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Summer has arrived, arguably the most wonderful time of the year in our corner of the Pacific Northwest. You’ve put away the skis and tuned up the bikes, traded parkas for paddles, visited the farmer’s market and happily welcomed the season’s early bounty, hit the trails and fired up the barbecue, planted that garden and gotten your first sunburn.

For those of you with kiddos, however, this season may leave you wondering how you’re going to keep the little ones entertained for three whole months.

Fear not, Cascadians! We’ve compiled this guide as a go-to for all things summer-related, whether you’re looking for camps, specialized courses, outdoor events or good ol’ fashioned free family fun, we’ve got you covered all season long.

YOU PICK ‘EM

A BERRY GOOD GUIDE FOR FRESH FAMILY PICKS

Cascadia is home to a vast wealth of farmland. Below is a list of family-friendly places focusing on where to pick this summer’s bounty. Grab a copy of Sustainable Connections Food & Farm Finder at the Bellingham Farmers Market and other area businesses for more locales and ways to help your family eat local this season.

APPLE CREEK ORCHARD
Apples and pears (Oct.)
5367 Barr Rd., Ferndale
(360) 384-0915

BARBIE’S BERRIES
Strawberries (June), raspberries, blueberries and blackberries
7655 Melody Lane, Ferndale
(360) 384-1260

BELLEWOOD ACRES
AND DISTILLING
Apples (Sept.-Nov.)
6140 Guide Meridian, Lynden
(360) 318-7720

BELLINGHAM COUNTRY GARDENS
Vegetables, flowers, strawberries (June) and raspberries
2838 E. Kelly Rd., Bellingham
(360) 233-3724

BOXX BERRY FARM
Strawberries (June), blueberries (July), raspberries
6211 Northwest Rd., Ferndale
(360) 380-2699

BRECKENRIDGE BLUEBERRIES
Blueberries (July)
3995 Breckenridge Rd., Everson
(360) 320-4102

CLEAARIAN BERRY FARM
Blueberries (July)
5455 Allison Rd., Bellingham
(360) 592-5106

HAUCK’S ORCHARD
AND PRODUCE
Cherries (July), plums, apples and pears (Sept.)
1920 Harksell Rd., Ferndale
(360) 384-5967

NOTE
Seasons may vary. Please contact each farm for hours and availability before planning a visit.
KIDS’ COLLEGE: Classes in everything from art to business, cooking, coding, crafts, LEGO Robotics, photography, filmmaking, reading, writing, filmmaking and beyond will be part of Kids’ College and @TeenSummer@Whatcom courses taking place throughout the summer. Courses will range from traditional to high-tech, and are designed for a variety of age levels.

www.whatcom.edu/kidscollege

COMMUNITY IDEAS

BIRCHWOOD INTERNATIONAL MARKET: If you want your kiddos to know more about diversity, bring them to Sustain — more about diversity, want your kiddos to know

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GRANDPARENTS U: Kids ages 7-14 can attend “Grandparents U” with their grandparents or grandfathers July 2-3 on the Western Washington University campus to work side-by-side as they participate in hands-on courses taught by Western faculty. From July 25-26, students in grades 5-8 can head to Anacortes to attend “Citizen Science with a Purpose” with their grandparents at the Shannon Point Marine Center. Fees are $229-$249 per grandparent/grandchild.

www.wwu.edu/youth-programs

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QUIDDITCH FEST: Muggles young and old alike will be enchanted by Hogwarts-inspired games and activities at the third annual Quidditch Fest taking place from 11am-3pm Sat., July 28 at Burlington’s Skagit River Park, 1100 S. Skagit St. Costumes are encouraged, but not required. Entry is free.

www.burlingtonwa.gov

KIDS’ FEST: A variety of games, face painting, arts and crafts, interactive activities, food, prizes and more will be part of the annual Kids’ Festival happening from 11am-3pm Sat., Aug. 4 at Downer Field. Entry is free to the public, and is meant for families with kids ages 8 or younger.

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COASTAL RHYTHMS CARNIVAL: A kid’s zone, a carnival, pie-eating contests, farm animals, local music, performances by magicians, farm animal exhibits and much more will be part of the Skagit County Fair taking place Aug. 8-11 in Mount Vernon at the Skagit County Fairgrounds, 479 W. Taylor St. Entry is $6-$8.

www.skagitcounty.net

NORTHWEST BALLET THEATER

SUMMER INTENSIVE

July 9 - August 4
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I suspect my parents started thinking about signing me up for drama classes not long after I spent 15 minutes delivering a moving monologue about how great it felt to turn 8 years old while standing on my chair next to the dining room table as my 3-year-old brother waited for the delayed slice of birthday cake he’d been promised.

My sibling got sent to his room, and I got a chance to expound on the joy I had felt that morning, when I’d opened my eyes to find a bright yellow bike in my room and furthermore discovered that my dad had mowed my name into the lawn while I slept.

The acting classes and camps I attended over the course of the next decade both during the school year and in the summers turned into a theater minor in college, and fostered a love of acting and respect for others that called me onstage.

“Underneath all the fun and excitement, a valuable education is taking place,” Stone says. “Kids have amazing imaginations. When they are told a story, their brains create a vivid experience filled with all the senses. When they act out in make-pretend play, they are learning and their creative intelligence is developing.”

“Mythic and magical. Wielding safe foam swords, campers play dueling games and act out challenges—such as fending off a bullying ogre or a thieving band of mean old pirates. Meanwhile, lessons about good sportsmanship, fair play and respect for others manage to make themselves known.

Campers typically end the week feeling excited, empowered and full of stories to tell, says Harper Stone, who’s been leading similar camps since 2003.

“In the next few years, kids who are interested in acting can begin their journey of discovery. Whether they’re just starting out with a desire to explore what it means to be an actor, or have already begun their journey and want to continue to hone their skills, these camps provide a safe and supportive environment for them to cultivate real-world skills.”

The listings to your right are full of a bunch of other ways kids can learn to act out this summer—whether it’s via helping put on plays with professionals at the Mount Baker Theatre, joining the Bellingham Arts Academy for Youth for a variety of theater, dance and music camps, learning more about the art of improvisation at the Upfront Theatre, signing up for Skagit Theatre Camp at Mount Vernon’s Lincoln Theatre, or taking an array of dance classes. By doing so, they can build their own adventures—and learn something along the way.

**Participate**

**WHAT:** Adventure Quests

**WHEN:** 10am-3pm Mon.-Fri., through Aug. 24

**WHERE:** Cornwall Park, Bellingham

**COST:** $195 per week (discounts are available)

**INFO:** www.questnorthwest.com

**SUMMER DANCE WORKSHOP:** Day to Day Dance will host beginner and intermediate dance workshops for Musical Theatre Jazz Conditioning from June-25-29 at their studios in Bellingham. From July 2-Aug., a four-week mini-session classes will include instruction on everything from pre-ballet to ballet, hip-hop, contemporary, creative movement and more. Fees are $60-$200 per month, with a $15 registration fee. (www.daytodancedance.com)

**BAAY SUMMER CAMPS:** Educating kids is a year-round endeavor at the Bellingham Arts Academy for Youth (1059 N. State St.), but instructors ramp up the offerings every summer, making way for kids in a variety of age ranges to learn more about what it takes to succeed in the arts. Whether it’s BAAY Pro putting on Chicago with the legendary Teri Grimes, kids ages 9-16 producing Shrek the Musical or signing up for a Circus & Clowning Camp, youth ages 4-6 taking part in a Storybook Theatre & Art Camp, Pixie Theatre presenting Dr. Seuss’ the Sneetches, or Ian Bivins directing kids in Once Upon a Mattress, a range of skills can be learned. Dance, costuming and music workshops are also on the roster. Fees vary. (www.baay.org)

**MISSOULA CHILDREN’S THEATRE:** Spaces are still available for the 16th annual visit by the Missoula Children’s Theatre to work with area youth to present Gulliver’s Travels (July 9-14), Secret Garden (July 16-21), and Pied Piper at the Mount Baker Theatre, 104 N. Commercial St. Each summer, the MCT tour team arrives at the staid summer theater with a set, lights, costumes, props and makeup, then adds 50-60 local students who rehearse through the week and then present two public performances on the MBT stage. Tuition is $190 per camp, or $175 for multiple students or camps. (www.mountbakertheatre.com)

**SKAGIT THEATRE CAMP:** Experienced theater professionals who love what they do will lead a Skagit Theatre Camp for students entering first through eighth grade from 10am-3pm July 9-13 at Mount Vernon’s Lincoln Theatre, 712 S. First St. During the weeklong session to produce Disney Winnie the Pooh Kids, student groups will study a broad range of stagecraft—including acting, singing, dancing, costume, sets, props, lighting and sound. Entry is $250, and includes two tickets to the performance. (www.williamsontheatre.org)

**UPFRONT IMPROV CAMP:** Instructors will guide kids ages 8-12 through improv games that will work out both their bodies and minds and end the week with an improv showcase at a Youth Improv Camp happening from 9am-12pm July 23-27 at the Upfront Theatre, 1208 Bay St. From July 16-20, a Teen Improv Camp will do the same thing. Entry for each weeklong workshop is $150. A mainstage performer from the Upfront will also lead a Teen Improv Workshop at 3pm Mon., July 9 at the Burlington Public Library, 820 E. Washington Ave. (call 360-735-0760 to secure a spot). (www.theupfront.com)

**YOUth Dance Workshop:** Pros from Bellingham Repertory Dance will lead a Youth Dance Workshop for students entering grades 6-8 from 10am-2pm Aug. 20-22 at the Firehouse Art and Event Center, 1314 Harris Ave. The three-day workshop will focus on opportunities for kids to develop their technique and expand their artistic expression. Entry is $150; scholarships are available for families in need of support. (www.bhamrep.org)

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Before hitting the mall, check to see if you can find what you’re looking for used. This will create less demand for new items, and extend the life of existing ones. Think second-hand first!

2. MAKE IT LAST
When you do buy new, ask your parents to look for clothing that will last. Learn to mend. Look for ways to repurpose worn out clothes. Join an upcycle camp and learn skills at creative reuse!

3. DONATE IT
Once you’ve outgrown your favorite tee, jeans or even socks, don’t throw them away! Whether a garment still has life left in it or it’s full of holes, 99% of clothing can be recycled or repurposed into everything from rags to rugs.

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Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association’s
Nooksack River Stewards Program

2018 Summer Community Events

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*We strive to recover salmon by engaging our community in restoration, education and stewardship.*
Upcoming Summer Camps at Bellingham Arts Academy for Youth

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Registration open now at baay.org!

RIVERSTONE CLIMBING GYM
SUMMER CAMPS DATES

CALL 360-610-7474

Little Crushers ages 7-13,
9:00 am - 12:00pm (indoor), All Day (outdoor)
June 25th - June 28th indoor, June 30th outdoor
July 16th - July 19th indoor, July 21st outdoor
July 30th - August 2nd indoor, August 4th outdoor

RCG Ventures ages 14-21
9:00 am - 12:00pm (indoor), Overnight Campout (outdoor)
July 9th - 11th indoor, July 12th & 13th campout
August 13th - 15th indoor, August 16th & 17th campout

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WORD BANK
Cross these words off as you've used them

Apple Cheese Lollipop
Butterfly Cupcake Plum
Cake Ice Cream Salami

KEEP THEM SAFE
Youth ages 12 to 14 can learn to travel safely and independently in Bellingham while bicycling, walking and riding the bus at Smart Trips Adventure Camps happening from 9am-1pm July 16-20, and again Aug. 6-10. Fees are $60; register in advance with Bellingham Parks and Rec, or get more details at www.whatcomsmarttrips.org
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4 Day Camps - All Summer Long

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June 25-28 or Aug 6-9

Junior Slammers (Ages 8-12)
9am-12pm, $179
July 9-12 or Aug 20-23

Grand Slammers (Middle Sch.)
9am-12pm, $179
July 16-19 or July 30- Aug 2

Competitive Juniors (Middle & High Sch.)
9am-3pm, $359
July 23-26

JV & Varsity Boys Pre-Season
JV 8:30-11:30am, Varsity 12-3pm, $179
Aug 13-16

Summer Tennis Clinics
8 Week Summer Session June 25 - Aug 16
No clinics on 7/4

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- 3-4pm
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  - Aces 1 (8-11yrs Orange Ball - Beg) M & W
  - Aces 2 (8-11yrs Green Ball - Int/Adv) T & Th
  - Aces 3 (Middle Sch. - Beg) Mon & Wed
  - Aces 4 (Middle Sch. - Int) Tue & Thu

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SUMMER READING

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JUNE 1 THROUGH AUGUST 31
BY CAREY ROSS

CINEMA UNDER THE STARS

NO WALLS ALLOWED

I was one of those weird kids whose parents would not allow me to watch television while I was growing up. Oh sure, I could manage some Saturday-morning cartoons there and there, but that was about it.

Movies were another matter entirely. One of my more consistent memories of my upbringing was going to the drive-in, where I saw everything from Return of the Jedi as a kid to The Lion King as a teenager. However, if there had been some means by which to see a movie that did not involve also being trapped in a car with their two unruly children, my parents would likely have leap at it.

These days, what with digital technology and outside-the-theater thinking, just about any patch of grass or parking lot can be transformed into a temporary movie house, no walls required. Expecting kids to sit sans squirming in a traditional movie house can be a tall order, but spread a blanket on the ground under a blanket of stars and in front of a giant screen and movie magic happens.

Our longest-standing summer tradition when it comes to seeing the stars under the stars is the Fairhaven Outdoor Cinema. For many years, they’ve turned the grassy expanse that is Fairhaven’s Village Green into an impromptu theater every Saturday night during the summer, showing new films and classics alike. Movie choices are made with a firm focus on appealing to folks of all ages, so if The Goonies (June 23) aren’t your bag (is that even possible?), just wait a few weeks and Coco (July 28), The Black Panther (Aug. 18), and The Princess Bride (Aug. 25) will all be along to surprise and delight you. As has become custom, each movie is paired with live preshow entertainment, so show up before dusk, stake out your spot—the Fairhaven Outdoor Cinema is a BYOS (Bring Your Own Seating) affair—and ready your family for cinematic fun. For more details: www.epiceap.com/fairhaven-outdoor-cinema

Before the Fairhaven Cinema was operated by its longtime steward Doug Borneman of Epic Events, it was founded by the Pickford Film Center, who took some years off from outdoor movie movos to, among other things, build a state-of-the-art indie movie theater in Bellingham’s Arts District and sufficiently chew the many bites it had bitten off. However, once they were done digesting, they decided to get back into the al fresco movie game—and did it in a big way, taking over the top floor of Bellingham’s Parkade, blowing up their giant inflatable screen and starting the Rooftop Cinema a few years ago. They’ll be at it again three times during the summer, showing Clueless (June 29), The Big Lebowski (July 27), and Napoleon Dynamite (Aug. 24). As always, the Pickford has more than movies up their Rooftop Cinema sleeve, so show up early and join in the shenanigans. Find out all at www.pickfordfilmcenter.org

But wait, there’s more. Not to be outdone by their bigger-city counterparts, Ferndale has also caught the outdoor movie bug—and they’re bringing Wonder Woman to town for a Fri., July 13 Ferndale Flicks in the Park showing at Pioneer Park. The showing is family friendly, and although it has a PG-13 rating due to some violent sequences (it is a superhero movie, after all), superheroes tend to destroy a lot of things before they save the day), I’d say the power of watching a lady superhero take on evil in the world in the name of restoring love probably overrides the fairly cartoonish fight scenes.

One of the great joys of a hot summer day is escaping into an air-conditioned movie theater and being swept away by the fruits of someone else’s imagination. However, one of the great joys of a warm summer night is not having to escape anything to have a similar—and possibly better—experience.

CHILDREN’S CRAFT FAIR: Children ages 6-8 can create arts and crafts while learning the basics of drawing and painting at Summer Art Camps happening June 25-28 (“An Ocean Art Mystery”), July 2-6 (“Cartoons and Clay”), July 9-12 (“Wild Animal Kingdom”), July 23-26 (“Around the World with Art”), and July 30-Aug. 2 (“Mexican Art Fiesta”) at BellinghamART, 1701 Ellis St. Classes happen concurrently for older children and teens. For both ages ranges, projects will use media such as sculpting, collage, block printing, scratch art, drawing and acrylic painting. Fees for each camp are $180 (includes all supplies and snacks). www.bellinghampubliclibrary.org

SUMMER ART CAMPS: Choose from a variety of fun-filled upcycle fiber arts camps beginning June 25 and continuing every other week through Aug. 11 at Rapsody, 1421 N. Forest St. Rapsody focuses on using existing materials rather than creating demand for new consumer goods, and that applies to the camps, too. Kids will get to practice things like block printing, embroidery, tie-dye, sun prints on castaway t-shirts. They will learn to transform their own drawings into hand-sewn 3D creatures using materials like old sweaters, neck ties and other garments and embellishments. And teens will learn to sew and re-invent their wardrobe to express their own unique style through upcycling. Fees are $55 (one day) to $225 (five days). www.rapsody.com

FUN AT FIG: Themed activities for kids ages 18 months to 6 take place throughout the summer at Whatcom County Museum’s Family Interactive Gallery and Studio, 205 Flora St. The FIG Studio is a self-guided, self-exploratory play-to-learn, make-and-take space. www.whatcommuseum.org

CHILDREN’S MUSEUM CAMPS: Day camps focusing on everything from painting to pottery, messy art and sensory play, cooking, science, magic, geology, crafts, dancing, bugs, fingerspelling and more will be part of more than 30 Summer Camps taking place June 25-Aug. 20 at the Children’s Museum of Skagit County (located inside Burlington’s Cascade Mall). Fees range from $25-$175. Some events are free. www.skagitchildrenstmuseum.net
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CRITTERS BUGGIN'!
A KIDS GUIDE TO BUILDING AN INSECT HOTEL

The beautiful thing about do-it-yourself projects is that they bridge generations. One of the best ways to introduce children to the joys of DIY is by tapping into their sense of curiosity. And really, there’s nothing more exciting than bugs.

If kids decide to enter into project this focused on building a bug hotel—with a little supervision from a parental unit—they’ll help keep the garden full of beneficial insects all year long.

I made mine in one morning from pieces I found at the RE Store—an old drawer and a few scrap pieces of wood with holes drilled in them.

Hole size varies based on the species you’re trying to attract. An old bamboo tiki torch cut up, bark and sticks, and some smashed terra cotta pots and tiles are good examples of materials to use.

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You’ll need a wood box (old cabinet drawers work great), a hot glue gun, white glue, and nesting materials—like cardboard scraps, sticks, burlap, bamboo, small rocks, bark or wood scraps.

From there, ask your kids to go hunt for those nest materials. Anything that can survive one or two years outside is ideal. Avoid any food substances such as seeds, acorns or nuts.

Gather your materials and break them into smaller pieces. You may want to use a hacksaw to cut up wood scraps, or a drill to drill holes into wood pieces.

Organize your materials so they fit in the holes you want. Put a layer of glue down, then place in your objects. For heavier objects, use hot glue. Repeat gluing the material in each compartment.

Let dry for a few days. Hang or place in an area that can be seen, but not disturbed, by the kiddos.

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BY AMY KEPFERLE

SUMMER READING

IT’S NOT JUST ABOUT BOOKS

A couple of issues back, I filled readers in on the ins and out of summer reading programs for both kids and adults taking place through August at the Bellingham Public Library, Village Books, and the many venues comprising the Whatcom County Library System.

In the story, I incorporated a tale about being forced to put down a book I was reading in the backseat of a vehicle in order to tour the Lincoln Memorial to emphasize how dedicated I was to perusing pages—even at the tender age of 12 years old.

Christine Perkins, executive director of WCLS, reacted in a positive manner, noting she was thrilled to hear I, like her, was a die-hard reader. She also made it clear she hoped our experiences weren’t isolated ones.

“At WCLS we want to make sure every child in Whatcom County has the same experience that you did—being so engrossed in a book that even a hot car and a famous monument can’t tear them away from the words on the page,” Perkins says. “There are some adults who have never had the same joy, or who haven’t in a good long time, which is why we offer summer reading programs for grownups too.”

To make sure kids who get a kick out of reading will turn into fully formed humans able to interact with each other and the world around them, WCLS’ quarterly Explorations guide offers myriad ways for area youth to stay engaged with the process of learning while still managing to have a heck of a lot of summer fun.

To that end, Explorations is chock full of engaging events for kids in grades K-5—like a July 11 Scavenger Hunt at the Ferndale Library, a July 28 performance by the Welcome Marionettes at the Point Roberts Library, Kids’ Craft Fairs at the Everson Library, South Whatcom Libraries, Lynden Library, and Ferndale Library in late July and early August, kite-building workshops July 18-31 at a variety of venues, a July 21 performance by circus artists Wren and Della at the Blaine Library, and a Dress Like a Pirate! event taking place Aug. 4 at the Blaine Library during the city’s Drayton Harbor Days.

Along with summer reading celebrations, there will also be ice cream socials, fun with Lego, chess tournaments, an event drawing attention to European hedgehogs, art and book clubs for teens, a Shakespeare theater camp, story times for babies and toddlers, teddy bear picnics and more. In other words, when it comes to reading in Whatcom County, it’s not all about the books.

For more information about Whatcom County Library system’s summer events, go to www.wcls.org.
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MUSIC, MUSIC EVERYWHERE

KIDS GONE WILD

Every year, shortly after Memorial Day, I begin to compile a list of all the outdoor musical happenings that take place annually in Whatcom and Skagit counties. Sometimes I’m more organized than others, and the list lives on my computer, complete with notes, dates and other helpful minutiae. This year, the list is scribbled in different-colored inks on the back of an envelope and if I add even one more thing to it, I’ll have to employ a second envelope to keep it all straight.

Bellingham has two unofficial harbingers of summer: the opening of Boundary Bay’s beer garden (it’s currently in full swing) and the kickoff of the Elizabeth Park Concert Series. Taking place every Thursday from June 21-Aug. 23, the series, which happens at the popular Columbia Neighborhood park, is a seasonal staple for families both in the neighborhood and beyond. More about who you can expect to see play this year can be found on page 18 of this issue of Cascadia Weekly, and at www.cob.org.

Elizabeth Park isn’t the only public space with free, family-friendly music. Downtown Sounds, which begins July 11 and runs for five weeks, draws so many people to its block of Bay Street that last year they took over another block—and filled that up too. This year, the concert series is expanding its family activities, which means kids aren’t just allowed, but they’re encouraged. Lineup and more at www.downtownbellingham.com.

Two other Bellingham parks will also feature a limited run of concerts as we get further into summer. Maritime Heritage Park will get into the swing of things with its Music at Maritime series, featuring Squirrel Butter String Band (July 14), Baby Cakes (July 21), and the Anniversary Boys (July 28). Boulevard Park springs into action shortly thereafter with the Atlantics (Aug. 4), Acorn Project (Aug. 11), and Arête Quartet (Aug. 18). Info can be had at www.cob.org.

But Bellingham isn’t the only bastion of outdoor music. La Conner Live has been filling its namesake city’s Gilkey Square with the best kind of surround sound every Sunday afternoon since late May, and the music won’t quit until Sept. 2. Still on deck: Blues Playground (June 24), Stickshift Annie (July 8), the Walrus (Aug. 26), and many more. Find the full schedule at www.townoflaconner.org.

Not so fast, says Anacortes, where free concerts happen two evenings a week—on Wednesdays and Fridays—from July 6 through Aug. 31 at Seafarers’ Memorial Park. Which means if you can’t get the kids packed up and ready to dance to the Skagit Swings All Stars on July 11, you barely even have to unpack them before trying again July 13 for the Naughty Blokes. Suss it all out at www.portofanacortes.org.

Mount Vernon hosts a concert series of its own, its Riverwalk Summer Concert Series, set to happen Thursday nights starting July 12 and going through the end of August. See the likes of Chris Eger (July 26), Knut Bell (Aug. 2), the Sky Colony (Aug. 30), and others. Info: www.mountvernonchamber.com.

By this time, I’ve about reached the end of my envelope, but I would be remiss if I didn’t mention an event that is an annual tradition and summer capstone for many of my friends and their children: the Subdued Stringband Jamboree, which happens Aug. 9-11 at the Deming Log Show Fairgrounds. Along with musicians and bands, the Jamboree also offers kid-friendly activities, camping and the opportunity to let your kids go a little wild, kick up a some dust and be, well, kids. Info: www.stringbandjamboree.com.

from the music faculty, and community members reap the benefits via a variety of public concerts. Fees vary.

KEYS FOR KIDS: The Boys & Girls Club of Skagit County hosts “Keys for Kids: Dueling Pianos” fundraisers at 5:30pm Fri., June 22 and Sat., June 23 at Stepping Stones Garden, 17903 Cook Rd. The outdoor event features dueling piano performances, along with outstanding food and drink—all in a beautiful setting, and all for the kids. Tickets are $75 per person or $600 for a reserved table for eight. WWW.SKAGITCLUBS.ORG

SUMMER OF FUN: As part of “Summer of Fun” lineup taking place throughout Ferndale throughout the season, residents and visitors can attend two all-ages, family-friendly “Music in the Park” concerts at Pioneer Park, 2004 Cherry St. The first happens at 6pm Sat., June 30 and features the Penny Stinkers, and the second begins at 6pm Sat., July 14 and will see the Sky Colony take the stage. Entry is free; food trucks will be on hand to sell concessions.

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WJMAC SUMMER CAMP: Whatcom Jazz Music Arts Center will host a five-day Jazz Performance Summer Camp from 10am-5pm daily from July 16-20 in downtown Bellingham. Camp activities and topics will include combo rehearsals, improvisation instruction, jazz theory, individual instrument instruction, master classes, jazz history, ear training and skills for life as a professional jazz musician. Cost is $300.

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DRAYTON HARBOR MUSIC CAMP: World-class musicians will come together in Blaine to teach young musicians ages 12-29 as part of the Drayton Harbor Music Camp and Festival taking place July 8-14 throughout Blaine. Students who attend this music camp experience an intense and rewarding week of instruction from July 16-20 and July 23-27. Rock Campers get a crash course in playing an instrument, writing songs, collaborating with a band, live stage performance, and do-it-yourself recording. Campers do not need to have any prior music experience, and instruments will be provided. Entry is $300; financial aid is available on a sliding scale, and BGRC welcomes campers that are trans and gender-conforming.

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Camps are open to kids ages 8-17 can sign up for Bellingham Girls Rock Camp sessions happening July 16-20 and July 23-27. Rock Campers get a crash course in playing an instrument, writing songs, collaborating with a band, live stage performance, and do-it-yourself recording. Campers do not need to have any prior music experience, and instruments will be provided. Entry is $300; financial aid is available on a sliding scale, and BGRC welcomes campers that are trans and gender-conforming.

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