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**BOULDER  
VOICES FOR  
CHILDREN**

# Boulder County Free & Low-Cost Activities for CASA Kids



## ALL-AGES OUTDOOR RECREATION IDEAS

### Go to the Park

Find one of the many [parks in Boulder](#) and try one of these activities: blow bubbles, swing, have a picnic, toss a ball, scavenger hunt, fly a kite, dance, water balloon fight, nature walk, sidewalk chalk, bird watching, play I-Spy, or eat ice cream.

- [Lafayette Parks and Trails](#)
- [Longmont Parks, Open Space and Trails](#)
- [Louisville Trails](#)
- [Lyons Parks and Recreation](#)

### Hike on a Trail

Find a nearby trailhead [here](#) (remember to check difficulty level) or try the Open Space and Mountain Parks' [guided hike program](#) (available in winter, too!).

### Ride Bikes

Roll around town using the [Boulder County bike map](#) or practice your mountain biking skills at [Valmont Bike Park](#).

### Paid Outdoor Recreation Ideas

- [Butterfly Pavilion](#) (Westminster)
- [Gateway Park Fun Center](#) (Boulder)
- [Junkyard Social Club](#) (Boulder)

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### Visit a Farm

Contact your staff supervisor for a discounted ticket to [Sunflower Farm](#), then make a [reservation online](#).

More Kid-Friendly Farms in Boulder County:

- [The Bee Hugger Farm](#) (Longmont)
- [Growing Gardens Children's Peace Garden](#) (Boulder)
- [Longmont Agricultural Heritage Center](#) - Free!
- [Luvin' Arms Animal Sanctuary](#) (Erie)
- [Ya Ya Farm and Orchard](#) (Longmont)

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## ALL-AGES INDOOR ACTIVITIES

### Indoor Activity Ideas

Draw, paint, write stories, journal, sing songs, learn to play an instrument, do a science experiment, dance, play with Legos, learn a magic trick, create origami, read books aloud, play a board game, make slime, build paper airplanes, play with play dough, or do a puzzle.

### Browse the Library

Attend an event at your local library or browse the shelves for a new book! Locations: [Boulder](#), [Lafayette](#), [Longmont](#), [Louisville](#), [Lyons](#)

### Discovery Passes from the Longmont Library

If you have a Longmont Library card, there is a list of museums, galleries, adventures, attractions you can visit for free using a Discovery Pass. Get all the [details here](#).

### Create Arts & Crafts

[Art Parts Creative Reuse Center](#) (Boulder)

[Color Me Mine](#) (Boulder)

[Crackpots Studio](#) (Longmont)

[Tinker Art Studio](#) (Boulder)

[Firehouse Art Center - Kids Classes](#) (Longmont)



### Explore a Museum

CASA has a membership to [WOW! Children's Museum](#) in [Lafayette](#). One CASA per day may use the pass. Contact your staff supervisor prior to the day you plan to visit. Bring your CASA badge to the museum.

### More Boulder County Museums and Cultural Centers:

- [Boulder Dairy Arts Center](#)
- [Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art](#)
- [Longmont Museum & Cultural Center](#)
- [Dougherty Antique Car Museum](#) (Longmont)
- [The Museum of Boulder](#)
- [National Center for Atmospheric Research, NCAR](#) (Boulder) - Free!
- [Nederland Mining Museum](#) - Free!
- [University of Colorado Art Museum](#) (Boulder)
- [University of Colorado Museum of Natural History](#) (Boulder)

### Paid Indoor Recreation Ideas

[ABC Kids Climbing Gym](#) (Boulder)

[The Bounce Place](#) (Boulder)

[Bowling at the University of Colorado](#) (Boulder)

[City of Boulder Parks and Recreation Facilities](#)

[Fiske Planetarium](#) (Boulder)

[Get Air Trampoline Park](#) (Longmont)

[Longmont Climbing Collective](#)

[Ninja Warrior Playground](#) (Longmont)

[The Spot Climbing Gyms and Youth Programs](#) (Boulder, Denver, Golden, Louisville)

[YMCA of Northern Colorado](#) (various locations)

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## BORROW BVFC ACTIVITY BACKPACKS

Discover a treasure trove of activity ideas to do together with your CASA child using an activity backpack from our office. Browse our selection of more than a dozen backpacks, each containing an activity guide and supplies. Every bag has a theme, including:

### Firefighter Fun

Use a Discovery Pass from the Longmont Library for free access to the [Denver Firefighters Museum](#). Or, find an indoor or outdoor location to explore the activities included in this bag to learn more about firefighting.

### Bugs & Butterflies

A Discovery Pass from the Longmont Library can also get you a free ticket to the [Butterfly Pavilion](#) in Westminster, CO. Borrow this backpack for activities to do while you visit, including a scavenger hunt, along with ideas for bug hunting at a local park.

### Birding for Beginners

This bag includes resources from local Audubon societies and a special kids' guide to birding in Colorado.

### Rocks & Geodes

Go on a rockhound adventure with this backpack that also includes information on visiting the [Mines Museum](#) at the Colorado School of Mines in Golden, CO.

### Building Bridges

Find a quiet spot and open this backpack for books about bridges and tunnels, plus a bridge-building activity kit.

### Sand Play Storytelling

Create stories with the sand tray and exciting figurines included in this backpack. Use the activity guide to document your story to share.

### Discover Dinosaurs

Get free access to [Dinosaur Ridge](#) in Morrison, CO with your Longmont Library card. Learn even more about dinosaurs with the books, models and activities included in this backpack.

### Arts & Crafts Bin

We also have a bin with various arts and crafts supplies to add to each backpack. This bin contains additional guides for building your own paper airplanes and more!

### Social & Emotional Backpacks

Activities included in these bags can help you and your CASA child explore various social and emotional topics, including:

- Friendship
- Overcoming Challenges
- Finding Inner Strength
- Calm
- General Play

