Walt Disney World News

Extra-Special “Kid Stuff” at Walt Disney World Resort

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. **–** Extra-special adventures await toddlers, preschoolers, preteens and teens alike at Walt Disney World Resort. Kids can sing along with Chip ‘n’ Dale around a campfire, stay up all night playing video games or splash around at a water park — all without ever leaving Walt Disney World Resort. Even that timeless icon of kid cuisine — peanut butter and jelly — is reinvented Disney-style as the yummiest milkshake ever.

Other services at Walt Disney World Resort can make traveling with infants or small children more hassle-free and a whole lot more fun. And parents can enjoy a night out . . . and leave the kids at a Disney resort where they will be cared for and entertained.

Supervised Child Care

Supervised child care at the following resorts includes video games, arts & crafts, Disney movies, dinner, board games and activities. Hours are 4:30 p.m.-midnight daily (ages 4-12, toilet trained). An hourly rate is charged per child. For reservations, call 407/WDW-DINE.

- Cub’s Den, Disney’s Wilderness Lodge
- The Never Land Club, Disney’s Polynesian Resort
- Sandcastle Club, Disney’s Beach Club Resort
- Simba’s Cubhouse, Disney’s Animal Kingdom Lodge
- Camp Dolphin, Walt Disney World Dolphin Hotel (*Open 5:30 p.m. – midnight)

Disney’s Adventures for Kids

Children’s activity programs at Disney’s Grand Floridian Resort & Spa include:

- Disney’s Pirate Cruise Adventure, where children depart from the Grand Floridian Marina to visit exotic “ports of call” along Bay Lake and Seven Seas Lagoon as they follow clues and the pirate’s trail to buried treasure. During the voyage, the children enjoy a reading of “The Legend of Gasparilla.” Monday through Saturday, 9:30-11:30 a.m., includes a snack and drink (ages4-10, toilet trained). For reservations, call 407/WDW-DINE.
- Wonderland Tea Party at 1900 Park Fare. ”Tea party” for children hosted by characters from “Alice in Wonderland”; young guests make a craft to take home, decorate – and eat – cupcakes, and have “tea” with the characters. Monday-Friday, 2-3 p.m. (ages 4-10, toilet trained). For reservations, call 407/WDW-DINE.
- My Disney Girls Perfectly Princess Tea Party, a tea party fit for a princess at Garden View Tea Room. Girls are encouraged to attend dressed up in their favorite princess attire and enjoy tea filled with fantasy and delight. Little princesses will get the royal treatment with tea for two, deliciously decorative princess cakes, plus a personal meet-and-greet with Princess Aurora from the classic Disney animated film “Sleeping Beauty.” From 10:30 a.m.-noon most days (schedule varies, call 407/WDW-DINE for applicable days and reservations).

Children’s activity program at Disney’s Yacht Club Resort:

- On the Albatross Treasure Cruise, departing from Bayside Marina, children wear bandanas and follow clues to collect pirate treasure while sailing to many exotic “ports of call.” During the voyage, the children will enjoy a reading of “The Legend of the Albatross” and at the final port of call, will split up the treasure. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9:30-11:30 a.m., includes a snack and drink (ages 4-10, toilet trained). For reservations, call 407/WDW-DINE.

Children's activity program at Disney's Port Orleans Resort-Riverside:

- Disney's Bayou Pirate Adventure leaves the Riverside Marina on a hunt for pirate treasure. Children will learn about the pirate captain John Lafitte and follow his map to the hidden treasure. Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30-11:30 a.m., includes a snack and drink (ages 4-10, toilet trained). For reservations, call 407/WDW-DINE.

Character Dining in the Resorts

Kids can dine with their favorite Disney characters at several Walt Disney World resort restaurants. For reservations, call 407/WDW-DINE.

- Beach Club Buffet with Beach Club Goofy and friends daily at Cape May Café, Disney's Beach Club Resort, from 7:30-11 a.m.
- Chef Mickey's Fun Time Buffet daily at Disney's Contemporary Resort with Mickey and his gang, breakfast from 7-11:30 a.m., dinner from 5-9:30 p.m.
- 'Ohana's Best Friends Breakfast featuring Lilo and Stitch at Disney's Polynesian Resort daily from 7-11 a.m.
- Supercalifragilistic Breakfast at 1900 Park Fare at Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa, with Mary Poppins and friends, daily from 8-11:10 a.m.
- Cinderella's Happily Ever After Dinner at 1900 Park Fare at Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa, dinner buffet with Cinderella and friends from 4:30-8:20 p.m. daily.
- Good Morning Character Breakfast with Goofy and Pluto at Garden Grove Café, Walt Disney World Swan, Saturdays and Sundays from 8-11 a.m. Reservations are not accepted.

Character Dining in the Theme Parks

Magic Kingdom

- Fairytale Dining daily at Cinderella's Royal Table in Cinderella Castle, with Cinderella and friends, includes a photo imaging package; breakfast: 8:05-10:40 a.m., lunch 11:45 a.m.-2:40 p.m., dinner 3:50-10 p.m.
- A Buffet With Character at The Crystal Palace, Winnie the Pooh and friends; breakfast 8-10:30 a.m., lunch 11:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m., dinner from 3:15 p.m.-closing.

Epcot

- Chip 'n' Dale's Harvest Feast at The Garden Grill Restaurant in The Land, with Chip 'n Dale and other friends; serving breakfast from 6:30-11:30 a.m., lunch from 11:30 a.m.-2:00p.m., dinner from 5:00 p.m.-closing.
- Princess Storybook Dining at Akershus Royal Banquet Hall in the Norway pavilion, with Ariel, Belle, Cinderella, Mary Poppins, Princess Aurora and Snow White; includes a photo imaging package; breakfast from 8:30-10:10 a.m., lunch from 11:55 a.m.-3:30 p.m., dinner from 4:55-8:35 p.m.

Disney's Hollywood Studios

- Disney Junior Play 'n Dine at Hollywood & Vine breakfast and lunch buffet with Sofia the First, Doc McStuffins, Jake the Neverland Pirate and Handy Manny; breakfast from 8-10:20 a.m., lunch from 11:00 a.m.-2:25 p.m.

Disney's Animal Kingdom

- Donald's Safari Breakfast and Lunch at Tusker House Restaurant in Harambe, buffet with Donald Duck and friends, breakfast from 8-10:55 a.m., lunch from 11:00a.m.-2:45 p.m. daily.

Magical Makeovers

- Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique is a stylish salon that transforms kids, ages 3-12, into fairytale princesses, Disney divas, pop princesses or color stars. Options include hair, makeup, nails and costumes. Little boys can become knights. Two locations: World of Disney store at Downtown Disney Marketplace and inside

Cinderella Castle in Magic Kingdom.

- The Pirates League in Adventureland at Magic Kingdom transforms guests (ages 3 and up) into buccaneers with applications of beards and eye patches, scarves and scars, earrings and gold teeth, and pirate costumes and accessories.

Splash Into Water Fun

- Two water theme parks — Blizzard Beach and Typhoon Lagoon. Tikes Peak is a kid-size version of Blizzard Beach and includes a snow-castle fountain play area. Ketchakiddie Creek at Typhoon Lagoon features scaled-down water attractions with slides, floating boats and waterfalls. Kiddie pools available at most Walt Disney World resorts.

Fantastic Food, Kids Style

- Unique and tasty peanut butter and jelly shakes make for a cooling break for young and old alike at Disney's Hollywood Studios (50?s Prime Time Café). Special kids menus with entrees like "Goofy's Gooey Grilled Cheese" and "Chip 'n' Dale's Peanut Pocket Plus," and drinks such as "Walk the Gangplank" and "The Swashbuckler" are available at most Disney table-service restaurants. Also children's portions of many adult entrees available on request.

Video Arcades, Playgrounds

- Video arcades at all Walt Disney World Resort hotels and at Light & Power Video Arcade in Tomorrowland at Magic Kingdom. Playgrounds at all Walt Disney World resorts.

Miniature Golf

- Whimsical miniature golf at two distinct courses located in the Epcot resort area is fun for the whole family. Fantasia Gardens is an 18-hole miniature golf course with a theme taken from Disney's classic animated film "Fantasia," and Fantasia Fairways is an 18-hole "challenge" course designed with strategically placed bunkers and hazards.
- Disney's Winter Summerland, a 36-hole miniature golf course, is located near the entrance to Disney's Blizzard Beach water park. There are two 18-hole experiences. One course carries the zany, snow-clad Florida look reminiscent of Blizzard Beach, while the other takes a more tropical, holiday theme, with ornaments hanging from palm trees.
- Fantasia Gardens and Winter Summerland are open 10 a.m.-11 p.m. daily. Both courses offer group events. Call 407/WDW-PLAY for more information.

Movies

- AMC Movies at Downtown Disney 24 Theatres, 24 screens featuring top box-office flicks. For more information, call 407/298-4488.
- Fork & Screen at the AMC Downtown Disney 24 takes "dinner and a movie" to a whole new level. This theatre restaurant offers a full children's menu and menu for adults.

Campfire Program

- Campfire sing-along with Chip 'n' Dale characters nightly near Meadow Trading Post at Disney's Fort Wilderness Resort and Campground. Showings of Disney cartoons and full-length Disney films are offered at no charge to resort guests. For more information, call 407/824-2788.

Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides

- Horse-drawn wagon rides depart from Disney's Fort Wilderness Resort Pioneer Hall at 7 and 9:30 p.m. nightly. No reservation required. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Horseback Riding

- Guided 45-minute horseback rides through Disney's Fort Wilderness Resort and Campground begin at 8:30 a.m. Arrive at the Fort Wilderness Kennel at least 30 minutes early. For reservations call 407/WDW-PLAY (939-7529).

Pony Rides

- Children (ages 2-8, up to 80 lbs.) can enjoy pony rides at the Tri-Circle-D Farm at Disney's Fort Wilderness Resort and Campground. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Call 407/824-2788 for more information.

Baby Strollers

- Stroller rentals are located at the Magic Kingdom entrance; Epcot Main Entrance Plaza and International Gateway; Oscar's Super Service at Disney's Hollywood Studios entrance; and Garden Gate Gifts at Disney's Animal Kingdom entrance. For guests who require a stroller rental for multiple days, a length-of-stay rental rate is offered.

Babysitting

- For information and reservations regarding private in-room babysitting services, with independent child care provider Kids Nite Out, for guests at Walt Disney World resorts, call 407/828-0920.

Baby Care Centers

- Changing, feeding and nursing facilities: behind Casey's Corner on Main Street, U.S.A./Magic Kingdom; Odyssey Center in Future World/Epcot; the main entrance guest services building at Disney's Hollywood Studios; and Discovery Island in Disney's Animal Kingdom. Disposable diapers, baby bottles, formula and other baby supplies are available at a nominal cost. Additional changing areas are available in most ladies' rest rooms and some men's rest rooms.

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