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Cool Culture® provides 50,000 underserved families with free, unlimited access to 90 cultural institutions – so that parents can provide their children with educational experience that will help them succeed in school and life.

e-Family Time Newsletter, brought to you by [Cool Culture](#)—August 2011

## Explore New York with Your Family This Month!



A Cool family examines a work of art at the Queens Museum of Art.  
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Looking for something fun to do with your children during the last month of summer? Plan an adventure with your [Cool Culture Family Pass](#)!

Choose where to take your family by the [type of institution](#) your family is interested in, such as an art museum or an historical institution, or make your choice based on which borough you'd like to visit.

Look through the museum's website with your kids so that they know [what to expect](#) when they get there. Invite them to be your guides during the trip, finding things that interest them.

Before you make your visit, check out Cool Culture's [activity guides](#) and [Culture Hunt Cards](#) online. They are filled with easy activities you can do before, during, and after your visit to a cultural institution, and will help to guide your family's cultural exploration.

As your kids grow, cultural trips remain a great way to continue quality family time together and help your children to explore their interests!

### Check it Out!

This month, head to the [Queens Museum of Art](#) to explore the colorful patterns and textures of the Tiffany Glass Lamp collection. Have your child pick out their favorite color and try to find other objects of that color in the museum!

*Can't make it to Queens?*

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**Did you know? Kids love to count!**  
In a museum, counting will encourage them to slow down and look carefully.

Ask your child: How many steps are outside the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine? How many zebras are at the zoo? What other things can you count?

## Want More Info about Where to Go and What to Do?

Get ideas and the tools for your next cultural adventure by looking at the [events calendar](#) at the bottom of this newsletter and visiting [www.coolculture.org](http://www.coolculture.org).

Remember, the Family Pass is good for general admission to [90 partner museums, zoos and gardens](#), for up to 5 individuals, any time the cultural institution is open!

Don't forget to bring your ID. Have fun exploring NYC's arts and culture!

### Comments, Feedback?

Contact Cool Culture Staff

Email [familytime@coolculture.org](mailto:familytime@coolculture.org).

For a full list of Cool Culture partners, check out the Cool Culture [website](#).

Find stained glass at the [Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine](#) or the [Museum at Eldridge Street](#), or travel to the [Brooklyn Museum](#) to see the colorful windows on the 4th floor!

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## **AUGUST EVENTS CALENDAR—Get the most out of summer with these fun family events!**

For the complete Family Time Summer Events Calendar in English and Spanish, [click here](#).

### **EVENTS CALENDAR KEY:**

**FP = Free with Cool Culture Family Pass**

**FREE = Free to all, Cool Culture Family Pass not necessary**

**Saturday, August 6**

#### **VAUDEVILLE FAMILY DAY, Noon-5pm**

This free outdoor celebration includes games and activities for the whole family, inspired by the outdoor summer jamborees that took place in historic Weeksville, one of New York's earliest 19th-century Free Black communities. Meet Marco the Magician, make a collage, play with old-fashioned toys, get your face painted, and saddle up for a horseback ride!

[WEEKSVILLE HERITAGE CENTER](#) ALL AGES FREE

**Saturday, August 13**

#### **FAMILY ART PROJECT: FLUTTER WITH THE BUTTERFLIES/JUEGUE CON LAS MARIPOSAS, 10am-1pm**

See and sketch the butterflies flying and sipping at their favorite flowers, then make a butterfly hat to wear as you flutter across the landscape.

[WAVE HILL](#) ALL AGES FREE

**Saturday, August 20**

#### **A MEDIEVAL MENAGERIE, 1pm**

There are many different kinds of animals at The Cloisters—some real and some imaginary. Find these creatures in artwork throughout the building, and learn what people in the Middle Ages thought about them.

[THE CLOISTERS](#) AGES 4-12 FP

**Sunday, August 21**

#### **NEW YORK CITY PUPPET THEATRE PERFORMANCE, 1pm**

Join us for a family-friendly, interactive performance by New York City Puppet Theatre, the oldest African-American puppet theatre in the country.

[THE STUDIO MUSEUM IN HARLEM](#) ALL AGES FREE

**Saturday, August 27**

#### **OLD TO THE NEW: T-SHIRT PROJECT WITH DARREN GOINS, Noon-3pm**

After collecting t-shirts from friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers we'll set out to reuse these once loved t-shirts from the inside out. Using a variety of materials and printmaking processes, scribble your own designs and words onto the insides and wear them outside.

[SOCRATES SCULPTURE PARK](#) ALL AGES FREE

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## **LOOKING AHEAD TO SEPTEMBER EVENTS—Celebrate the new season!**

**Saturday, September 5**

#### **CHARLES H. TALLY HOLIDAY MONDAY FAMILY PROGRAMS, 11-3:30pm**

Take a day to play at the Met and enjoy fun discussion and sketching! Programs start in the Carson Family Hall on the ground floor at 11, 12, 1:15 and 2:30.

[THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART](#) AGES 5-12 FP

**Saturday, September 17**

#### **CONSTITUTION DAY, Noon-3pm**

Bring your family and come learn about the Constitution with stories, fun activities, and crafts!

[KING MANOR MUSEUM](#) ALL AGES FREE

**Saturday and Sunday, September 24-25**

#### **HARVEST DAYS, 1-4pm**

Come celebrate the 2011 harvest the same way Brooklynites did years ago. Remember the potatoes you planted in May? Come back to Lefferts to harvest, cook and eat them. Work the press and drink fresh apple cider, churn butter, and run potato sack races.

[LEFFERTS HISTORIC HOUSE](#) ALL AGES FREE

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## ONGOING PROGRAMS—Family fun anytime, all the time!

Every Wednesday, July 6-August 31

### FAMILY CRUISE NITES: CLASSIC CAR SHOWCASE, 5:30-8:30PM

The Staten Island Region Antique Automobile Club of America rolls onto Center Street of Historic Richmond Town to give visitors a closer look at classic cars from the golden age of the American automobile. Weather permitting.

[HISTORIC RICHMOND TOWN](#) ALL AGES FREE

Every Sunday, July & August

### SUMMER SONGS AND STORIES, 2 and 3PM

Storyteller and musician Tammy Hall brings the age-old art of storytelling to Prospect Park. Gather under the big tree at Lefferts and be engaged and enchanted by stories from around the world.

[LEFFERTS HISTORIC HOUSE](#) ALL AGES FREE

Ongoing throughout the year, visit [www.metmuseum.org](http://www.metmuseum.org) for dates and times

### START WITH ART AT THE MET

Sketch, explore, listen to stories, and discover the meaning of art! Meet at Carson Family Hall, Uris Center for Education, ground floor.

[THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART](#) AGES 3-7 FP

Every Friday, August

### KIDFLIX FILM FESTIVAL

Enjoy a free series of films every Friday night throughout the month in Bedford Stuyvesant's Fulton Park. Experience features, documentaries, animation, shorts and television programming by filmmakers of the African Diaspora.

[MoCADA \(Fulton Park, Brooklyn\)](#) ALL AGES FREE

Every Saturday, July 2-August 27

### COLORS 'A LA CART', 2-4PM Drop-in

Come learn the secrets of the dyers' apprentices and see for yourself which colors came from leaves, roots, and husks, and which came from bugs. Discover if bugs should be smashed or boiled, and how artists stored color in fabric.

[THE MORGAN LIBRARY & MUSEUM](#) AGES 6+ FP

Every Sunday

### FREE DROP-IN ART WORKSHOPS, 1:30-4:30pm

Come for fun activities that will get you talking about the art on view! These programs are accessible to all families, including those whose children have special needs and those for whom English is a new language.

[QUEENS MUSEUM OF ART](#) AGES 5-12 FREE

Every Sunday

### TARGET FREE SUNDAYS, 12-4pm

Come for free programs and events ranging from family workshops to theater performances. You can explore how art and visual communication can ignite the imagination, engage the mind and reflect our human experience - past, present and future!

[THE STUDIO MUSEUM IN HARLEM](#) ALL AGES FREE

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