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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](#)—June 2011

Catch the Cool: Cool Culture Meets You at the Queens Museum of Art



Catch the Cool at the Queens Museum of Art on Saturday, June 18th

Get ready for an amazing day of [free family fun on June 18th](#) at the [Queens Museum of Art \(QMA\)](#)! Grab your friends and family and join Cool Culture for an awesome afternoon of art-making activities, spectacular storytelling, exciting explorations and more during [Catch the Cool](#).

Know Before You Go

Soak up some fun in the sun with your family—bring plenty of sunscreen and water for outdoor activities in Flushing Meadows Corona Park and pack food for a family picnic. There will also be exciting activities inside QMA, so be ready to check your stroller at the museum's entrance and explore indoors!

Parking at the museum will be limited; you can take the 7 train to the Mets-Willets Point subway station. Once you arrive, look for Cool Culture volunteers wearing red t-shirts stationed near the train station. The volunteers will direct you along the 10 minute stroll to QMA.

You can also wait for a shuttle bus at the train station; it leaves for QMA every 20 minutes. Volunteers are there to help, so don't be shy about asking questions! Spanish- and Mandarin-speaking volunteers will also be available for families who need them. For directions and more info about the event, [click here](#).

Did you know you can get a sneak peak of the QMA treasure hunt on our website? [Check it out!](#)

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Did you know? On Saturday, June 18th, 2011 you can win cool prizes at [Catch the Cool: Cool Culture Meets You at Queens Museum of Art!](#)

Drop in from noon to 4pm with your whole crew for an afternoon of FREE, FUN indoor and outdoor activities.

Remember to bring your [Cool Culture Family Pass](#) to enter to win special prizes including a Maclaren stroller!*



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* All families attending Catch the Cool are eligible to enter the general raffle.

Want More Info on 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](#).

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!

Special Programming, Prizes & More

Rain or shine, drop by QMA any time between noon and 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 18th for [Catch the Cool!](#)

This activity-packed afternoon will include art-making workshops, storytelling sessions in English, Spanish and Mandarin, and picture taking in a special photo booth! Your family will also have the chance to explore the museum's incredible exhibitions, like [The Panorama of the City of New York](#)—a miniature version of New York City that includes 895,000 tiny buildings and fills an entire room!

Enter to win cool prizes—bring your Cool Culture Family Pass for a special sweepstakes just for Cool Culture families—you can win a Maclaren stroller, gift certificates and more!

Your family and friends are sure to have a terrific time, so we hope you can join us on June 18th for [Catch the Cool at QMA!](#)

By Erin Cassin

Comments, Feedback?

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JUNE EVENTS CALENDAR—Start your hot summer with a COOL splash! And be sure to *Catch the Cool* on June 18th!

For the complete Family Time Spring 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

Sunday, June 5

OPEN STUDIO: INK DRAWING, 11am-1pm

Explore the galleries and make art in response to what you discover! This month, Museum Educators will show you how to try your hand at ink drawing.

[THE NOGUCHI MUSEUM](#) ALL AGES FP

Saturday, June 11

HANDS ON HISTORY: MY FAMILY PORTRAIT, 12-3pm

Drop in anytime for stories, activities and crafts! Families will learn about portraits and paintings.

[KING MANOR MUSEUM](#) ALL AGES FREE

Friday, June 17

BOATING STORYTIME, 10:30am

Join us for our monthly storytime. Celebrate this month's nautical theme by listening to stories about different kinds of boats and finding replicas of some of them on a topographical map. Afterwards, use shapes to create a boating picture to take home.

[MOUNT VERNON HOTEL MUSEUM AND GARDEN](#) AGES 2-6 FP

Saturday, June 18

CATCH THE COOL: Cool Culture Meets You at Queens Museum of Art, Noon-4pm

Join Cool Culture at The Queens Museum's FREE FAMILY DAY, full of hands-on art making, workshops, tours, prize giveaways and more! Drop in anytime and bring your friends—this event is free for everyone!

[THE QUEENS MUSEUM OF ART](#) ALL AGES FREE

Sunday, June 19

FATHER'S DAY SING-A-LONG, 3pm

Treat dad to something special: listen to musician Rory Dineen while enjoying fresh New York State strawberries and cream you whip the old-fashioned way!

[LEFFERTS HISTORIC HOUSE](#) ALL AGES FREE

Saturday, June 25

TRASH TO TREASURE: RECLAIMED WOOD WITH HEATHER HART & BUILT IT GREEN! Noon-3pm

Using reclaimed wood and other recycled materials, build simple and useful furnishings for your home—an art/design project for the entire family!

[SOCRATES SCULPTURE PARK](#) ALL AGES FREE

Saturday, June 25

SKY BOYS: THE BUILDING OF THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING

Join educators from Making Books Sing for a hands-on workshop based on their musical, Sky Boys: How They Built the Empire State Building, inspired by Deborah Hopkinson's celebrated book of the same name.

[MUSEUM OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK](#) FP

Tuesday, June 28

STORIES IN THE GARDEN, 11am

Each week, a "mystery reader" from Wave Hill's staff shares a story with budding young naturalists. Meet some of our talented people behind the scenes, and enjoy garden and nature stories in a shady nook of the garden. Sessions are held outdoors only and are weather dependent.

[WAVE HILL](#) AGES 3+ FREE

Thursday, June 30

TECH FOR TOTS: PAINTING WITH COMPUTERS, 1-2:30pm

Join us for a special workshop where you can use technology as a learning tool for your child. Children explore their artistic talent while discovering some of the basic functions of a computer. Reservations for up to 1 child and 1 adult can be made beginning Monday, June 27th, by calling [212-833-8100](tel:212-833-8100).

[SONY WONDER TECHNOLOGY LAB](#) AGES 3-6 FREE

LOOKING AHEAD TO JULY EVENTS—Find a COOL way to celebrate our nation's independence!

Saturday-Monday July 2-4

EAGLE AS ICON, 1-3pm

Get ready to celebrate Independence Day by learning about the eagle: a symbol of strength, courage, and pride and one of our country's most recognizable icons. Explore the role the eagle's image has played in shaping our nation's identity through a panel exhibit and fun nature craft.

[PROSPECT PARK AUDUBON CENTER](#) ALL AGES FREE

Sunday, July 3

FREEDOM STRUT, 1-4pm

On July 4th, 1827, slavery was abolished in New York State. For many years, this event was marked with annual celebrations. Revive this tradition by listening to stories of the struggle for African-American freedom, making your own Emancipation Day button, and strutting proudly in celebration as they did back then.

[LEFFERTS HISTORIC HOUSE](#) ALL AGES FREE

Monday, July 4

FOURTH OF JULY BIRTHDAY, Noon-5pm. Jazz concert at 1pm.

In celebration of Louis Armstrong's traditional birthday (July 4th, 1900), the Museum always remains open for tours and events. Join the celebration with a jazz concert in the Armstrong Garden, take a guided house tour, and enjoy complementary birthday cake!

[LOUIS ARMSTRONG HOUSE MUSEUM](#) ALL AGES FP

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