



# PLACES TO GO AND THINGS TO DO...

## Ideas for Family Entertainment!

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### FEBRUARY 3

**Skulls and Tracks** Saturday, 1:00pm (1.5 hrs) \$5 First look at mammal skulls and teeth indoors then hike to search for tracks & learn basic ID techniques. You are welcome to bring snowshoes or skis if snow is deep. \$5, 1-2:30pm. 65000 Alden Hwy Bellaire 231-533-8576 [www.grassriver.org](http://www.grassriver.org)

**A Midsummer Night's Fairy Tale** Northwest Michigan Ballet Theatre presents a ballet based on the children's book of the same name by Wendy Froud and Terri Windling, choreographed by artistic director Thomas Morrell. 2pm & 7pm Milliken Auditorium 1701 E Front St TC 231-929-2787 [www.ballet-etc.com](http://www.ballet-etc.com).

**The Boathouse Wild Game Wine Dinner** Five-course Michigan wild game dinner featuring wine pairings from Bowers Harbor Vineyards. \$75/person; \$15/ticket donated to Conservation Resource Alliance. 6pm The Boathouse on Old Mission Peninsula 14039 Peninsula Dr TC 231-223-4030 [www.boathouseonwestbay.com](http://www.boathouseonwestbay.com)

### FEBRUARY 7

**Preschool Beach Party** Kids can play in water, dig in sand, make crafts, enjoy story time & snacks. Bring a swim suit & towel. 10-11am & 1-2pm Interlochen Public Library 9700 Riley Rd 231-276-6767

### FEBRUARY 7, 14, 21, 28

**Picnic at the Opera** Michigan's only live TV variety show wants you in the audience. Free of charge. Bring a lunch and stay as long as you want. Noon-1pm City Opera House 106 E Front St TC 231-941-8082 [www.cityoperahouse.org](http://www.cityoperahouse.org)

### FEBRUARY 8

**Family Love Letters** Free estate-planning workshop for adults/seniors facilitated by Vicki Beam of Fortitude Wealth Planners LLC. 1:30pm Leland Township Library 203 E. Cedar St 231-256-9152 [www.lelandlibrary.org](http://www.lelandlibrary.org)

### FEBRUARY 9

**Celebrity DreamRoom Classic** Five local celebrities compete to create the room of their dreams. Public invited into Golden-Fowler Home Furnishings to vote on each room's popularity. Proceeds benefit Child & Family Services of Northwest Michigan. 11:37 S. Garfield Ave, TC 231-946-7330 <http://goldenfowler.com>

### FEBRUARY 9 - 11 and FEBRUARY 16 - 18

**Northport Dinner Theatre** Northport Community Arts Center and Tucker's of Northport present 2018's dinner theatre production, Don't Cry for Me, Margaret Mitchell. Fri & Sat doors open 5:30, seating 6:00; Sun doors open 3:30, seating 4:00. \$60/ticket. 231-386-5001 for details and tickets.

### FEBRUARY 9 - 11, 14, 16 - 18, 22 - 24

**Romance Guaranteed** Old Town Playhouse presents this romantic comedy in the age of the internet. Tickets \$17 (plus fees). Feb.14 performance two tickets for \$67 includes pizza dinner for two at The Filling Station Microbrewery. OTP Studio Theatre 620 Railroad Place TC 231-947-2210 [www.oldtownplayhouse.com](http://www.oldtownplayhouse.com)

### FEBRUARY 10

**Family TSO Program** The Traverse Symphony Orchestra presents a family program on string instruments featuring musicians from TSO. Come and make some noise at the Traverse Area District Library 11am-noon 610 Woodmere Ave TC 231-932-8500 [www.tadl.org](http://www.tadl.org)

**Valentine Workshop** Free even co-hosted by Leland Township Library and Leelanau Historical Society open to families. 1-3pm Leland Township Library 203 E. Cedar St 231-256-9152 [www.lelandlibrary.org](http://www.lelandlibrary.org)

**Game Day** Teens and families welcome - many fun family and children's games to choose from, plus toys for the little ones. Drop in any time 2-4pm. Interlochen Public Library 9700 Riley Rd 231-276-6767

**Beulah Winterfest** Always the second weekend in February. Frozen fish toss, outhouse sprint race, bonfire, fireworks, and more. 8am-dar, downtown Beulah [www.clcبا.org](http://www.clcبا.org)

### FEBRUARY 11

**Chili Cookoff/Family Ice Skate** Skate until your toes are numb at Suttons Bay Ice Rink, then cross the street to Friendship Community Center for a hot bowl of chili, \$1/bowl. Winner selected by popular vote. 1-4pm 201 W Broadway, Suttons Bay (231) 271-4630

### FEBRUARY 15

**What is the Cloud and How to Use It** Free workshop

covers the basics of Cloud-based storage and software for those who keep hearing the term "Cloud" but aren't sure what it means. 1:30pm Leland Township Library 203 E. Cedar St 231-256-9152 [www.lelandlibrary.org](http://www.lelandlibrary.org)

**Financial Aid Fair** Hosted by Northwestern Michigan College Enrollment Services for prospective college students, parents, alumni, current NMC students. Half-hour workshops on comparing schools, types of financial aid, finding & applying for scholarships; students can meet individually with a financial aid representative. Register online [www.nmc.edu/financial-aid](http://www.nmc.edu/financial-aid). 4-7pm room 113 Osterlin Library 1550 College Drive, TC 231-995-1035

**Sweetheart Dance** Arts for All hosts a dance party for teens & adults with disabilities & their peers. Photo booth, dance floor, music by Mr. Music DJ Services. Arts for All provides volunteer supervision, but no personal care or transportation is provided. 6:30-8:30pm \$5. A brief registration form is required at check-in, or pre-register at [www.artsforallnmi.org](http://www.artsforallnmi.org). TC Elks Lodge, 625 Bay St.

### FEBRUARY 16 - 17

**Roger That!** A celebration of space exploration and the life of Grand Rapids native Roger B. Chaffee, featuring NASA astronaut Guion "Guy" Bluford. Public school fieldtrips, educational exhibitions and activities. Grand Rapids Public Museum 272 Pearl St NW 616-456-3519 [www.grmuseum.org](http://www.grmuseum.org)

### FEBRUARY 17

**Self-defense Seminar** Final opportunity for girls 15 through college age to participate in free (\$165 value) Zonta Club-sponsored workshop on defending themselves from sexual assault. Lunch provided. 9-3pm The Rock of Kingsley 115 E Blair St. 231-263-7000 to reserve a spot.

**Arts for All Monthly ACCESS Outing** Learn how to chalk paint with Carla Weaver, owner of EmpireBlu vintage furnishings. Participants receive supplies & instruction for painting a small wooden heart decoration. Arts for All provides volunteer supervision, but no personal care or transportation is provided. Space limited; register early. EmpireBlu Vintage Furnishings 1123 e 8th ST TC [www.artsforallnmi.org](http://www.artsforallnmi.org).

**Winterlochen** 5th Annual Interlochen winter festival features outdoor winter activities and indoor art activities, highlighted by a performance by Grammy-nominated musical duo Trout Fishing in America. 10am-2pm Interlochen Center for the Arts 4000 M-137 231-276-7200 [www.interlochen.org](http://www.interlochen.org)

**14th Annual Northport/Omena Winter Carnival** Milk jug curling, broomball, chili cookoff, sledding and more. \$5 to sample & vote for chili; proceeds benefit Northport Promise scholarship fund. 11am-4pm Braman Hill west of Northport [www.northportomenachamber.org](http://www.northportomenachamber.org)

**Glen Lake Winterfest** Perch ice-fishing contest on Glen Lake and chili cookoff at Boondocks restaurant highlight Glen Arbor's annual winter festival. \$20 entry for fishing contest, \$10 for unlimited chili samples; proceeds benefit Glen Lake Scholarship Fund. 7am-3pm [www.visitglenarbor.com](http://www.visitglenarbor.com)

### FEBRUARY 22

**Silent Auction** Proceeds benefit Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Grans Traverse, a program that mails free books to children younger than school-age. \$50/person, heavy hors d'oeuvres provided. Boone's Long Lake Inn 7208 Secor Rd TC events.bytepro.net or Julie.egelus@gmail.com for info.

### FEBRUARY 24

**Community CPR Training** Hosted by Leland Township Library with Leland Fire & Rescue Infant, Child, & Adult training starts at 10:30am. Registration required 203 E. Cedar St, Leland 231-256-9152

### MARCH 4

**Go, Dog, Go!** Inspired by P.D. Eastman's classic children's book, follow Red, Blue, Yellow, & Green Dog on a madcap romp through the City Opera House, chock full of comedic antics with a contemporary edge. For audiences of all ages. \$14.50 1:30 & 4pm 106 E Front St TC 231-941-8082 [www.cityoperahouse.org](http://www.cityoperahouse.org)

### MARCH 10

**Power of the Purse** This event raises awareness & resources for the women & children staying at the Goodwill Inn; features stories of women who have overcome homelessness. 9:30 am - Noon City Opera House 106 E. Front Street TC [www.goodwillnmi/power](http://www.goodwillnmi/power)

### MARCH 10

**Game Day** Teens and families welcome - many fun family and children's games to choose from, plus toys for the little ones. Drop in any time 2-4pm. Interlochen Public Library 9700 Riley Rd 231-276-6767

### MARCH 15

**Spring Cleaning for Your Computer** Free workshop discusses basic programs to improve your computer's speed and reliability. 1:30pm Leland Township Library 203 E. Cedar St 231-256-9152 [www.lelandlibrary.org](http://www.lelandlibrary.org)

### MARCH 16 thru MARCH 31

**A Midsummer Night's Dream** Old Town Playhouse presents Shakespeare's most popular comedy: the adventures of four young lovers & a group of amateur actors, their interactions with woodland fairies, a duke & duchess & plenty of magic. 148 E. 8th Street TC 231-947-2210 [www.oldtownplayhouse.com](http://www.oldtownplayhouse.com)

### MARCH 18

**NWS Battle of the Books** Hosted by Peter Brown, New York Times bestselling author of The Wild Robot. Free tickets available at [cityoperahouse.org](http://cityoperahouse.org) (Feb 26) at City Opera House A program of the National Writers Series [www.nationalwritersseries.org](http://www.nationalwritersseries.org)

### MARCH 24

**Community Easter Egg Hunt** First Congregational Church presents their annual free Easter Egg Hunt organized by age group. Also donuts, crafts, and more. 6105 Center Rd TC 231-947-6698 [www.fcctc.org](http://www.fcctc.org)

### MARCH 24 and 25

**Michigan Maple Weekend** The trees will be tapped and the sap flowing. See how it is harvested and made into syrup, candy, sugar, maple cream, and so much more. Fun and educational for the entire family. Out of the Woods Farm 12646 Hickin Rd Rapid City 231-322-2897 [www.out-of-the-woodsfarm.com](http://www.out-of-the-woodsfarm.com)

### MARCH 31

**Annual Frankfort Easter Egg Hunt** 3,000+ eggs to be found in the new playground. The Easter Bunny will arrive at 9:30am and will be available for pictures. Be on time to this fun event - the eggs are found quickly. 10am sharp Mineral Springs Park, Downtown Frankfort 231-352-7251 [www.frankfort-elberta.com](http://www.frankfort-elberta.com)

### ••• ONGOING •••

**Adoption/ Foster Care Meetings** Monthly State Adoptions & Foster Care & International Adoption at Bethany Christian Services 1055 Carriage Hill Dr TC 231-995-0870 [www.bethany.org/traverse](http://www.bethany.org/traverse)

**American Red Cross of Northwest Michigan** Health & Safety Services offer monthly Classes, CPR & more 735 S Garfield Ave Suite B-100 TC 231-947-7286

**Arctercer Traverse City** Ongoing classes [www.mwcart.com](http://www.mwcart.com)

**Boardman River Nature Center** Nature themed programs. Exhibit gallery, theater room & kids' craft area. Outside: native plant gardens, wetland, hiking trails. Tue-Sat 10am-4pm 1450 Cass Rd TC [www.naturecalling.org](http://www.naturecalling.org)

**Central United Methodist Church** Wonderful Wednesday Night Dinners: family meal and after dinner programs for children, youth, & adults. Downtown TC 231-946-5191 [www.tccentralumc.org/children](http://www.tccentralumc.org/children)

**The Grand Traverse Baby Pantry** In Bethlehem Lutheran Church 1050 Peninsula Dr TC Open 2nd & 4th Thurs of month. 10 am-4 pm. Any Grand Traverse County family w/ a 3 year old & younger eligible to shop 231-941-0655

**Grand Traverse Lighthouse** Museum, gift shop, climb the tower. 15500 Lighthouse Point Rd Northport 231-386-7195 [www.grandtraverselighthouse.com](http://www.grandtraverselighthouse.com)

**Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy** Free activities - nature hikes, invasive species management, more. [gtrlc.org/events](http://gtrlc.org/events)

**Grass River Natural Area Family Events** Outdoor fun and education. Nature Story Hour second Tues each month, many other activities. 65000 Alden Hwy Bellaire 231-533-8576 [www.grassriver.org](http://www.grassriver.org)

**Horizon Books** Monday Kids Story Hour. Stories, craft project & some activities. 10am Downtown TC

**La Leche League Breastfeeding Support** 2nd Tues of month 10:30am in nursery at Central United Methodist Church, TC 231-642-7564 [www.LLLI.org](http://www.LLLI.org)

**East Bay Branch Library** Wiggles- preschoolers, their families & friends. Stories, songs, poetry, finger plays & fun. 10:30am Weds & Fridays last 2 weeks of month. Three Mile Rd

**Elk Rapids District Public Library** Children's story time: Stories, songs, crafts Weds 10:30am all pre-schoolers

welcome [erdl@elkrapidsnet.com](mailto:erdl@elkrapidsnet.com) 231-264-9979

**Glen Lake Community Library** Stories & More preschool story time-activities, rhymes & songs 11am Thurs in Empire 231-326-5361

**Interlochen Public Library** Preschool Story Hour-Weds 10am & 1pm. Baby Play Time 1st & 3rd Fri 10am. Chaz the Therapy Dog Weds 4-6pm. Book Discussion Groups: Morning 2nd Thurs/mo 10am, Evening 1st Weds/mo 630pm, Senior Tuesdays 12:30pm. 231-276-6767 [www.interlochenpubliclibrary.org](http://www.interlochenpubliclibrary.org)

**Kingsley Library** Wiggles: stories, songs, crafts & fun every Weds 10:30am Geared toward preschoolers. 231-263-5484 [www.tadl.org/kingsley](http://www.tadl.org/kingsley)

**Leelanau Township Library** Wiggles story time 10:30 Thursdays.

**Leland Township Library** Story Time ages up to 6 Fri 10:30-11:30; Maker Afternoons Thurs 3:30-4:30 S.T.E.A.M. based activities ages 9+. 203 E. Cedar St 231-256-9152 [www.lelandlibrary.org](http://www.lelandlibrary.org)

**Traverse Area District Library** Wiggles' Fun: Wed & Thurs 9:30 or 11 am 610 Woodmere [www.tadl.org](http://www.tadl.org) 932-8503

**Michael's Place** "Make a Memory" workshops - 3rd Thurs of month, 4-8pm. Make a scrapbook, memory box, pillow, stuffed animal, quilt or movie in memory of a loved one who died. Bring pictures &/or items of clothing of loved one to use in project, other materials provided. 1055 Carriage Hill Dr. Ste 4 TC 231-947-MIKE

**Michigan Legacy Art Park** Non-profit 30-acre preserve at Crystal Mountain. 40+ outdoor sculptures celebrating Michigan's culture & history along 1.6 miles of wooded hiking trails. [www.michiganlegacyartpark.org](http://www.michiganlegacyartpark.org)

**The Dennon Museum Center** "Lines of Light: Craig Tandy Monofilament Sculpture," thru April 29; "Visitors to the Sea: Masterpieces from the Detroit Institute of Art" thru March 8; "Tutankhamun: 'Wonderful Things' from the Pharaoh's Tomb," Jan 21-May 6; plus other educational and artistic exhibits 1701 E. Front St TC 231-995-1055 [www.dennonmuseum.org](http://www.dennonmuseum.org)

**Eyaawing Museum & Cultural Center** The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians' museum & cultural center & Odaawe Gamik (museum store) 10am-4pm Wed-Sat donation for entry 231-534-7764 2605 NW Bay Shore Dr Peshawbestown [www.gtbindians.org/eyaawing.asp](http://www.gtbindians.org/eyaawing.asp)

**Grand Rapids Public Museum** "Brain: The World Inside Your Head" thru Jan 7; "Dragons, Unicorns & Mermaids" thru May 20. 272 Pearl St NW 616-456-3519 [www.grmuseum.org](http://www.grmuseum.org)

**Great Lakes Children's Museum** Interactive Story Time Weds 11am story w/ activity or craft, free w/ museum admission. Toddler Time-Fri 10 am-12pm Free w/ museum admission. Tues-Sat 10 am-5 pm Sun 1-5 pm 13240 S. West Bayshore Dr 231-932-4526 [www.GreatLakesKids.org](http://www.GreatLakesKids.org)

**Guntzville's Spirit of the Woods** Native American artifacts & wildlife museum 11060 US 31 N Elk Rapids 231-264-5597

**Silent Movies at Music House Museum** Monthly. [www.musichouse.org](http://www.musichouse.org)

**Northport Area Museum** Oct-Apr open by appointment; May-Sept open weekdays 10-2pm, weekends 10-4pm. By the marina in Northport.

**Northwestern Michigan College** Free campus tours- Welcome Center in Health & Science Building Fridays 11 am 995-1054

**Public Viewing Nights** Rogers Observatory \$2/person; \$5/family 9-11pm 1753 Brimley Rd TC 231-995-2300 [www.nmc.edu/rogers](http://www.nmc.edu/rogers)

**Snowshoe Hikes** Ranger-led snowshoe hikes along Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore while snow lasts. Free; park entrance pass required. 1pm Philip A. Hart Visitor Center 9922 W Front St, Empire 231-326-4700 ext 5010

**TC Vegans** Vegan support group: meets 2nd & 4th Sun of the month, 1-3pm to talk about issues, exchange recipes & share food. Check website for location & confirmation of meetings 231-588-2135 [www.tcvégans.org](http://www.tcvégans.org)

**Third Level Youth Drop-In Center** Mon & Thurs 3-6pm, 14-20yr old youth invited to hang out & participate in groups. Safe community space includes art, games, movies, cooking classes, groups & more. Supervised. United Way building 521 S Union St. TC (alley entrance) [www.thirdlevel.org](http://www.thirdlevel.org).

**Traverse City Visitor Center** 101 W Grandview Parkway, north end of Union S TC 231-947-0692

**YMCA YMCA Family Fun** Night 2nd Fri of month at YMCA Silver Lake Facility 3700 Silver Lake Rd TC- YMCA members \$5, \$20 per family non-members [www.gtbaaymca.org](http://www.gtbaaymca.org)