

**DR. JASON GRIFFIN, TULSA BONE & JOINT**

## FAVORITE THERAPIST (MENTAL HEALTH)

**LISA HART, LCSW, COUNSELING SERVICES OF TULSA**

Lisa takes a wholistic approach to counseling that integrates health, wellness and spiritual well-being, while emphasizing evidenced-based treatments in her therapeutic approach. counselingservicesoftulsa.com

### FINALISTS

**DR. SCOTT MOSEMAN OF LAUREATE EATING DISORDERS PROGRAM**

**DR. BEA KELLER-DUPREE, ENRICHMENT COUNSELING & CONSULTATION**

## FAVORITE CHIROPRACTOR

**FREE SPIRIT CHIROPRACTIC**

Free Spirit's mission statement is "To elevate the health within the Tulsa Community and empower families to live unconstrained by society." They offer unique services to pregnant moms, infants, kids, families and individuals in a loving, respectful environment. freespiritchiropractic.com

### FINALISTS

**DR. CASSIDY MEREDITH, THRIVE CHIROPRACTIC CLINIC**

**DR. RYAN MARSHALL, MARSHALL CHIROPRACTIC**

## FAVORITE HOSPITAL

**SAINT FRANCIS HOSPITAL**

You can't miss the large pink structure that dominates the corner of 61st & Yale in Tulsa. Known for compassionate, comprehensive care, Saint Francis Hospital supports family health from birth to old age. The Children's Hospital at Saint Francis has physicians and staff that are trained to treat children's unique needs and illnesses. saintfrancis.com

### FINALISTS

**ASCENSION ST. JOHN HILLCREST MEDICAL CENTER**

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Saint Francis Hospital

**FAVORITE PRE-NATAL AND POST-PARTUM CLASSES:**
Saint Francis Hospital

**FAVORITE PLACE TO HAVE A BABY:**
Saint Francis Hospital

**FAVORITE FAMILY FRIENDLY GYM:**
Health Zone at Saint Francis

**FAVORITE FAMILY DOCTOR:**
Stephanie Burleson, D.O.
Warren Clinic

**FAVORITE ALLERGIST:**
Lynn Wiens, M.D.
Warren Clinic Allergy and Immunology

**FAVORITE MENTAL HEALTH THERAPIST:**
Scott Moseman, M.D.
Laureate Eating Disorders Program






**WEDNESDAYS**

**Little Garden Explorers**
Drop-in between 9:30–11:30 a.m. (Outside, open-ended play for kids 5 and under and their caregivers.)

**THURSDAYS**

**Storytime** 10 a.m., **Fish Feeding** 10:30 a.m.

**FRIDAYS**

**Family Nature Walk** 10 a.m.

**SATURDAYS**

**Family Fun with Sprinkler Saturday!**
10 a.m.–12 p.m. Bring your swimsuit and towel. Look for more Saturday fun events on our calendar, including art-making workshops, concerts with Hot Toast Music Co, and Saturday Storytime.

**Capacities limited. Advance tickets recommended.**
philbrook.org/calendar

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# FAMILY FUN & TRAVEL




## FAVORITE MUSEUM

**DISCOVERY LAB**

Families have been flocking to Discovery Lab since its doors opened in 2013. This hands-on science museum offers kids a place to explore the world through rotating educational exhibitions and ongoing activities. Follow @discoverylab on social media for updates on the opening of their new location at Gathering Place, coming late 2021! discoverylab.org

## FINALISTS

**PHILBROOK MUSEUM OF ART, TULSA AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM & PLANETARIUM**

# FAMILY FUN & TRAVEL

## FAVORITE LOCAL ATTRACTION

**GATHERING PLACE**

It's no shock that Gathering Place was voted Local Attraction! In addition to everyday kid-friendly fun such as the 5-acre Chapman Adventure Playground, Gathering Place recently brought back an incredible lineup of weekly and monthly activities, including fitness classes, storytime and more. gatheringplace.org

### FINALISTS

**TULSA ZOO**

**OKLAHOMA AQUARIUM**

## FAVORITE LOCAL PROFESSIONAL/ SEMI-PROFESSIONAL SPORTS TEAM

**TULSA DRILLERS**

Take the whole family out to the ballgame! Tulsa Drillers' home base, ONEOK Field, features a splash pad and play area perfect for young fans. Plus, the Drillers offer frequent family perks such as Kids Eat Free nights, fireworks, etc. And beloved mascot Hornsby will keep everyone entertained! tulsadrillers.com

### FINALISTS

**OKLAHOMA CITY THUNDER**

**FC TULSA**

## FAVORITE LOCAL PARK/ PLACE TO GET OUTSIDE

**GATHERING PLACE**

Gathering Place not only rose to the top for Local Park, it was voted Best City Park in the nation by USA Today Readers in 2021. With unique features like towering castles and a pirate ship, there's always a good reason to gather at Gathering Place. gatheringplace.org

### FINALISTS

**TURKEY MOUNTAIN**

**HAIKEY CREEK PARK**

## FAVORITE STATE PARK

**ROBBERS CAVE STATE PARK**

Infamous outlaws Jesse James and Belle Starr once used Robbers Cave as a hideout. Today, it's the ultimate destination for nature-loving families! Featuring activities like disc golf, paddle boat rental, rock climbing and much more, there's something for everyone at Robbers Cave State Park. travelok.com

### FINALISTS

**NATURAL FALLS STATE PARK**

**KEYSTONE STATE PARK**

## FAVORITE PLACE TO CAMP IN OKLAHOMA

**BROKEN BOW**

According to their website, Broken Bow is "the gateway city to Broken Bow Lake, Beavers Bend Resort Park, the Mountain Fork and Glover Rivers, and the Ouachita National Forest." Broken Bow truly is a rich area for families seeking to experience Oklahoma's natural beauty. brokenbowchamber.com

### FINALISTS

**ROBBERS CAVE STATE PARK**

**KEYSTONE STATE PARK**

## FAVORITE WEEKEND GETAWAY

**BRANSON, MISSOURI**

Known as a mecca for live music and entertainment, it's no wonder TulsaKids readers love Branson, Missouri! Other attractions include the Titanic Museum Attraction, multiple zip line options, the Hollywood Wax Museum — and of course, Silver Dollar City, an 1880s-inspired, state-of-the-art theme park! explorebranson.com



GATHERING PLACE

### FINALISTS

**EUREKA SPRINGS, ARKANSAS**

**BROKEN BOW**

## FAVORITE HOTEL IN TULSA

**HARD ROCK HOTEL & CASINO TULSA**

Whether or not you want to practice your poker face, there are plenty of reasons to stay at Tulsa's Hard Rock Hotel. With multiple entertainment options, including a dance hall, a variety of on-site restaurants, plus a luxurious spa and gym, Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tulsa… rocks! hardrockcasinotulsa.com

### FINALISTS

**AMBASSADOR HOTEL TULSA**

**STONEY CREEK HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER**

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## FAVORITE PLACE TO BUY AN RV

**DAVE'S CLAREMORE RV**

Remote work and distance learning made the mobile lifestyle an intriguing option for families during 2020. But even if you're just wanting to camp in style and comfort, visit Dave's Claremore RV, a family-owned business that prides itself on stellar customer service. davesrv.com

### FINALISTS

**BOB HURLEY RV**

**CAMPING WORLD OF TULSA**

## FAVORITE PLACE TO PLAY INDOORS

**DISCOVERY LAB**

Two words: Tape Slide. Discovery Lab's legendary tape slide and tunnels, constructed using 16+ miles of packing tape, are a huge hit with kids! Plus, their new 50,000-square-foot location (coming late 2021), will draw in even more families, with a café, additional room to play, and Education Center. discoverylab.org

### FINALISTS

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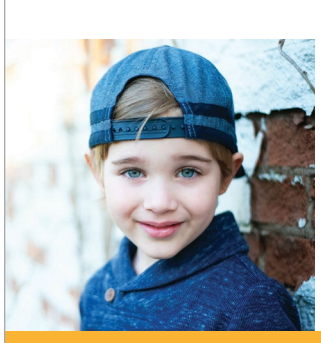
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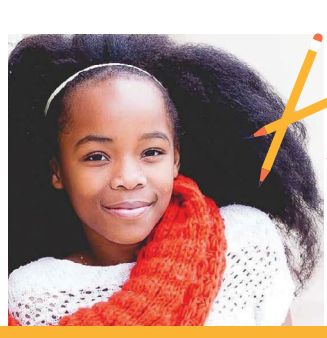
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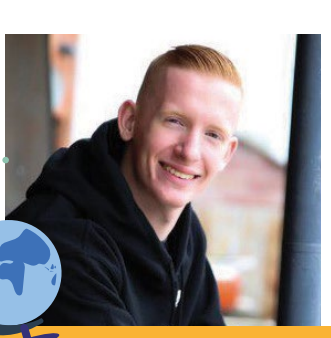
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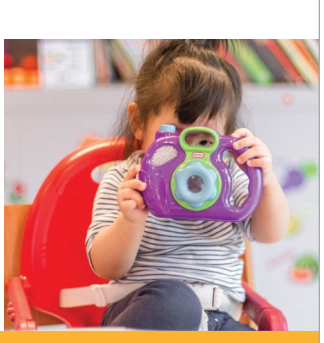
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# BIRTHDAY PARTIES

## FAVORITE LOCALLY OWNED PLACE TO BUY CHILDREN'S GIFTS

**KIDDLESTIX TOY STORE**

A thoughtful gift is as much of a joy to give as it is to receive, especially when a child is the recipient. While there are many places to buy children's gifts, Kiddlestix stands out for its carefully chosen selection of toys, games, books, and décor that will delight and engage children of all ages and developmental stages. kiddlestixtoys.com

## FINALISTS

**TULSA TOY DEPOT**

**LEARNING EXPRESS TOYS**

# BIRTHDAY PARTIES

## FAVORITE KID'S PARTY ENTERTAINER

**ONCE UPON A CROWN CHARACTER PARTIES AND EVENTS**

Do you have a little one who dreams of celebrating their birthday with Elsa, Spider-Man, or another character? Since 2017, Once Upon a Crown has been trusted by Green Country families to make their children's dreams come to life. With character impersonators who excel at interacting with children through games, crafts, and performances, Once Upon a Crown provides birthday experiences your little ones will remember for many years to come. onceuponacrownevents.com

### FINALISTS

**NEXT LEVEL BALLOONS**

**DUSTIN THE BALLOON GUY OF TULSA BALLOONS**

## FAVORITE BIRTHDAY PARTY VENUE

**ADVENTURE AVENUE**

The stale backyard birthday party tradition is a thing of the past! Take the party to Adventure Avenue, where children embark on an adventure in a tiny town that's made for imaginative role-play and endless discoveries. With a fire station, restaurant, pet shop, magnetic stem wall, farmer's market, giant Lite-Brite and so much more, Adventure Avenue is the perfect place for birthday fun. adventureavenue.com

### FINALISTS

**THE LITTLE GYM OF SE TULSA**

**MY LITTLE DOLLHOUSE**

## FAVORITE LOCALLY OWNED PLACE TO BUY PARTY TREATS

**OKCOOKIEMOMSTER**

The search is over for out-of-this-world cookies that will turn everyone's blue Cookie Monster green with envy. With flavors ranging from confetti cake batter and butterscotch to seasonal varieties and classics like chocolate chip, OKCookieMomster is our readers' destination for delectable birthday party treats. okcookiemomster.com

### FINALISTS

**BARBEE COOKIES**

**KUPCAKZ BAKERY**

## FAVORITE LAWN DÉCOR BUSINESS

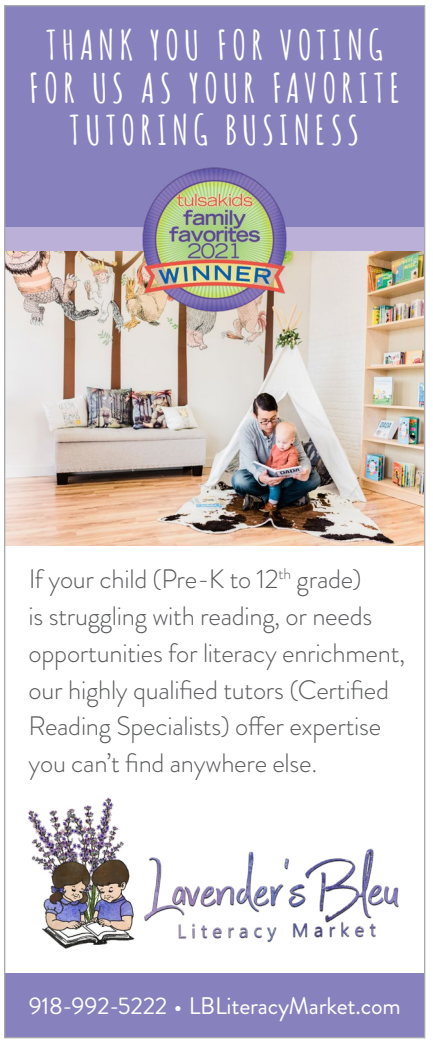
**SIGN GYPSIES**

Lawn décor became all the rage during the pandemic and the enthusiasm is here to stay. You simply can't beat the smiles brought on when a birthday child sees a giant message in their yard on their special day. Sign Gypsies has locations throughout Green Country and specializes in creating, installing, and taking down custom yard greetings that will bring joy to any birthday child. signgypsies.com

### FINALISTS

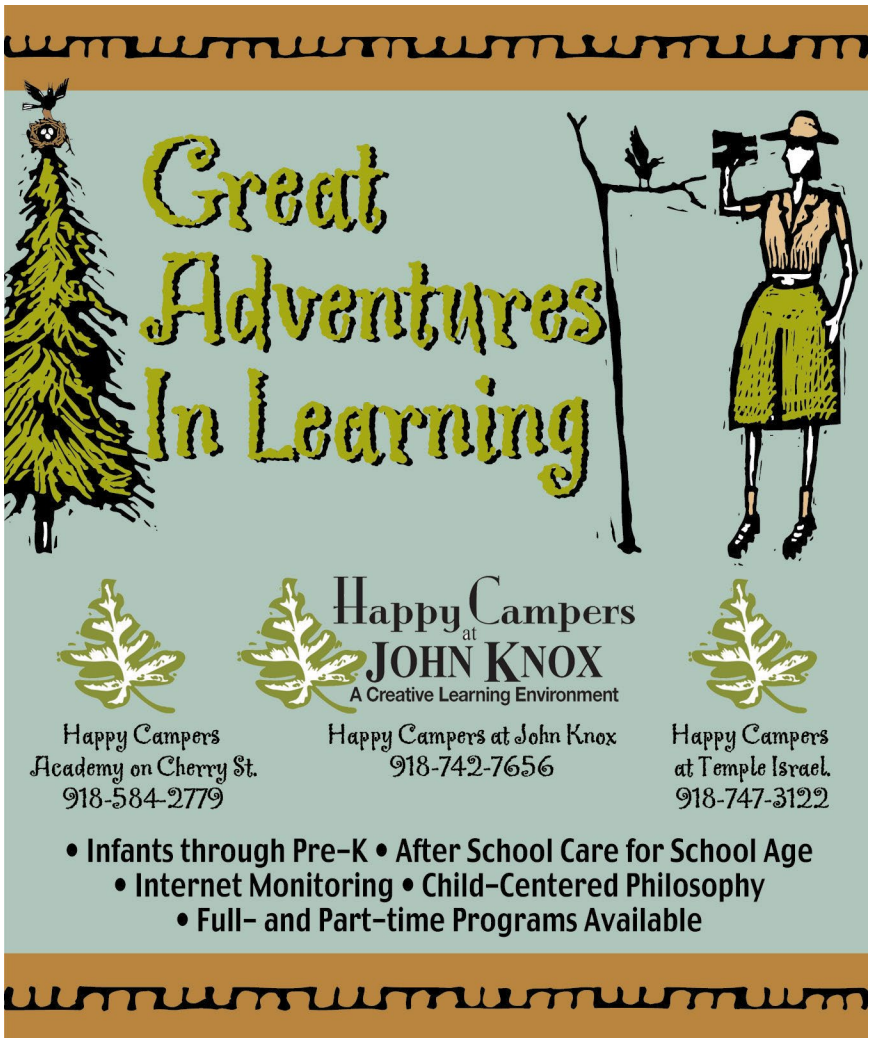
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# SHOP LOCAL



## FAVORITE LOCALLY OWNED BOOKSTORE

**GARDNER'S USED BOOKS**

Nothing beats the magic of a real book in hand! If you're looking for a bookstore that has everything — and we mean everything — stop by Oklahoma's largest used bookstore. Gardner's has a massive selection of books, DVDs, video games, comics, and music as well as hard-to-find books and media. gardnersbooks.com

## FINALISTS

**MAGIC CITY BOOKS**

**LAVENDER'S BLEU LITERACY MARKET**

# SHOP LOCAL

## FAVORITE LOCALLY OWNED PLACE TO BUY CHILDREN'S CLOTHES

**ONCE UPON A CHILD**

Ensuring our children have a selection of good-quality, sharp-looking outfits shouldn't come with a huge price tag. Once Upon a Child makes it a breeze for families to find gently used clothing, shoes, and toys for their children without breaking the bank. onceuponachild.com

### FINALISTS

**KATHLEEN'S KIDS**

**LOLLY GARDEN**

## FAVORITE LOCALLY OWNED MOM'S BOUTIQUE

**J. SPENCER**

Do the majority of your shopping trips revolve around your kids, groceries, or someone other than you? Carve out some well-deserved time for yourself to stop by J. Spencer, where shoppers will find a beautiful, unique array of everything from clothing and shoes to jewelry and other accessories, as well as friendly, knowledgeable staff who make your unique style their priority. shopjspencer.com

### FINALISTS

**BLACK SHEEP BOUTIQUE**

**RAGS & RICHES**

**LIFESTYLE BOUTIQUE**

## FAVORITE CONSIGNMENT SHOP OR SALE

**ONCE UPON A CHILD**

It's another win for Once Upon a Child, the children's resale clothing store parents and families know they can count on for quality, affordable clothing and shoes for their little ones! Plus, growth spurts and outgrown clothes are less of a monetary headache, as Once Upon a Child will pay you for your child's gently used items! onceuponachild.com

### FINALISTS

**JUST BETWEEN FRIENDS**

**RHEA LANA'S**

## FAVORITE LOCALLY OWNED GIFT SHOP

**IDA RED**

On a gift hunt for the person who has everything? Check out Ida Red, "Oklahoma's general store," and discover an eclectic collection of items sure to make anyone's day. Located on both Brookside and the Arts District, Ida Red offers everything from Oklahoma-made treats and imaginative gifts for kids, to items that conjure up nostalgia for days gone by. idaredgeneralstore.com

### FINALISTS

**VINTAGE PEARL**

**AMBER MARIE & CO.**

## FAVORITE FLORIST

**TONI'S FLOWERS & GIFTS**

A beautifully arranged bouquet is always a great idea for honoring loved ones who have reached milestones, from new moms to recent graduates. Family-owned and operated, Toni's Flowers & Gifts has been the florist for almost four decades, and for good reason! Toni's stands out with friendly, knowledgeable staff; floral quality and arrangement craftsmanship; and an array of specialty services including dried floral arrangements, gourmet and fruit baskets, and an extensive line of gifts. tonisflowersgifts.com

### FINALISTS

**MARY MURRAY'S FLOWERS**

**STEMS, LLC**

## FAVORITE PLACE TO BUY ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT

**ACADEMY SPORTS + OUTDOORS**

Sports are a family affair in Oklahoma and whether you need gear and equipment for an athletic child or stadium-ready clothing for attending a game, Academy is your one-stop shop where you'll find everything you are looking for, including athletic apparel and shoes from top brands, outdoor equipment like bikes and kayaks, and everything you need for supporting home practice sessions of every sport imaginable. academy.com

### FINALISTS

**DICK'S SPORTING GOODS**

**PLAY IT AGAIN SPORTS**

## FAVORITE SHOPPING MALL OR DISTRICT

**TULSA HILLS SHOPPING CENTER**

Why travel all over town trying to accomplish your shopping goals when you can find everything on your list and then some at Tulsa Hills? Conveniently located, Tulsa Hills provides shoppers with a bounty of options to pick up whatever they need, be it groceries, cosmetics, clothing, books, jewelry, athletic equipment, office supplies, or self-care treatments. Plus, Tulsa Hills houses a variety of great dining options. shoptulsahills.com

### FINALISTS

**UTICA SQUARE**

**ROSE DISTRICT**



ONCE UPON A CHILD

# ALL ABOUT BABY

## FAVORITE PLACE TO BUY BABY GIFTS

**PEEK A BOO BABY**

Peek A Boo Baby prides itself on having a well trained staff, a broad selection of trendy baby items and a safety-first mindset. Find everything from nursery furniture to the perfect outfit for your newborn's first photo session. A play area will keep littles entertained while you shop! peekaboostores.com

## FINALISTS

**KIDDLESTIX TOYS**

**LOLLY GARDEN**

# ALL ABOUT BABY

## FAVORITE PRE-NATAL/ POST-PARTUM CLASSES

**SAINT FRANCIS HOSPITAL**

Childbirth classes class can alleviate anxiety over the labor and delivery process, allowing expectant parents to spend more time joyfully anticipating baby's arrival! Saint Francis offers both Childbirth and Breastfeeding Basics courses, with both virtual and in-person options. saintfrancis.com

### FINALISTS

**BREATHE BIRTH AND WELLNESS**

**ASCENSION ST. JOHN**

## FAVORITE PLACE TO HAVE A BABY

**SAINT FRANCIS HOSPITAL**

Saint Francis Hospital wins again! According to their website, Saint Francis staff and providers assist with more than 4,000 births each year, so moms-to-be can rest assured that they and their baby are in experienced hands! A virtual video tour showcases comfortable, private post-partum rooms and caring staff. saintfrancis.com

### FINALISTS

**ASCENSION ST. JOHN**

**BREATHE BIRTH AND WELLNESS**

## FAVORITE MIDWIFE

**KIM KMITA, BREATHE BIRTH AND WELLNESS**

With more than 25 years of experience in labor and delivery, Kim Kmita is a key part of Breathe Birth and Wellness' mission of "empowering women through modern midwifery care." Tulsa-area moms trust Kmita to provide compassionate, expert care. breathebirthandwellness.com

### FINALISTS

**RUTH COBB, SPECIAL DELIVERY BIRTH CENTER**

**REGINA KIZER, BREATHE BIRTH AND WELLNESS**



TARYN STARKEY, THE PHOTO DOULA

## FAVORITE NEWBORN PHOTOGRAPHER

**TARYN STARKEY, THE PHOTO DOULA**

Taryn Starkey is a true newborn photographer. In addition to high quality infant portraits, she can capture unique details from your baby's entry into the world through her birth photography service. She is also a trained doula whose presence can inspire confidence and calm. thephotodoula.com

### FINALISTS

**AMBER GREGG PHOTOGRAPHY**

**MEAGAN READY PHOTOGRAPHY**



SAINT FRANCIS HOSPITAL

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# HOME IMPROVEMENT



## FAVORITE INTERIOR DESIGNER

**MICHELLE HARRISON WITH LUXE TULSA**

A good interior designer is a partner in the process of creating the look you want. Readers chose Michelle as their top choice to transform their home interior to fit their vision. www.luxetulsa.com

## FINALISTS

**EMILY DAVIS**

**BAILEY AUSTIN DESIGN**

# HOME IMPROVEMENT

## FAVORITE LOCALLY OWNED APPLIANCE STORE

**HAHN APPLIANCE CENTER**

Washers, dryers, refrigerators, ovens, dishwashers — families always need appliances and TulsaKids readers chose locally owned Hahn as their place to buy or replace any major appliance with their top brands. hahnappliance.com

### FINALISTS

**WESTLAKE ACE HARDWARE**

**METRO APPLIANCES & MORE**

## FAVORITE FURNITURE STORE

**MATHIS BROTHERS FURNITURE**

Families find everything they need for every room in the house, including rugs, outdoor furniture and décor, at Mathis Brothers. Visit the store and browse, or schedule an appointment with an advisor. Families find inspiration at Mathis Bros. mathisbrothers.com

### FINALISTS

**LUXE FURNITURE & DESIGN**

**ASHLEY HOMESTORE**

## FAVORITE RENOVATOR

**REHOME REMODELING & CONSTRUCTION**

Readers chose ReHome as their remodeling service for interior or exterior construction. The offer free quotes, financing and good communication throughout the project, whether it's a kitchen redo or a backyard pergola. rehomeok.com

### FINALISTS

**ROSSI BROTHERS COMPANY**

**AFFORDABLE REMODELING SERVICES INC.**

## FAVORITE HOME CLEANING SERVICE

**MERRY MAIDS OF TULSA**

Busy families often have little time to clean. Merry Maids custom cleaning options give TulsaKids readers the flexibility and results they want using tested techniques, specialized cleaning products and advanced technology. merrymaids.com

### FINALISTS

**CLEAN FREAKS OF TULSA**

**MAIDS OF TULSA**

**ESSENTIAL OIL CLEANING**

## FAVORITE HEAT & AIR SERVICE

**AIRCO SERVICE**

At some point, heating and air conditioning need to be repaired, replaced or serviced. TulsaKids families call Airco for these needs and more, including plumbing, gate opening repair, air purification, insulation, heat pumps and water heaters. aircoservice.com

### FINALISTS

**AIR ASSURANCE CO.**

**AIR SOLUTIONS HEATING & COOLING**

## FAVORITE PEST CONTROL

**MOTHER NATURE'S PEST & LAWN**

No one likes pests invading their house and lawn. Mosquitoes, rodents, germs, termites, spiders — oh, my! Mother Nature's takes care of them all. mothernaturesinc.com

### FINALISTS

**GUARDIAN ANGEL EXTERMINATING**

**ENVIROGUARD**



SOUTHWOOD LANDSCAPE AND GARDEN CENTER

## FAVORITE LAWN AND GARDEN CARE

**SOUTHWOOD LANDSCAPE AND GARDEN CENTER**

Whether you need advice about that fungus on your magnolia, or what plants will thrive where in your yard, Southwood's 35 years of experience really shines. southwoodgardencenter.com

### FINALISTS

**TRUGREEN LAWN CARE**

**GREENPRO LLC**

## FAVORITE PLANT NURSERY

**SOUTHWOOD LANDSCAPE AND GARDEN CENTER**

A winner in a second category, TulsaKids readers trust Southwood with providing healthy plants that grow in the Oklahoma climate as well as a variety or trees, shrubs, flowers, herbs and decorative items that make the backyard beautiful. southwoodgardentcenter.com

### FINALISTS

**RIDDLE PLANT FARM**

**UNDER THE SUN**

## FAVORITE HOME SECURITY

**ADT SECURITY SERVICES**

Families want to be safe in their homes, and ADT Security provides peace of mind with their wireless home security system that monitors homes 24/7. adt.com

### FINALISTS

**ADVANCE ALARMS, INC.**

**ALERT 360 HOME SECURITY**

## FAVORITE ELECTRICAL SERVICE

**TULSA ELECTRIC LLC**

For 45 years, Tulsa Electric has been providing Tulsans with residential, commercial and industrial services. Reliable and knowledgeable, Tulsa Electric can keep your home humming. tulsaelectricllc.com

### FINALISTS

**HARP SERVICES**

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## FAVORITE PLUMBING SERVICE

**MULLIN INC**

Sometimes things break at odd hours. Mullin, "The Red Rooter," offers 24/7 full-service plumbing for residential and commercial clients. TulsaKids families know that Mullin will keep their homes in working order. mullininc.com

### FINALISTS

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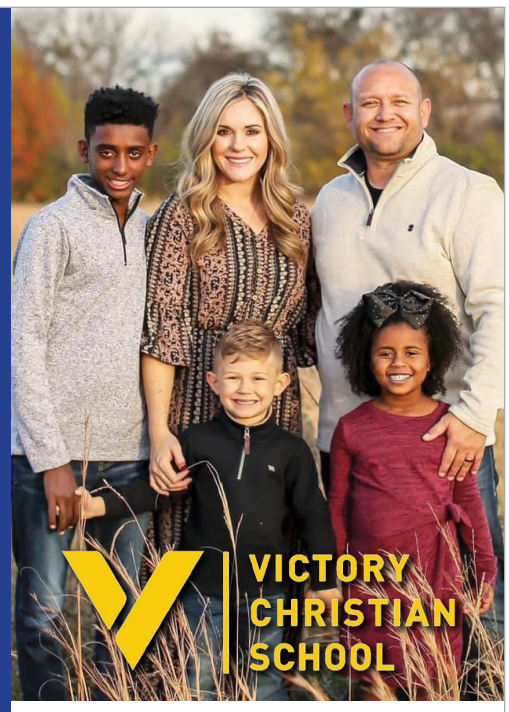
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RHEMA Child Development Center

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–Rocky & Samantha Ausbrooks




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# ASK THE EXPERTS

## HTR Pediatric Therapy | Jackie Riner, PTA

**Q: I'm always having to tell my teen to stand up straight, and 5 minutes later I notice she's slouched over again. Is this just part of being a teenager, or is it something I should be concerned about?**



**A:** Many of today's kids focus on their tablets and video games as their primary source of entertainment, with less focus being on more upright physical activity. This has led to an increased stationary lifestyle in the developmental years and also a decrease in overall core strength. Having a strong core is beneficial in numerous aspects of development. A child who is unable to maintain sitting upright may compensate by slumping or leaning over. They may have poor endurance with activities or rounded posture sitting. These are all signs of weak core muscles.

Put the electronics away and get your body moving! Sit on an exercise ball and bounce, go for a walk, play with friends…just increase your physical activity and get yourself moving several times a day. If you feel like your child or teenager is always slouching or leaning, physical therapy is a great option to work on increasing core strength and improving posture.

**HTR Pediatric Therapy**
**6715 E. 41st St., Tulsa, OK**
**918.806.0106 | HTRPediatrics.com**

## Miller Swim School | Sarah Clavin

**6 lifejacket tips to remember while at the lake this summer!**

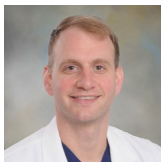


1. Make sure it meets safety standards: Verify that your lifejackets are Coast Guard Approved.
2. Choose the size based on your child's current weight: Don't purchase a bigger size for your child to grow into. You want it snug!
3. Go bright: Vivid colors are more easily seen in the water, so the brighter the better!
4. Put lifejackets ON, not just NEAR, your child: Don't just pack lifejackets. Require that they be worn while in the boat.
5. Don't let lifejackets replace adult supervision: Children should be supervised and within arms' reach of an adult at all times.
6. Test it out: In the water, test life jacket safety by wading in with your child until he's at chest level. Assist him as he brings his knees up and floats on his back. Make sure the life jacket keeps your child's head safely above water and that he can breathe. While beside your child, have him practice swimming in the life jacket on his back and belly.

**Miller Swim School**
**6415 S. Mingo Rd., Tulsa | 525 W. 91st St. S., Jenks**
**918.254.1988 | MillerSwimSchool.com**

## Eastern Oklahoma Ear, Nose and Throat | Jeremy Foon, MD, MPH

**Q: My daughter was recently recommended to have ear tubes placed? What are ear tubes and why would she need them?**



**A:** Ear tubes are tiny grommet shaped tubes that are surgically placed in the eardrum. They relieve pressure in the ear and help to drain any persistent fluid that may be built up behind the eardrum. Common causes for these issues include recurrent ear infections, enlarged adenoids, or allergies. While ear tubes do not eliminate ear infections altogether, they tend to significantly decrease the frequency and severity of infections. They also help restore normal hearing that may be compromised from fluid behind the eardrum. Ear tube placement is one of the most common procedures performed on children as young as 6 months old. It is a very safe procedure that generally takes 10-15 minutes to perform with a typical 1-day recovery.

**Eastern Oklahoma Ear, Nose and Throat**
**5020 E 68th St., Tulsa | 9343 S Mingo Rd., Tulsa**
**918.492.3636 | EOENT.com**

## Dyslexia Center of Tulsa | Dr. Penny Stack, Founder & Owner

**Q: We keep seeing signs of dyslexia. Our son spells his father's name with the right letters, but in the wrong order. He spells the word "feeling" as "fleeing." He may verbalize the correct spelling, but in writing, he does not get it right. Does this reversal of consonants suggest a mild form of dyslexia worthy of testing?**



A: This is a great and frequently asked question. Letter reversals could be due to a variety of reasons. For example, eye teaming, or eye muscles not working together, could cause difficulties in processing what is being seen because it may appear as if the letters are shaking or moving. This is different than visual acuity. Visual acuity is the measure of the distance a person can see an object in focus. Another reason could be impairment of visual perceptual skills. In this case, the eye muscles are working together, but what he sees is not what you see. Dyslexia is a language processing disorder. A person can have visual challenges (acuity, eye muscle teaming and/or visual perceptual skill deficits), but not necessarily have dyslexia. A person can have both. We can test to determine what is causing the reversals and develop a plan to increase those skills for learning success.

**Dyslexia Center of Tulsa**
**8988 S. Sheridan Rd #D1, Tulsa OK 74133**
**918.313.5518 | DyslexiaTulsa.com**

## World Travel Service | Alex Eaton, President

**Q. What are the primary advantages of using a travel advisor over online travel "discounters" like Travelocity or Expedia, or simply planning a trip yourself?**



**A.** Some of the more obvious reasons for using one of our experienced travel advisors are time and cost savings as well as greater access to special rates and upgrades. However, the overarching advantage is that travel advisors have a vested interest in you personally and work with you to customize your trip. The rigidity of booking through Travelocity, Expedia or figuring things out on your own too often results in minimal to no assistance with changes and does not offer much wiggle room for "mistakes." Once you hit "send," it's on you to navigate and figure things out in an ever more complicated booking environment. The prevailing good news is that travel advisors have deep relationships with suppliers, thus allowing for adjustments and providing peace of mind and security in this new age of travel.

**World Travel Service**
**918.743.8856 | WorldTravelToday.com**

# TULSA COMMUNITY POOLS, SPLASH PADS AND WATER PLAYGROUNDS

## COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOLS

### CITY OF TULSA PARKS

cityoftulsa.org/government/departments/park-and-recreation/aquatics

Admission to all City of Tulsa Parks pools is free for summer 2021. Depending on lifeguard availability, pools may be opened on a rotating schedule. Follow @TulsaParks on Facebook for the latest information. City of Tulsa pools will be open through August 8.

- **Berry Pool**
  5002 N. Wheeling
- **Lacy Park Pool**
  2134 N. Madison Pl.
- **McLure Pool**
  7440 E. 7th St.
- **Whiteside Pool**
  4013 S. Pittsburg Ave.

### TULSA COUNTY PARKS

parks.tulsacounty.org

**South County Pool**
13800 S. Peoria Ave., Bixby

Hours: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday: 12:30 p.m.–6 p.m., closed Wednesday.
Open through August 14.

Admission: Ages 3 and up: $5; Ages 0–2: Free. You can also get a pool punch card: 10 punches for $40 or 20 punches for $80

### BROKEN ARROW PARKS & RECREATION

brokenarrowok.gov

**Nienhuis Aquatic Facility**
3201 N. 9th St., Broken Arrow

Hours: Monday, Friday and Saturday, 12–8 p.m.; Tuesday-Wednesday, 1:30–8 p.m.; Thursday, 12–6 p.m.; Sunday, 12–5 p.m.

Admission: 3 and over, $5 per swimmer; Kids 2 and under are FREE

**Family Aquatic Center**
1400 S. Main St., Broken Arrow

Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 12–8 p.m.; Tuesday, 1:30–6 p.m.; Sunday, 12–5 p.m.

Admission: 3 and older, $5 per person; Kids 2 and under are FREE

**Country Aire Pool**
100 N. Fir Ave., Broken Arrow

Note: Country Aire Pool is only used for swim programs and pool rentals, not open swim.

## WATER PLAYGROUNDS AND SPLASH PADS

### CITY OF TULSA

www.cityoftulsa.org/government/departments/park-and-recreation/aquatics

### WATER PLAYGROUNDS

Hours: 9–8 p.m.

- **Chamberlain**, 4949 N. Frankfort
- **Helmerich**, 7301 S. Riverside
- **Hunter**, 5804 E. 91st St.
- **Kendall-Whittier**, 2645 E. 5th St.
- **Manion**, 3003 E. 56th St.
- **Maxwell**, 5251 E. Newton St.
- **Mohawk**, 5701 E. 36th St. North
- **Owen**, 560 N. Maybelle St.
- **Schlegel**, 3825 W. 53rd Pl.
- **Springdale**, 2223 E. Pine
- **Vining**, 6502 N. Cincinnati Ave.
- **Whiteside**, 4009 S. Pittsburgh

### SPLASH PADS

Hours: 9–8 p.m.

- **Archer**, 2831 E. Archer St.
- **Benedict**, 1630 E. 12th St.
- **Braden**, 5036 E. 7th St.
- **Carbondale**, 2802 W. 48th St.
- **Crutchfield**, 1345 E. Independence Ave.
- **Dawson**, 2035 N. Kingston
- **Florence**, 1936 S. Gary Ave.
- **Highland**, 4909 E. 36th St.
- **Johnson**, 6002 S. Riverside Dr.
- **Lacy**, 2134 N. Madison Pl.
- **Maple**, 404 E. 15th St.
- **Starks**, 1622 N. Main
- **Tracy**, 1134 S. Peoria, Ave.
- **Veterans**, 1875 S. Boulder Ave.
- **Wheeling**, 2209 W. Wheeling Ave.
- **Zeigler**, 3903 W. 4th St.
- **Zink**, 3216 S. Trenton Ave.



WHITESIDE POOL


OWEN PARK SPLASH PAD

### TULSA COUNTY
Parks.tulsacounty.org

- **O'Brien Park**, 6149 N. Lewis Ave. (10 a.m.–8 p.m.)
- **Chandler Park Splash Park**, 6500 W. 21st St. (Must reserve your session ahead of time. See website for details.)

### OTHER TULSA COMMUNITY SPLASH PADS

- **Guthrie Green**, 111 E. Reconciliation Way, guthriegreen.com
- **Gathering Place**, 2650 S. John Williams Way, gatheringplace.org
- **41st and Riverside**, riverparks.org

### BROKEN ARROW
brokenarrowok.gov

- **Camino Villa Park** 2812 E. Madison Pl., Broken Arrow
- **Haskell Park** 601 E. Dallas St., Broken Arrow
- **Jackson Park** 4800 West Washington St. S., Broken Arrow
- **Leisure Park** 801 W. Charleston St., Broken Arrow
- **Rockwood West Park** 1308 N. Narcissus Ave., Broken Arrow
- **Sieling Park** 801–899 N. Elm Ave., Broken Arrow

### JENKS
jenks.com/164/Parks-Recreation

- **Central Park** A St. and Elm St., Jenks

### OWASSO
cityofowasso.com/610/Parks-Department

- **Rayola Park** 8300 Owasso Expressway, Owasso

### SAND SPRINGS
sandspringsok.org

- **Case Community Park** 2500 S. River City Park Rd., Sand Springs
- **Pratt Civitan Center** 306 W. 43rd St., Sand Springs



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# WHERE TO TAKE SWIM LESSONS IN TULSA

## MILLER SWIM SCHOOL
**millerswimschool.com**

### MILLER SWIM SCHOOL TULSA
**6415 S. Mingo Rd.**

### MILLER SWIM SCHOOL JENKS
**525 W. 91st St.**

**918.254.1988**

Miller Swim School has been a local family business in the greater Tulsa area for 60 years. Founded by two teachers, Larry and Rita Miller, the mission of Miller Swim School is to "build a safer community, one family at a time, through swim lessons, water safety education and drowning prevention." At Miller you receive a one-of-a-kind, comprehensive swim education for the whole family, and you can do it year-round with our two state-of-the-art, indoor facilities! We believe it is never too early or too late to learn how to swim, so Miller Swim School offers swim programs for infants as young as 4 months through Adult Swim Classes for as old as 100, and everything in between! With two convenient locations in Tulsa and Jenks, we offer swim lessons and various other programs 7 days a week, morning, afternoon, and evening, so there will be an option for classes that fit your schedule!

It is at the heart of Miller Swim School to serve our community in the best way that we know how, and that is through swim lessons and water safety education. We truly believe it is possible to end the drowning epidemic and would love to partner with you and your family to do so. Partner with us this year for a safer, water-smart family!

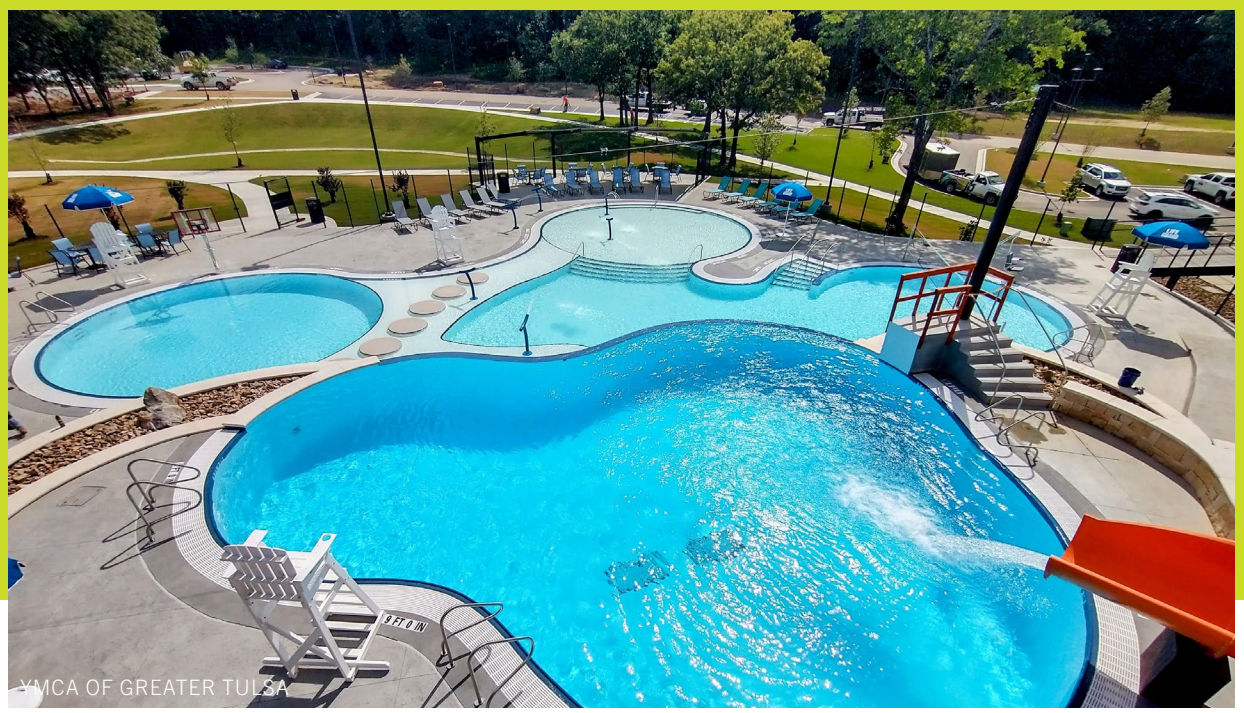
For more information or to register for classes you can visit our website, www.millerswimschool.com or give us a call at 918-245-1988. You can also contact us directly via email at sarah@millerswimschool.com.

## SWIMTULSA SWIM TEAM & SWIMAMERICA™ LESSONS
**swimtulsa.org**

### UNION 6TH & 7TH GRADE CENTER POOL,
**10100 E. 61st St.**

**Contact: Katie Koch, SwimTulsa Coach & SwimAmerica Supervisor**
**katiekeller@swimtulsa.org**

SwimTulsa is a USA Swimming member team serving Tulsa and the surrounding communities with programs for children ages 4 and older who would like to enjoy the lifelong sport of swimming. The #1 swim team


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in eastern Oklahoma since 1995, SwimTulsa's athletes participate in all levels of swimming from SwimAmerica learn-to-swim lessons through national-level competitions. Learn more and enroll online at www.swimtulsa.org.

## BIXBY SWIM CLUB

**teamunify.com/okbsc**

Teaching kids to swim is what we love to do at Bixby Swim Club! Learning to swim saves lives! Did you know that drowning is the 2nd leading cause of accidental deaths in kids 14 and younger? At BSC, we build a foundation of safety, fun and confidence. Bixby Swim Club is a USA Swimming Member, where we provide swim lessons and opportunity to advance to the next levels of recreational and competitive swimming. We are located at the Bixby High School pool and serve South Tulsa and the surrounding areas.

Go to our website and click on the Swim Lesson tab to see dates, times, and pricing.

## SAFESPLASH + SWIMLABS SWIM SCHOOL FREE TRIAL!

**safesplash.com**

**7820 E. 101st St., Tulsa, OK 74133**

**918.221.8587**

**christian@safesplashswimlabs.com**

Tulsa's Best Learn to Swim Program for Ages: 6 Months — Adults!

SafeSplash + SwimLabs Swim School is the premier learn-to-swim facility in Tulsa with our new state-of-the-art, year-round indoor warm water pool and two endless pool tanks. We are offering Free Trial Lessons to introduce your swimmers to our world-class learn to swim curriculum developed over 15 years in partnership with Olympic Medalists, NCAA Swim Coaches, Triathletes and instructors!

We are a year-round program with convenient schedule options, so give us a call at 918-221-8587 to schedule your Free Trial or to enroll! You can also visit us at www.SafeSplash.com! Don't forget to ask about our week-long "SwimJam" camps throughout the Summer to provide a fun and effective approach to accelerating your child's swimming safety and skills!

## YWCA TULSA

**ywcatulsa.org**

### PATTI JOHNSON WILSON CENTER

**1910 S. Lewis Ave.**

### EAST COMMUNITY CENTER

**8145 E. 17th St.**

**918.587.2100**

**info@ywcatulsa.org**

YWCA Tulsa is a local non-profit organization dedicated to eliminating racism and empowering women. We provide services through our two community centers, the Patti Johnson Wilson Center (1910 S. Lewis Ave.) and the East Community Center (8145 E. 17th St.), including exercise facilities, aquatics, and swim lessons. YWCA also offers Immigrant and Refugee Services, and we offer bilingual swim lessons.

YWCA Tulsa offers swim lessons for all ages, from Baby and Me classes, all the way up to Adult classes. We offer group, private, and semi-private lessons to help fit your needs.

## YMCA OF GREATER TULSA

**ymcatulsa.org/swim**

**info@ymcatulsa.org**

At the YMCA of Greater Tulsa, we set the standard for high-quality childcare and summer camp programs, youth sports, and wellness for all ages. In addition, we offer year-round recreational swimming, swim lessons, and water therapy at both of our indoor and outdoor aquatic facilities, which feature 4 indoor and 3 outdoor pools, collectively. Plus, additional aquatic facilities at the brand-new Herman and Kate Kaiser YMCA in West Tulsa that are now open. We look forward to meeting you this summer at one of our 7 pools in the Tulsa Metro Pools for a summer of fun and safety for all!




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## METRO CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

**Keith A. Currivean, Ph.D. — Head of School**

**6363 S. Trenton Ave., Tulsa, OK**

**918.745.9868 | metroca.com**

**Grades: P3–12th**

Metro Christian Academy provides an accredited college-preparatory Christian education that is founded on biblical principles. At the heart of Metro is a sense of community. Students, parents, faculty and staff work together to educate, nurture and grow students. Metro is noted for its Christian culture, academic achievements, innovative approaches to learning and successful programs in the arts, athletics and leadership. For more information, go to metroca.com or contact us at 918.745.9868 or admissions@metroca.com.

## PRIMROSE SCHOOL OF BROKEN ARROW

**Gia Patel**

**1701 W. Albany St., Broken Arrow, OK**

**918.355.6827 | primroseba.com**

**gpatel@PrimroseBA.com**

Opening late September 2021, Primrose School of Broken Arrow, the nation's leader in premier early education and care, serving infants through Pre-K, with more than 450 schools in 30 states. Our 2.2-acre, 14,091 square feet facility, features a reinforced storm shelter, 12 classrooms and 4 secure, age-appropriate turf playgrounds including a sport basketball court and garden patch. At Primrose Schools, we believe that who children become is as important as what they know. We are passionately committed to the children, families and communities we serve and are motivated every day by our mission: To forge a path that leads to a brighter future for all children. It's why Primrose Schools developed the Balanced Learning approach, and approximately 9 out of 10 Primrose pre-kindergarten students demonstrated readiness for kindergarten across six learning domains using the Teaching Strategies® GOLD® assessment.

Our Balanced Learning is our exclusive, Cognia accredited, time-tested approach that was created from the best early education wisdom, balancing purposeful play with nurturing guidance from teachers to encourage curiosity, creativity, confidence and compassion. Our research-informed, proprietary curriculum integrates sign language, Spanish, language and literacy; science, technology, engineering, creative arts and math (STEAM); social studies; music; gardening; social-emotional intelligence; cognitive; physical development and health; and compassion, kindness, character development and life skill continuously throughout the day. We teach children values such as respect and friendship, as well as the joy of giving without expectation through Primrose Promise giving events. From our proprietary curriculum to carefully planned, balanced meals and snacks, we provide a strong foundation for children to empower their full potential.

Call today to enroll and learn how Primrose School can make a life-long impact on your family! Follow us on Facebook @PrimroseSchoolBrokenArrow.

## UNIVERSITY SCHOOL

**Debra Price, Director**

**326 S. College Ave., Tulsa, OK**

**918.631.5060 | utulsa.edu/uschool**

University School offers a challenging, yet nurturing, environment for gifted students ages 3 through 8th grade. Our program is well-rounded and includes art, music, physical education, foreign language, and computer classes for all ages. Located on The University of Tulsa campus, our beautiful facility provides a unique setting and resources that few schools can match. University School students benefit from a rich variety of learning opportunities and interactions with college professors and students as they endeavor to maximize their potential, develop creativity, and become responsible citizens.

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## VICTORY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

**Jennifer Miller, Superintendent**

**7700 S. Lewis Ave., Tulsa, OK**

**918.491.7720 | vcstulsa.org**

**FB and IG: @vcstulsa**

Victory Christian School is a fully accredited K3–12th grade school dedicated to instruction from a Biblical worldview. VCS serves families from all of Tulsa and its surrounding communities on its campus at 7700 S. Lewis Ave.

VCS is experiencing record growth, enrolling over 1000 NEW students since 2018. As a result, we have expanded to create a new Kindergarten Wing and have just completed construction on our state-of-the-art STEM lab!

We would love for you to stop by and see why VCS is thriving.

With athletic training beginning at the elementary level, our student athletes develop Christian character, leadership traits, and a championship mindset leading to district, regional, and state titles at all levels. Our volleyball team has won the last four 4A & 5A STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS! Our High School also sent Football, Basketball, Baseball, Soccer, Track, Golf, and Tennis to the state playoffs this year.

Our VCS Studio Arts have received numerous local, state, and national awards. We've recently been recognized in the top 1% of all art programs in the United States.

Let us show you around! Visit vcstulsa.org/open-house today!

Contact Jan Thomas in Admissions at jthomas@victory.com or call 918.491.7763.

## WRIGHT CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

**11391 E. Admiral Pl., Tulsa, OK**

**918.438.0922 | wrightchristianacademy.com**

Wright Christian Academy has been serving Tulsa and the greater area for more than 30 years. Our goals are simple…partner with families to educate children from a Christian perspective so they can impact the world with the love of Christ. As a college preparatory academic institution, we are accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI).

With a low student-to-teacher ratio, we are able to minister at the same time we teach. We are interested in families, not just students. We make a daily effort to reach into the young lives in our care and make a positive influence on their academics, character, spirituality and quality of life.

We are affordable, and our demographics are diverse. We are accessible in an area that can be easily reached from a variety of points around the city on the I-244/169/I-44 corridor.

We were voted "Best in The World" private Christian school for 2019. We love where we are called to serve. We are prepared for the future, come join us!

## AUGUSTINE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

**John Ahrens, Headmaster**

**Kirk Post, Dean of Curriculum & Staff Development**

**Brian Fitzgerald, Dean of Students & Staff**

**6310 E. 30th St., Tulsa, OK**

**918.832.4600 | acatulsa.org**

Augustine Christian Academy (ACA) is a Christian, classical, interdenominational, college preparatory school for students in Pre-Kindergarten thru 12th grade. ACA uses a classical model that integrates every subject with the Biblical truths of the Christian faith. We are dedicated to educating young people to think, reason, and persuade from a distinctly Christian worldview. ACA offers a part-time option for homeschool families. Find us on Facebook and on our website at www.acatulsa.org!

## CASCIA HALL PREPARATORY SCHOOL

**Headmaster Father Philip Cook, OSA**

**2520 S. Yorktown Ave., Tulsa, OK**

**918.746.2600 | casciahall.com**

Since 1926, Cascia Hall Preparatory School, a Catholic, Augustinian school serving grades 6–12, has excelled at cultivating young men and women of integrity who seek wisdom, justice, inclusion, service, and the pursuit of truth. At Cascia, we teach students to question and to value reason. We provide them with the necessary tools and instill in them the courage to carry out their pursuit. The college-preparatory curriculum features alignment in all subject areas in grades 6–12, the opportunity to earn high school credit in middle school, and the possibility of earning college credit in high school. The school offers a large variety of electives, especially in the arts, and our sports programs remain competitive.

## CHRISTIAN MONTESSORI ACADEMY

**RoseMarie Mann, Director**

**Laura Chisholm, Office Manager**

**3702 S. 90th East Ave., Tulsa, OK**

**918.628.6524 | christianmontessoriacademy.org**

In a Christ-centered environment, CMA educates the whole child using the Montessori Method. CMA's multi-aged classrooms invite learning in an enticing, stress-free setting. Our authentic Montessori materials and curriculum provide concrete learning experiences and the joy of discovery. They are also the basis for abstraction in future learning. Our students learn at their

own pace in a cooperative atmosphere. They are encouraged to make choices to help develop a sense of independence and self-worth. The classroom Guide assists each child with lessons and therefore, “guides” him in his educational journey. We believe that the impressions formed today have a lasting impact on a child’s attitude towards learning and life itself. CMA currently serves ages 3–12 in our Primary through Upper Elementary classrooms.

## DOVE SCHOOL OF DISCOVERY

**Mrs. Amy Wabaunsee, Principal**

**4115 S. 100th E. Ave., Tulsa OK (2nd floor)**

**918.960.3131 | DiscoveryOk.org**

**info@discoveryok.org | Grades: PreK–8th**

Dove Schools is a tuition free public charter school system that promotes science, mathematics, and educational technology in school environments.

High Standards and Quality Education — Since the establishment of Dove Schools, we have continually striven towards maintaining the high academic standards that will powerfully propel us into the 21st century. Because of our supportive parents, the faculty and staff have guided our students beyond all community and state mandated expectations.

Our Commitment — The faculty and staff at Dove Schools diligently work to mold responsive, productive, and civic-minded individuals. The 1:15 faculty-student ratio ensures a “hands-on approach’ with attention placed on details. Because there are no more than 27 students per class, each class has an opportunity to become part of a productive learning community.

High College Acceptance — With a college acceptance rate of 100 percent, Dove has earned its reputation.

## EARLY LEARNING CENTER AT CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Lynn Coye**

**3515 S. Harvard, Tulsa, OK**

**918.743.7673 | cumctulsa.com**

Our program is a Monday, Wednesday, Friday pre-school program for children ages 8 months to 5 years or pre-kindergarten. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. There are several options as to how many days and the times children can attend. In the afternoons, we offer enrichment classes in gymnastics, music and “Bible Buddies.” Our staff members are chosen for their early childhood experience and training as well as sensitivity to the individual needs of each child. We use a hands-on approach so children learn by doing. Classes are arranged in learning centers and areas of interest where the daily theme is carried out throughout the room. Parent participation is encouraged.



DOVE SCHOOLS


**Why Dove?**

*Dove Schools is a tuition free public charter school system that promotes science, mathematics, and educational technology in school environments.*

***One-on-One Attention** - We are able provide a great education due to our ability to teach one on one with students.*

High Standards and Quality Education

SCAN ME

APPLY TODAY

**LOCATIONS**

Dove School of Discovery PreK - 8th
*4115 S 100th E Ave, Tulsa OK 74115 (2nd floor)*
(918) 960-3131

Dove Science Academy PreK - 8th
*280 S Memorial , Tulsa OK 74112*
(918) 834-3936

Dove Science Academy High School
*4115 S 100th E Ave, Tulsa OK 74115 (1st floor)*
(918) 576-6719

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## HAPPY CAMPERS ACADEMY

**HAPPY CAMPERS**
**1819 E. 15th St., Tulsa**
**918.584.2779 | hcatulsa@gmail.com**
**7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.**

**HAPPY CAMPERS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL**
**2004 E. 22nd Pl., Tulsa**
**918.747.3122 | happycamperstempleisrael@gmail.com**
**7:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.**

**HAPPY CAMPERS AT JOHN KNOX**
**2929 E. 31st St., Tulsa**
**918.742.7656 | happycampersjohnknox@gmail.com**
**Ages 5–12 years old for after school care**

**happycampersacademy.com**

Happy Campers Academy offers Tulsa and surrounding communities quality child care while families are at work. We accept children ages 6 weeks to five years of age and provide parents an opportunity to view their children in the early learning center through a closed-circuit internet connection. At all three of our midtown Tulsa locations, Happy Campers utilizes a child-centered philosophy and partners with our families to provide a quality educational experience in a nurturing environment. Our highly trained staff works to get to know each individual child and his/her cognitive and developmental needs, while seeking input from families to make the home and school transition smooth and communication open for the success of the child. Through a balance of developmental play and planned educational activities, our students learn best through doing—all while having fun and expressing themselves creatively. We start the foundation for learning when our students are infants—bonding and connecting. When they become toddlers, the focus is self-help and self-recognition and then during the twos, we build upon independence and language skills. The three-year-olds start making cognitive connections and experience the beginnings of social skills. Finally, in PreK, students start connecting all the tools from every stage to form a strong foundation for early reading preparation to build confidence for kindergarten. Our teachers conduct conferences twice a year in order to build a strong home and school team. We want to keep parents informed about what their child(ren) is learning, developmental milestones that are being achieved, and suggest skills that can be practiced at home. We believe that our child-centered philosophy will foster a love for learning in these ever-important early childhood years.

Our Happy Campers at John Knox location offers after-school care for students at Patrick Henry, Carnegie, Council Oak, and Eliot. We offer a place for kids to do homework, play outside, and have a safe and structured time after school while parents are working for ages 5–12 years.

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## HOLLAND HALL

**J.P. Culley, Head of School**

**5666 E. 81st St., Tulsa, OK**

**918.481.1111 | hollandhall.org**

**Grades: Early Pre-K (3 years old)–12th**

Holland Hall is Tulsa's PreK through Grade 12 Independent Episcopal School. We offer a student/teacher ratio of 9:1, a rich academic curriculum with 100 percent of students accepted to a four-year university and 90 percent receiving scholarships. Find more than 60 art classes, as well as dozens of individual and team sports — including three that won state championships in 2020-21. We encourage your child to choose boldly from all we offer — with more than 30 clubs, honor societies and countless leadership opportunities — in a supporting, inclusive community. We honor the individual dignity of each child and provide the bedrock education every student needs to succeed in college, work, and the world beyond.

## LAKE HILLS MONTESSORI

**Jodie Whitman**

**5130 E. 101st St., Tulsa, OK**

**918.296.9936 | lakehillsmontessoritulsa.com**

**jodie@lakehillsmontessori.com**

Lake Hills Montessori is committed to providing quality education for children ages 2-6 years in a safe, loving, and stimulating environment. Each child's day is organized to ensure successful experiences that will foster self-esteem and a love of learning. LHM offers a traditional Montessori curriculum that allows children to learn through exploration and play. In addition to providing an atmosphere of discovery, LHM offers dance, Spanish, soccer, music, yoga and art. School time 8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m. and before/after care 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Follow us on Instagram or Facebook!






## LEGACY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

**Tandi Wells, Principal**

**1201 N. Elm Place, Broken Arrow, OK**

**918.286.6794 | legacyba.org**

At Legacy Christian Academy, we partner with you in the education of your child, as well as the development of his or her character, faith, and spiritual growth. By incorporating God in all areas, our students learn to empathize and show kindness to others. Our students are not only learning about God, but are being taught what it means to have a relationship with Jesus and how to be life-long followers of Him.

Here's what our parents have to say:

"We are new this year, and I'm kicking myself for not finding Legacy sooner. Between the remarkable education, the welcome environment, and the wonderful staff, I couldn't think of a better place for my child."

"The teachers and staff truly love and care about my child holistically. He's not only nurtured academically, but emotionally, socially, and spiritually. It is such a blessing to drop him off in a safe environment."

"We love the small class sizes, family-like atmosphere, excellent academics, and most of all, the discipleship and Biblical teaching that take place each day to help our children experience God's goodness and understand the importance of being a light in the darkness."

## LINCOLN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

**1003 N. 129th E. Ave., Tulsa, OK**

**918.828.9200 | lincolnchristianschool.com**

At Lincoln Christian School, our goal is to raise the next generation of Christian leaders. We prepare LEADERS by staying true to our Founding Principles, our Mission, and our Vision.

Life's tough decisions are made so much easier when we are led by a guiding philosophy. Decisions are best made by establishing priorities during training – not waiting until pressures are encountered. Through partnership and remaining true to our founding principles, mission, and vision, we work diligently to enable students the opportunity to discover, develop, and deploy their God-given talents while preparing them for a lifetime of learning, serving, and honoring God. We are determined to keep our priorities in that order…period.

At Lincoln, we endeavor to provide an atmosphere where the Word of God is preeminent in all we do. Our blueprint to do this is to prepare leaders by teaching theory, practicality, and actuality in five main areas: Spiritual, Physical, Academic, Emotional, and Social Leadership. Students apply knowledge and skills to work individually and collaboratively as they discover their giftings and talents and how best to use them in their next steps.

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## MINGO VALLEY CHRISTIAN

**Mrs. Lisa Padgett, Admissions**

**8304 S. 107th E. Ave.**

**Tulsa, OK**

**918.294.0404**

**mingovalley.org**

Mingo Valley Christian, now in our 45th year, is a college preparatory, non-denominational, private school, serving students in grades PreK-12, through personalized learning and maximum growth for each student. We partner with parents and incorporate a Christian worldview into all aspects of the learning process. We know our students are tomorrow's leaders, and our school culture is infused with opportunities for leadership, mentoring, and service to the Tulsa community. Learning happens best in the context of relationships, so our teachers engage personally with each student to encourage academic success. We offer honors and AP courses, NHS/NJHS, concurrent college enrollment, art, computer, music, and foreign language, with technology utilized throughout all academic disciplines. Our highly regarded theatre program attracts arts patrons from across the Tulsa community. Our athletic programs include volleyball, basketball, soccer, cross country/track and pom. For more information or to schedule a tour or shadowing, please call or visit our website. We are fully accredited by the State of Oklahoma (OPSAC), Cognia (formerly AdvancED), and the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI).

## MISS HELEN'S PRIVATE SCHOOL

**Jayme Wingo-Baker**

**4849 S. Mingo**

**Tulsa, OK**

**918.622.2327**

**misshelens.com**

Miss Helen's Private School is a family-owned, family-focused business celebrating over 65 years. Teachers are college-degreed, caring and dedicated. All pre-kindergarten classes offer music, Spanish, art, stories & science, pre-reading skills, math and dance through small group and independent activities. Small class sizes in grades K-5 enable students to have more individualized instruction and work beyond traditional grade levels. In addition to basic academics, we offer Spanish, fine arts, and community service and charitable projects as well as health, nutrition and fitness. After-school activities include computer classes, swimming, cheerleading, Amazing Athletes and more. Serving ages 3 years through 5th grade. We thank the TulsaKids readers for voting us the 2020 Family Favorite for Best Preschool. Come for a tour and see why!

## MONTE CASSINO SCHOOL

**Kevin Smith, Head of School**

**2206 S. Lewis Ave., Tulsa, OK**

**918.742.3364 | montecassino.org | bjones@montecassino.org**

Founded in 1926, Monte Cassino is a traditional Catholic school that focuses on outstanding instruction of reading, writing, math and the sciences. Monte Cassino classes rank at the 97th percentile or above when compared to all schools, public or private, across the United States. Our programs serve students from three years of age to eighth grade and encourage social and moral development within a strong community. In addition to the academic, community and social connections that Monte Cassino students develop, a myriad of opportunities exist for accelerated math and foreign language instruction from high school certified instructors, fine arts, innovative and applied sciences, robotics, theater arts, athletics and individualized approaches for many kinds of learners. Come see what it means to Be A Saint!

## OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

**1831 E. 71st St., Tulsa, OK**

**918.877.2710 | osfkids.org | info@osfkids.org**

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**riverfield.org**

Riverfield provides a student-centered approach to education for students 8 weeks through 12th Grade with an innovative program of authentic, experiential learning in which individuality is valued and the needs of the whole student are honored. Small class sizes, along with the collaborative nature of our classrooms, provide the opportunity for students to cultivate leadership, interpersonal skills, and the confidence needed for success today and tomorrow. Personalized programming and flexible scheduling offer Middle and Upper School students the opportunity to develop talents and explore interests in a college prep setting. The 120-acre campus encompasses a barnyard, hiking trails, gardens, freshwater system, outdoor classrooms and athletic fields. Accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Southwest (ISAS), National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and Oklahoma Private School Accreditation Commission (OPSAC).

## RHEMA CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

**1025 W. Kenosha St., Broken Arrow, OK**

**rhemachildcare.com**

Rhema Child Development Center is committed to providing the finest quality programs to help your child develop academically, socially, and spiritually. These goals are accomplished with dual emphasis on Christian values and Bible truths as well as academic programs in our classroom activities. Additionally, we believe that the first step in learning is developing a healthy self-concept in each child. We want to help each child feel that he/she is worthwhile and a valuable person in his/her world, and in the eyes of God.

The enrollment process is easy! We encourage you to come by, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday–Friday, to take a tour, meet our teachers, and get to know RCDC a little better. We will also have a packet of information waiting for you, along with a few forms to be filled out.

## SOCCERCITY TULSA

**5817 S. 118th E. Ave., Tulsa, OK**

**918.249.0044 | soccercitytulsa.com | Ages: 18 mos.–9 yrs.**

Step onto the field during any Lil' Kickers class and you will find it transformed into a world created just for your child. Our well-trained coaches will thrill your child with 50 minutes of highly creative, high-energy and age-appropriate activities that serve as a great introduction to soccer and help children master developmental milestones appropriate for their age. Because Lil' Kickers is first and foremost a child development program, our purpose is really to help children mature on all levels. Our program focuses on helping children build strong physical, intellectual and emotional skills that will help them be successful on and off the soccer field. We believe in teaching children in ways that suit their developmental level. So, you won't see adult-like skill drills in our classes, but you will see teaching methods specifically designed to create an atmosphere that is effective and fun. You will also see happy, confident and sweaty kids who are eager to learn and want to keep coming back for more. Whether your child is new to soccer or has already developed a love for the game, the progressive nature of Lil' Kickers offers a place for children at every level. Our convenient class times provide families options to accommodate multiple children and busy schedules.

Our Lil' Kickers Summer session is going on NOW through August 14.

2021 Summer Camp Information: July 12th–16th; August 16th–20th

All camps are from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. and for ages 5–13 years.
Drop off as early as 8:45 a.m., with pick up right at noon.
Comfy clothes and tennis shoes are all that are required.
Please send your child with a snack or snack money; we will take a 10–15 minute break around 11 a.m. each day.

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## July 1 Thursday

### OWASSO GATHERING ON MAIN [FREE]

Enjoy live music, food vendors, a kids zone and more on Main Street in Owasso. 6–9 p.m. owassogathering.com

### BOUNCE'N BEETHOVENS: FEELINGS PRESENTED BY MIDTOWN SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS [FREE]

In this 20-minute virtual music/movement class with Ms. Katherine, explore the world of feelings together. It is sure to be a roller-coaster ride filled with laughter, lots of facial expressions and dramatic play opportunities set to music so make sure to have your homemade instruments, scarves and stuffed animals ready to help you explore.

Join here: www.youtube.com/tulsalibrary. For preschoolers.

## July 2 Friday

### FANTASY CRAFT TIME: DIY FANTASY EGG [FREE]

Join Pratt Library's Facebook page to create fantasy-inspired dragon, phoenix and Occamy eggs inspired by the fantastic beasts of the wizarding world. Pick up a take-home kit at the Pratt Library. Join here: www.facebook.com/tcclprattlibrary. For all ages. Pratt Library, 3219 S. 113th W. Ave.

### FIRST FRIDAY AT LIVING ARTS [FREE]

Reserve tickets to visit Living Arts of Tulsa's newest exhibition, OVAC Art365, during First Friday in the Tulsa Arts District. Admission is free, but pre-registration is required. Find the ticket link at facebook.com/livingartsoftulsa. Living Arts of Tulsa, 307 E. Reconciliation Way, 6–9 p.m. livingarts.org

## July 3 Saturday

### SATURDAY MORNING BIRDING [FREE]

Enjoy birding on the first Saturday of each month at Oxley Nature Center. Bring binoculars if you have them. All ages welcome, no registration required. Oxley Nature Center, 6700 Mohawk Blvd., 8–9:45 a.m. oxleynaturecenter.org

### EARLY BIRDS: SENSORY FRIENDLY HOUR [FREE]

Early Birds—Sensory Friendly Hour is back! The Ray Harral Nature Center will open an hour early to help provide a sensory friendly space for your family.

There will be an assortment of scavenger hunts available to keep the kids busy! Ray Harral Nature Center, 7101 S. 3rd St., Broken Arrow, 9–10 a.m. facebook.com/rayharralnaturecenter

### SPRINKLER SATURDAYS [W]

Sprinkler Saturdays are back! Head to the Philbrook gardens from 10 a.m. to noon for sprinkler fun. Kids and kids at heart are welcome to cool off, play around, and just have fun! Drip-dry as you walk through the gardens, relax on your picnic blanket, or bring your own towel to dry off. Advance, timed entry recommended. Philbrook Museum, 2727 S. Rockford Rd., 10 a.m.-12 p.m. philbrook.org

## July 4 Sunday

**Happy 4th of July!**

### DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

Bring your furry family member for a special day when dogs can visit the Garden. A food truck will have brunch options and drinks will be available from 10 a.m.–2p.m. Advance tickets required. Tulsa Botanic Garden, 3900 Tulsa Botanic Dr., 9 a.m.–5 p.m., tulsabotanic.org

## July 5 Monday

### FIRST MONDAY ART & CRAFT AT ROMP

The Rural Oklahoma Museum of Poetry will be open the first Monday of each month from 10:30 to Noon for a special craft activity for kids, ages 5 and up. The activity will include art and poetry and will be free of charge. Rural Oklahoma Museum of Poetry, 416 E. Main St., Locust Grove, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m. rompoetry.com

### YUCHI LANGUAGE CLASS [FREE]

Learn the beautiful language of the Yuchi people via Zoom. Register online at www.tulsalibrary.org/events to receive Zoom link. Registration closes 24 hours ahead of class. For all ages. 6:30–7:30 p.m.



THE JENKS PLANETARIUM IS A STELLAR WAY TO LEARN ABOUT CONSTELLATIONS, PLANETS—AND EVEN ART! FIND A LIST OF UPCOMING SHOWS AT JENKSCOMMUNITYED.COM. PHOTO COURTESY OF JENKS COMMUNITY EDUCATION

## July 6 Tuesday

### JEANNE B. GOODWIN STORYTELLING FESTIVAL [FREE]

Join Rudisill Regional Library and performer Muriel Johnson for the annual storytelling festival and let your imagination run wild! From coast to coast, the always fun and interactive Muriel uses her performances to share stories, engaging her audience with different voices, chants and movements. Kids of all ages will be delighted by her contagious enthusiasm. Email rr@tulsalibrary.org for the Zoom invite. After the program date, you can also view her performance on her website at https://www.forherstories.com/tulsa. The annual storytelling festival is a tribute to the late Jeanne B. Goodwin, a lifelong Oklahoma educator and literacy champion who understood how storytelling and the visual experience work to build a vivid imagination. See a tour of the Goodwin Storytime Room on our YouTube page at www.youtube.com/TulsaLibrary. 2–3 p.m.

### NOS APOYAMOS! [FREE]

This is a support group for Spanish-speaking parents of children with developmental disabilities. For more information, contact Hannah Chaboya at TARC, at 918-582-8272. thearcok.org

## July 7 Wednesday

### DE-STRESS DOODLES WITH ARTIST SARAH BOWEN [FREE]

Join artist Sarah Bowen for a calming guided doodle session. No matter your level of artistic talent, this class will help you find creativity and a little calm in your hectic world. You will need paper and a pen or colored pencil. Check it out at www.youtube.com/tulsalibrary. For ages 10–18.

### STORYTIME AT TULSA ZOO [W]

Enjoy storytime at the Tulsa Zoo every Wednesday at 10 a.m.! Storytime will take place at the Lost Kingdom Elephant Demonstration Yard. A new book will be read each week, and participants will also have an up-close ambassador animal encounter. To allow for social distancing, a limited number of spots may be available. Tulsa Zoo, 6421 E. 36th St. N., 10 a.m. tulsazoo.org

## FREE COMMUNITY FITNESS CLASSES

**REDBUD FESTIVAL PARK**
(109 N. Main St.,Owasso; facebook.com/redbudfestivalpark)

- **Functional Fitness:** Mondays, 6-6:45 p.m.
- **Yoga in the Park:** Thursdays, 8-8:45 a.m.

**GUTHRIE GREEN: FITNESS ON THE GREEN**
(111 E. Reconciliation Way; guthriegreen.com)

- **Sunday Zumba:** Sundays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- **Zumba:** Mondays, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- **Morning Bootcamp:** Wednesdays, 6-7 a.m.
- **Yoga:** Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- **Storytime Yoga:** July 14 and 27, 10:30-11 a.m.

**GATHERING PLACE**
(2600 S. Riverside Dr.; gatheringplace.org)

- **PlyoJam Dance:** Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m.
- **Bootcamp:** Thursdays, 6-7 p.m.

Finally, don't miss Tulsa City-County Library's weekly virtual yoga class. Join in Yoga for Every Body each Tuesday from 6-7 p.m. at facebook.com/tulsalibrary.






IT'S TIME TO ROCK OUT! TULSA ROCK AND MINERAL SOCIETY'S ANNUAL GEM, MINERAL AND JEWELRY SHOW RETURNS TO EXPO SQUARE JULY 17 AND 18. PHOTOS COURTESY OF TULSA ROCK AND MINERAL SOCIETY

## July 8 Thursday

### STORYTIME AT GATHERING PLACE [FREE, W]

Enjoy a story read by a different guest reader each week under the Reading Tree at Gathering Place! Gathering Place, 2600 S. Riverside Dr., 4 p.m. gatheringplace.org

### KIDS CONNECTION [FREE]

This is a social group designed for children, grades K–5, with high-functioning autism. For more information, contact Sherilyn Walton or Steve Pitts at 918-582-8272. Thearcok.org

### JAWS MOVIE NIGHT AND THE TRUTH ABOUT SHARKS

Join Oklahoma Aquarium to watch one of America's greatest thrillers about a great white shark threatening a New England tourist town. However, did you know that it was actually a bull shark that threatened a resort town in the early 1900s? OK Aquarium educators and biologists will debunk myths about sharks after the movie, so you'll feel safer about getting in the water. Oklahoma Aquarium, 300 Aquarium Dr., Jenks, doors open at 6:30 p.m. okaquarium.org

## July 9 Friday

### JUST BETWEEN FRIENDS BROKEN ARROW: ALL SEASON SALE [FREE]

Shop Just Between Friends—Broken Arrow's All Season Sale from July 9–11! Get everything from kid's furniture, maternity and baby items, kids clothing and more at just a fraction of retail prices. Rhema Ninowski Rec Center, 1421 W. Kenosha St., Broken Arrow, ba.jbfsale.com

## July 10 Saturday

### RISE AND SHINE! MORNING HIKE [FREE]

The Ray Harral Nature Center is opening early on a Saturday Morning! Enjoy a relaxing, self-guided morning hike at the Nature Park. Coffee and Donuts will be provided while supplies last. Bring a cup to put your coffee in! For all ages. 8–10 a.m. facebook.com/rayharralnaturecenter

### TREEHOUSE TEA PARTY WITH THE MAGICAL NANNY

Join The Magical Nanny for a practically perfect tea party with storytime and sing-a-longs in the Children's Discovery Garden. Advance registration required. Tulsa Botanic Garden, 3900 Tulsa Botanic Dr., 10 a.m.–12 p.m. tulsabotanic.org

### WILL'S BARTER BASH [FREE]

Clear out your closets and bring a blanket to set up beside the sunken gardens with plenty of space! Every 2nd Saturday of the month through October! No registration required. Kids can trade toys, games or other fun items. No money, all bartering. Tons of fun! Will Rogers Memorial Museum, 1720 W. Will Rogers Blvd., Claremore, 1–3 p.m. willrogers.com

### THE SISTINE CHAPEL

Head to the Jenks Planetarium for an informative show recreating the Sistine Chapel. Learn about the meanings behind the paintings and more. Target age is 8 to adult. Jenks Planetarium, 205 E. B St., Jenks, 6:30–7:30 p.m. jenkscommunityed.com

## July 11 Sunday

### KEYSTONE ANCIENT FOREST HIKE DAY [FREE]

Hike among centuries-old cedar and post oak trees as well as a variety of other wildlife and natural beauty. Keystone Ancient Forest, 160 Ancient Forest Dr., Sand Springs, 8 a.m.–6 p.m. sandspringsok.gov

## July 12 Monday

### CRAFT CLUB: PAPER QUILLING ANIMALS [FREE]

Come by Central Library (400 Civic Center) to pick up a free paper quilling kit (one per household) while supplies last and then join us on Zoom for a night of fun crafting. Register online at www.tulsalibrary.org/events or email cas@tulsalibrary.org to sign up for the Zoom crafting hangout. For adults and teens. 6:30–7:30 p.m.

## July 13 Tuesday

### OUTDOOR PERFORMANCE: BUBBLES! PRESENTED BY DUSTIN REUDELHUBER OF TULSA BALLOONS [FREE]

Dustin takes bubbles to the max in this comedy, educational bubble extravaganza. It's the craziest, most creative bubble show around. Mixing comedy, music and interactive bubble magic, Dustin engages and delights audiences of all ages. Face painting also will be available. This is an outdoor event that will take place at the Redbud Festival Park, 109 N. Main St., across the street from the Owasso Library. 10–11 a.m. tulsalibrary.org

### SENIOR SAFETY AND LIFESTYLE FAIR

Oklahoma's premier senior event features exhibitors that promote health and safety, active aging and retirement lifestyles and interests. News on 6 anchor Lori Fullbright will emcee the Senior Stage and share her compelling Cons, Fraud and Scams presentation. There will be entertainment, activities and presentations throughout the day. Other highlights will include a free shredding truck and an Rx Takeback event with the Coalition Against Prescription and Substance Abuse of Tulsa (CAPSAT). Exchange Center at Expo Square, 4145 E. 21st St., 9 a.m.–2:30 p.m. lifeseniorservices.org

## July 14 Wednesday

### STOP MOTION 101 WITH ARTIST SARAH BOWEN [FREE]

Sarah Bowen will show you how to create your own stop-motion shorts with just a camera phone and some everyday objects. Add in clay for some extra claymation fun! A tripod helps but is not necessary. Check it out at www.youtube.com/Tulsalibrary. For ages 10–18.

### TEENS: VIRTUAL GAMING [FREE]

Play party games, trivia and more on Zoom! Register online at www.tulsalibrary.org/events to receive a Zoom link to join on the day of the program. For ages 10–18. 3–4 p.m.

## July 15 Thursday

### BUILD A READER STORYTIME: FAMILY [FREE]

Tune in for this 0–5 storytime and grow that love of reading! Enjoy simple songs and books for little ones and more interactive stories and activities for older children. Join here: www.facebook.com/tulsalibrary. Can't make it live? All storytime videos will be saved on Facebook and TCCL's YouTube channel for your children to enjoy later! Find them here: www.youtube.com/TulsaLibrary/playlists

### TREEFORT STORYTIME

Enjoy a nature-themed story in the shade of the Children's Discovery Garden Treefort at Tulsa Botanic Garden. Free with admission. Tulsa Botanic Garden, 3900 Tulsa Botanic Dr., 10:30 a.m., tulsabotanic.org

## July 16 Friday

### FANDOM FRIDAY TRIVIA: TAILS AND TALES [FREE]

Get ready to test your pop-culture animal knowledge. Register online at www.tulsalibrary.org/events to receive a Zoom invite. Questions? Email Ellen.Nole@tulsalibrary.org. For adults. 6:30–8 p.m.

## July 17 Saturday

### TULSA ROCK AND MINERAL SOCIETY GEM, MINERAL AND JEWELRY SHOW

Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society's annual Rock, Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show is fun for the whole family! Kids can add to their rock collection by shopping at a variety of vendors. There is also a free kid's zone, door prizes and more. Adult admission is $6 (or $10 for a two-day pass). Kids 12 and under get in free with paid adult. Exchange Center at Expo Square, 21st St. between Harvard and Hale, 9 a.m.–6 p.m. Repeats Sunday, July 18, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. tulsarockandmineralsociety.org

### FAMILY DAY AT WILL ROGERS MEMORIAL MUSEUM

Explore the history of Snow Cones! With Snow Cones and Jazz making their debut at the Texas State Fair in 1919, the Will Rogers Memorial Museum invites you to learn a little more while enjoying a frozen treat of your own from Kona Ice! Will Rogers Memorial Museum, 1720 W. Will Rogers Blvd., 1–3 p.m. willrogers.com

## July 18 Sunday

### TULSA BALLET "THE NUTCRACKER" AUDITIONS

Tulsa Ballet is holding auditions for its all-new production of "The Nutcracker." There were three days of auditions held in late May. However, families unable to attend those sessions are invited to audition on July 18. Pre-registration is required. Children should be six years or older on audition day. Tulsa Ballet, 1212 E. 45th Pl., various times. Tulsaballet.org/classes/the-nutcracker-auditions

## July 19 Monday

### BUILD A READER STORYTIME: BABIES & TODDLERS [FREE]

Ready, set, READ! This beginning storytime focuses on helping your baby or toddler develop important literacy skills while emphasizing the fun of reading. Join here: facebook.com/tulsalibrary.

## July 20 Tuesday

### THE SUMMER SKY

The short summer nights don't last very long to view one of the busiest skies of the year. From swans to eagles to scorpions to centaurs, the summer sky is filled with myth. Come learn the stories behind these constellations and how they are all related to our Milky Way! Weather permitting this show includes stargazing on the roof-top observation deck! Please dress for the weather. The target audience age for The Summer Sky is 8 years to adult. Reserve tickets in advance. Jenks Planetarium, 205 E. B St., 8:30–9:30 p.m. jenkscommunityed.com

## July 21 Wednesday

### TINY TERRAFORMING WITH ARTIST AND ANIMATOR SARAH BOWEN [FREE]

Sarah Bowen will show you how to create your own tiny alien world with only two colors of clay (air dry or polymer) and a small tin box (Altoids can or similar). Learn how to mix colors, textures and other worldly terrain with household items. You can add acrylic paints or collage materials for another layer of fun creating! Check it out at www.youtube.com/Tulsalibrary. For ages 10–18.

### SUMMER STORY TIME [FREE, W]

Enjoy story time at Guthrie Green every Wednesday morning! Every other week, kids can enjoy Story Time Yoga with IAMKIDS Yoga. On alternate weeks, storytime will be more traditional, with different guest readers. Guthrie Green, 111 E. Reconciliation Way, 10:30–11 a.m. guthriegreen.com

## July 22 Thursday

### TEEN CONNECTION [FREE]

This is a social group for middle and high school students with high functioning autism. Activities include board and video games where they can practice positive social skills with others that have similar interests. For more information, contact Sherilyn Walton or Steve Pitts at 918-582-8272. 4:30–6 p.m. thearcok.org

## July 23 Friday

### IT'S ELECTRIC! AN ENERGY INVESTIGATION [FREE, W]

Explore & Imagine with Hot Toast Music Co. "It's Electric!" education program brought to you by PSO. "It's Electric!" is a hands-on, interactive musical education program focused on energy and sustainability. Join every Friday morning of the summer for electrifying learning in a safe, outdoor environment! This program is free and open to the public. Gathering Place, 2600 S. Riverside Dr., 10 a.m.–12 p.m. gatheringplace.org


Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society's

ROCK, GEM, MINERAL & JEWELRY SHOW

Saturday, July 17, 2021, 9am–6pm
Sunday, July 18, 2021, 10am–5pm
Exchange Center at Expo Square, Tulsa, OK

Adults: $6; Two Day Pass: $10
Kids, 12 and under: FREE with paid adult
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## July 24 Saturday

### PROJECT PROGRESS THROUGH PROMOTION (P3) [FREE, W]

The Project Progress through Promotion (P3) is a free Saturday school program from the Institute for Developing Communities, The Opportunity Project and 100 Black Men in Tulsa for students in grades 8–12. The school is designed to help students with English, Math and Science and to support those with missing credits. Two separate sessions meet on the OSU-Tulsa campus every Saturday through July 31. The project is also supported in part by the OSU Division of Institutional Diversity. For more information, contact tidcok@gmail.com or 918-401-0534. Participants can join at any time.

### TASTE OF SUMMER BA

Taste of Summer 2021 will return to Broken Arrow on Saturday, July 24. The festival will take place at Central Park Community Center and feature summertime fun for the entire family, including unlimited Blue Bell ice cream, a "Get Active" zone for all ages, live entertainment, a kids' craft area, local vendors and more. Advance tickets are $5 per person. Kids two and under are free. Central Park, 1500 S. Main St., 10 a.m.–3 p.m. tasteofsummerba.com

### LA FIESTA DE TULSA [FREE]

Celebrate the Latin and Hispanic cultures in our community with La Fiesta de Tulsa at Gathering Place! This annual, fan-favorite festival will bring Latin cultures together for an unforgettable night filled with cultural food and drink, crafts and live performances. Don't miss out on the most festive fiesta in the region at La Fiesta de Tulsa! Gathering Place, 2600 S. Riverside Dr. See website for schedule. gatheringplace.org

## July 25 Sunday

Find more community events at tulsakids.com/calendar



HOW MUCH ICE CREAM CAN YOU EAT? FIND OUT ON JULY 24, AT BROKEN ARROW'S ANNUAL TASTE OF SUMMER FESTIVAL FEATURING UNLIMITED BLUE BELL ICE CREAM. PHOTO COURTESY OF BROKEN ARROW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## July 26 Monday

### YUCHI LANGUAGAE CLASS [FREE, W]

Learn the beautiful language of the Yuchi people via Zoom. Register online at www.tulsalibrary.org/events to receive Zoom link. Registration closes 24 hours ahead of class. For all ages. 6:30–7:30 p.m.

## July 27 Tuesday

### BUILD A READER STORYTIME: PRESCHOOL [FREE]

The best in children's literature, songs, games, finger plays, rhymes and other reading-related activities are shared with your preschooler. Join here: www.facebook.com/tulsalibrary. 10:30–11 a.m.

## July 28 Wednesday

### POLYMER CLAY EARRINGS WITH ARTIST SARAH BOWEN [FREE]

Learn how to make your own trendy earrings with artist Sarah Bowen. You will need a few colors of polymer clay, scissors and something to roll your clay (like a marker.) You also will need an oven (even an easy bake!) and metal attachments for your earrings.

Check it out at www.youtube.com/Tulsalibrary. For ages 10–18.

## July 29 Thursday

### FISH FEEDING AT PHILBROOK [W]

See Philbrook's koi up close and personal as they are fed in the Reflecting Pool. Philbrook Museum, 2727 S. Rockford Rd., 10:30–10:45 a.m. philbrook.org

### SUMMER MOVIE CLUB: "CATS" (2019, RATED PG) [FREE]

Join the Jenks library for a discussion of the 2019 movie musical "Cats." Watch the movie before the meeting, then come and share your thoughts. Love it or hate it, let's talk about "Cats." Email jenks.library@tulsalibrary.org for Zoom link. For adults and teens. 6–7 p.m.

## July 30 Friday

### OUT-LIT YA BOOK CLUB [FREE]

Do fun activities and chat about "The Black Flamingo" by Dean Atta. A boy comes to terms with his identity as a mixed-race gay teen and then at university he finds his wings as a drag artist, The Black Flamingo. E-book, e-audio and physical copies are available for request at www.tulsalibrary.org. Register online at www.tulsalibrary.org/events to receive the Zoom link. For ages 12–18. 4:30–5:30 p.m.

### WILL ROGERS MOVIE NIGHT [FREE]

Enjoy Movie Night in the newly renovated Will Rogers Theatre for a fun night of classic movies. This month's feature is State Fair, starring Will Rogers. Admission is FREE, but tickets must be reserved as seating is limited. The Shindig—Live Music and family games on the Porch from 6–9 p.m. Will Rogers Memorial Museum, 1720 W. Will Rogers Blvd., Claremore, 6:30 p.m. willrogers.com

### MERMAIDS' NIGHT OUT

Release your inner mermaid at Mermaids' Night Out! This indulgent evening brings together boutiques and merchants from all over the Tulsa area. Pamper yourself with a night of shopping, exclusive goodies, and all our aquatic life. Plus, meet the aquarium's mermaids! Adults and children are welcome, and the first 100 guests will receive a reusable mermaid tote bag. Oklahoma Aquarium, 300 Aquarium Dr., 6 p.m. okaquarium.org

## July 31 Saturday

### SHEN YUN

Through the universal language of music and dance, Shen Yun weaves a wondrous tapestry of heavenly realms, ancient legends, and modern heroic tales, taking you on a journey through 5,000 years of Chinese culture. Every Shen Yun performance features classically trained dancers, a unique orchestra blending East and West, and dazzling animated backdrops. Presented by Falun Dafa Association of Oklahoma. Tulsa PAC, 110 E. 2nd St., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. tulsapac.com

# Fourth of July Family Fun

The sky will light up all over Green Country this fourth of July weekend! Below, you'll find a list of local fireworks shows. Visit websites for details about additional entertainment.

## BIXBY FREEDOM CELEBRATION

**When:** July 2, 7–10 p.m.; Gates open at 7 p.m. Fireworks begin at 9:45 p.m.
**Where:** Bentley Park Sports Complex, 8505 E. 148th St. S., Bixby
**Website:** bixbyfreedomcelebration.com

## FIREWORKS IN THE PARK

**When:** July 3, 6 p.m.; Fireworks start around 9:45 p.m.
**Where:** Case Community Park, 2500 S. River City Park Rd., Sand Springs
**Website:** facebook.com/sandspringspark

## FANTASY IN THE SKY

**When:** July 3, 7 p.m.
**Where:** Skiatook Municipal Airport, 1501 S. Lombard Ln., Skiatook
**Website:** skiatookchamber.com

## FOLDS OF HONOR FREEDOMFEST

**When:** July 4, 6–10 p.m.
**Where:** River West Festival Park, 2100 S. Jackson Ave. Veterans Park, 1875 S. Boulder Ave.
**Website:** freedomfesttulsa.com

## 4TH OF JULY FREEDOM FEST

**When:** July 4, 6:30 p.m., Fireworks start around 9 p.m.
**Where:** Downtown Jenks and Downtown Commons Park
**Website:** jenkschamber.com/july4

*Note: Oklahoma Aquarium offers a front row view of the Jenks fireworks. Reserve your space today at okaquarium.org. Families may also enjoy fun activities all day long at the Jenks Riverwalk.


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