

# THIS SUMMER ... BE A KID AT HEART!

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## 30 FUN THINGS TO DO IN BUCKS COUNTY

**B**eing a kid is great! Especially in the summer! Kids have all the free time in the world to fulfill their hearts' desires: bike, swim, make arts-and-crafts, take field trips to local attractions, explore the arts, seek new adventures. Come to think of it,

seniors — like you — often have the same luxury of time and freedom, so why not make the most of it! Here's just a sampling of activities that you can dive into this summer. You have the time and you're in your prime, so go for it; be a kid at heart and make this your best summer yet!

### get Wet & Wild!

- Take a water aerobics class at your local YMCA.
- Join one of the Bucks County community pools in Oxford Valley or Tohickon Park.
- Sail away on Lake Nockimixon in Quakertown or rent a kayak, row boat, or canoe to navigate Lake Luxembourg at Core Creek Park.
- Fish 'till your hearts content at many Bucks County parks including Silver Lake Park in Bristol!
- Take a guided fly-fishing trip complete with dinner with the Delaware River Fly-Fishing Guide Service. (215-343-1720)
- Cool off as you float down the Delaware at the top-rated River Country in Point Pleasant! (215-297-5000)



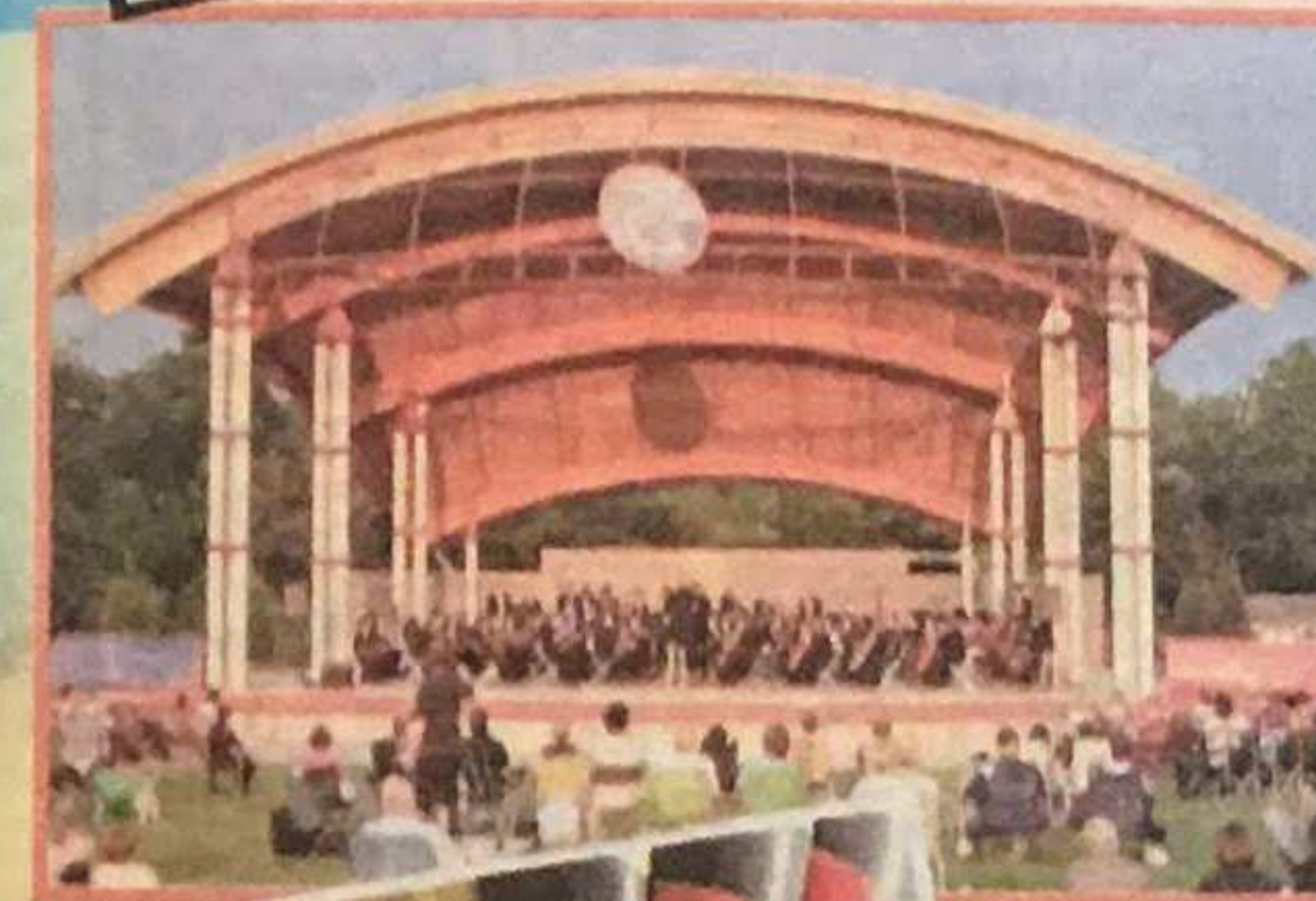
### Be Cultured!

- For starters, request the 2006 Bucks County Visitors Guide for listings and color photos of all there is to do in Bucks! (888-359-9110)
- Stop over at the New Hope & Ivyland Railroad for an educating and enlightening ride. (215-862-2332)
- Visit the 250+ year old Pen Ryn Mansion in Bensalem for its architectural grandeur and breathtaking views of the Delaware. (215-633-0600)
- Take a driving tour, on your own, of Bucks County's 12 covered bridges. (for a map, go to [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) and type "Bucks County covered bridge tours")
- Enroll in a wine tasting class such as "Wine Tasting for Dummies" offered at Crossing Vineyards and Winery. (215-493-6500)



### Live the ARTS

- Contact your township for a schedule of their summer outdoor concert series, like the shows performed at The Commerce Bank Amphitheater in Bensalem. (215-633-3635)
- Treat yourself to great theater close to home! The Bucks County Playhouse presents *Miss Saigon* this month! (215-862-2041)
- Check out the artsy sculpture garden at Buckingham Valley Vineyards opening this month. (215-794-7188)



### be CRAFTY!

Let your creative juices flow!

- Select a piece of already-made pottery and paint it to your liking at Paint N' Pottery, Doylestown. (215-348-9003)
- Beading is all the rage! Make your own bracelet, necklace or earrings at Bucks County Beads in the heart of Newtown. (215-579-8340)
- Learn to paint or draw; take an art class at a Bucks County Senior Center! (215-348-0510)
- Sign up for an affordable stained glass class, cake decorating, or knitting class at your local Michael's Arts & Crafts store! ([www.michaels.com](http://www.michaels.com))



### CHALLENGE YOURSELF!

Expand your limits and your horizons!



- Travel back to the Golden Age of Flight and fly in an open-pit bi-plane or glider. (Sports Aviation at the Van Sant Airport, Erwinna, 610-847-8320)
- The sky's the limit in a hot air balloon! (Endless Mountain Hot Air Balloon, Inc., Richboro, 570-945-3008)
- Rock-on! Climb numerous rock walls of various levels of difficulty. (Try Ralph Stover State Park.)
- Enjoy a relaxing or rigorous horseback ride on many of the county's park trails (Parks and Rec.: 215-757-0571)
- Rent and ride a horse at the Bucks County Horse Park in Revere (610-847-8597).



### EXPLORE NATURE

- Hike Peace Valley Park in New Britain or one of the many marked trails at a county or state park in Bucks. (Parks and Recreation: 215-757-0571)
- Join others at the Churchville Nature Center for weekly bird walks and regular animal programs. (215-357-4005)
- Explore breathtaking gardens June 11th during the Beautiful Bucks Kitchen and Garden Tour. (215-343-3913)
- Relax for a day and night and tent camp at Tohickon Valley Park, Point Pleasant. (215-297-0754)



### Tee Off!

Novice and experts can enjoy great golfing throughout the county!

- To find public courses, go to [www.1stop4golf.com](http://www.1stop4golf.com)
- Mini-golf is a great escape! Check out the newest in Bucks: Golf Adventure in Fairless Hills, featuring lighted 18-holes, 4 ponds and a 15" waterfall! (215-547-4567)
- Take a lesson at your local public golf course or the top-rated Dom DiJulia School of Golf. (New Hope or Horsham, 215-862-9045)

