



# PLACES TO GO AND THINGS TO DO...

## Ideas for Family Entertainment!

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### FEBRUARY 1-3 & 8-10

**Northport Dinner Theatre** Northport Community Arts Center and Tucker's of Northport present Neil Simon's comedy *Last of the Red Hot Lovers*. \$60/ticket includes meal, non-alcoholic beverage, taxes, and gratuity. Cash bar available. Fri & Sat 5:30; Sun 3:00. 116 S Waukazoo St Northport 231-386-5001 [northportcac.org](http://northportcac.org)

### FEBRUARY 2

**Grass River Cider Fundraiser** Celebrate Grass River Natural Area's 50th Anniversary. Orchard hike/snowshoe/ski, specialty cider pour, live music by GRNA's Education Director James Dake, Family-friendly event 3-6pm Townline Ciderworks 11595 US 31 Williamsburg. GRNA 231-553-8314 [grassriver.org](http://grassriver.org)

**Discovery Center Open House** Open house for prospective volunteers featuring Great Lakes Children's Museum, Inland Seas Education Foundation, Maritime Heritage Alliance, Traverse Area Community Sailing, The Watershed Center Traverse City. Free event 11am-2pm at The Discovery Center - Great Lakes 13240 W Bay Shore Drive TC 231-935-1514 ext 5 [discoverygreatlakes.org](http://discoverygreatlakes.org)

### FEBRUARY 7

**Waterfowl on the River** Join Grass River Natural Area and learn to ID birds on the river from indoors. Includes a hike to the river. All skill levels welcome. 6500 Alden Hwy Bellaire 231-533-8576 [www.grassriver.org](http://www.grassriver.org)

### FEBRUARY 9

**Valentine Workshop** Bring your children and your creativity, make vintage-style valentines for family and friends. Co-sponsored by Leelanau Historical Society and Leland Township Library. 10-noon 203 E Cedar St 231-256-9152 [lelandlibrary.org](http://lelandlibrary.org)

**Benzie Winterfest** Winter carnival in Beulah featuring outdoor activities, sled dog weight competition, foods, fireworks, bonfire on the beach, and more. See "Winter Festivities" article in this issue. [www.visitbenzie.com](http://www.visitbenzie.com)

### FEBRUARY 10

**Scout Sunday Pancake Breakfast** Fundraiser hosted by Scout Troop 36 & Cub Scout Pack 36, breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausage. Cost is free-will offering. 8-10am Central United Methodist Church 222 Cass St TC. Call Jason Allen 231-922-9892 for info.

### FEBRUARY 13

**Annual Beach Party** Kids play in water, dig in sand, make crafts, enjoy story time & snacks at Interlochen Public Library. Bring swimsuit and towel. 10-1pm 9411 10th St 231-276-6767 [www.tadl.org/interlochen](http://www.tadl.org/interlochen)

**NMC Financial Aid Fair** Workshops and one-on-one help for prospective college students, parents, alumni, current NMC students. Snacks included. 4-7pm NMC Osterin Library 1701 E Front St TC 231-995-1035 [nmc.edu/financial-aid](http://nmc.edu/financial-aid)

**Manufacturing Technology Academy Information Sessions** Traverse Bay ISD Career-Tech Center hosts 1st of 3 sessions for high school sophomores in 5-county NW Michigan area interested in attending Manufacturing Tech Academy. 6-8pm room 413 Career-Tech Center 880 Parsons Rd TC RSVP 231-922-7864 or [twheatley@tbaisd.org](mailto:twheatley@tbaisd.org)

### FEBRUARY 16

**Winterlochen** Indoor/outdoor annual winter festival at Interlochen. Food, music, winter carnival activities, free concert. See "Winter Festivities" article in this issue. [www.interlochen.org](http://www.interlochen.org)

**19th Annual Glen Lake Winterfest** Annual perch fishing contest and chili cookoff in Glen Arbor. Proceeds benefit Glen Lake Scholarship Fund. See "Winter Festivities" article in this issue.

### FEBRUARY 20

**Estate Planning for Your Long-Term Care** Diane Kuhn Huff of Stephen & Anderson PLC discusses estate planning steps to ensure choices & independence are preserved as you age. Free. For more information visit [moneyseries.org](http://moneyseries.org). 1:30pm

Leland Township Library 203 E Cedar St 231-256-9152 [lelandlibrary.org](http://lelandlibrary.org)

### FEBRUARY 23-24

**54th Annual Kalkaska Winterfest** Arts & crafts, athletic competitions, food, and sled dog sprints and weight pulls are featured. See "Winter Festivities" article in this issue. [www.kalkaskawinterfest.com](http://www.kalkaskawinterfest.com)

### FEBRUARY 26

**Manufacturing Technology Academy Information Sessions** Traverse Bay ISD Career-Tech Center hosts 2nd of 3 sessions for high school sophomores in 5-county NW Michigan area interested in attending Manufacturing Tech Academy. 6-8pm room 413 Career-Tech Center 880 Parsons Rd TC RSVP 231-922-7864 or [twheatley@tbaisd.org](mailto:twheatley@tbaisd.org)

### MARCH 3-30

**TC Youth Arts Show** Crooked Tree Arts Center displays K-12 student & teacher artwork 1-4 daily. Opening reception March 3, 1-3pm. Free admission 322 E 6th St TC 231-941-9488 [www.crookedtree.org/tc](http://www.crookedtree.org/tc)

### MARCH 7

**Annual NMC Career Fair** Open to students, NMC alumni, and community members. Alumni reception follows the event from 6-8 p.m. at Lobdell's. Employers are invited to register for the fair on a first-come, first serve basis. Hagerty Center 715 E Front St TC 231-995-3100 [nmc.edu/career-fair](http://nmc.edu/career-fair)

**The Providers** Free screening of documentary following 3 doctors besieged by the opioid crisis at a pay-what-you-can clinic in rural New Mexico. 7pm Dennon Museum Center 1701 E Front St TC 231-995-1029 [dennosmuseum.org](http://dennosmuseum.org)

### MARCH 8

**Interlochen Library Benefit Concert** Interlochen Center for the Arts presents Arts Academy Orchestra: Masterworks. Proceeds benefit Friends of Interlochen Public Library and library children's programs. \$11 full, \$8 senior/youth 7:30pm Corson Auditorium 4000 M-137 231-276-7800

### MARCH 13

**Manufacturing Technology Academy Information Sessions** Traverse Bay ISD Career-Tech Center hosts 3rd of 3 sessions for high school sophomores in 5-county NW Michigan area interested in attending Manufacturing Tech Academy. 6-8pm room 413 Career-Tech Center 880 Parsons Rd TC RSVP 231-922-7864 or [twheatley@tbaisd.org](mailto:twheatley@tbaisd.org)

### MARCH 17

**Battle of the Books** 4th-5th graders in Grand Traverse community read stories together & compete in book-based quiz competition. Finale features award-winning author/illustrator Grace Lin. City Opera House 106 E Front St TC 231-941-8082 [www.cityoperahouse.org](http://www.cityoperahouse.org)

### MARCH 19

**Vienna Boys Choir** Perhaps the world's greatest boys choir comes to Traverse City. The choir sings music from throughout its rich 500+year history in this program, featuring works of Praetorius, Couperin, Mozart, Mendelssohn, Bizet, Strauss II, & Billy Joel. \$35-\$40 adults, \$18 students City Opera House 106 E Front St TC 231-941-8082 [www.cityoperahouse.org](http://www.cityoperahouse.org)

**College Planning Workshop** Vicki L. Beam covers the basics of financial aid & college planning emphasizing how to increase financial aid eligibility, lower out-of-pocket expenses & the cost of attendance. Free 6:30pm Leland Township Library 203 E Cedar St 231-256-9152 [lelandlibrary.org](http://lelandlibrary.org)

### MARCH 25-29

**Spring Break Musical Theatre Camp** Intensive camp meets Mon-Fri to rehearse Disney's *The Lion King*, Kids. Performance Saturday March 30 (see below). 148 E. 8th St TC 231-947-2210 [www.oldtownplayhouse.com](http://www.oldtownplayhouse.com)

### MARCH 30

**Disney's The Lion King, Kids** The African savannah comes to life Old Town Playhouse with Simba, Rafiki & an unforgettable cast of characters as

they journey from Pride Rock to the jungle and back again. 1:00 & 3:00 \$8 children, \$15 adults, plus fees. 148 E. 8th St TC 231-947-2210 [www.oldtownplayhouse.com](http://www.oldtownplayhouse.com)

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**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

**Artcenter 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, giftshop, 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 Time Fridays 10am each month, many other activities. Field trip destination for homeschool, camp, church group, school. 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 preschoolers 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 6:30pm, 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)

**Leland Township Library** Storytime: stories & play designed to promote joy & growth in literacy. Children ages 0-6 & caregivers welcome. Fridays, 10:30am. 203 E. Cedar St 231-256-9152 [www.lelandlibrary.org](http://www.lelandlibrary.org)

**Leelanau Township Library** Wiggles Preschool Storytime 10:30am Thursdays starting August 16 119 E. Nagonaba St Northport 231-386-5131 [www.lelanautownshiplibrary.org](http://www.lelanautownshiplibrary.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** 2019 Northwest Michigan Regional Juried Art Exhibition, "Orna Ben-Ami: Entire Life in a Package," and more Feb 3 - May 5; Dennon Performance Season in Milliken Auditorium thru May 4 2019. 1701 E. Front St TC 231-995-1055 [www.dennosmuseum.org](http://www.dennosmuseum.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** "Expedition: Dinosaur," thru spring 2019; "TOYS!" thru September 2019. 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)

**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.tcvegans.org](http://www.tcvegans.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.gtbayymca.org](http://www.gtbayymca.org)