

# Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northern Nevada



*101 THINGS TO DO  
WITH YOUR “LITTLE”*

**LITTLE MOMENTS. BIG MAGIC.**

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Email Other Activity Ideas to Your Match Support  
Specialist.

## **LOW COST ACTIVITIES IDEAS**

*Unless otherwise noted all activity listings are for the Reno/Sparks  
Area.*

### **Anytime:** \_\_\_\_\_

- Compliment your Little's character and skill three times for every one compliment on his/her appearance.
- Ask you Little what he/she would like to do. Create a giant list of real or imaginary activities.

### **At home:** \_\_\_\_\_

- Roast marshmallows with toothpicks over the flame of a candle.
- Learn a simple magic trick to amaze him/her and their friends.
- Show him/her your picture from your high school yearbook.
- Paint an original T-shirt for a special occasion.
- Write a letter to your Little on your anniversary telling what you've noticed about him/her in the last year.
- Make a thin layer of Jell-O and carve it into letters, numbers, figures, etc.
- Together, write a family newspaper for friends and relatives.
- Surprise your Little by celebrating his/her half birthday.
- Make an Activity/Journal Jar. Pull an activity from a jar each visit, or write about a topic pulled from the jar.
- Make a Kite or Pin-hole Camera (get a book of instructions at library or on web).
- Look for activity ideas on the Web
- Write a play or a story.
- Create a mobile out of memorable items you have collected.
- Read the same book and then discuss it
- Teach a hobby to your Little – Learn your Little's favorite hobby.
- Learn to fix something: change the car's oil or tires; leaky faucets, bikes, etc.
- Make puppets (and act out above play you wrote).  
Learn a new dance or make up a routine to a song.
- Bake brownies, cookies, or other treats.

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- Write letters to senators, authors, stars, or to family members and friends.
- Learn sign language together. Try to learn Braille.
- Play board games or cards. Learn a new game together.
- Play computer games or video games together.
- Take your dog (or your Little's dog) out for a walk. (Then wash the dog!)
- Create a penny jar to keep at your house. Every time you or your "Little" finds a penny-- put it in the jar. Then buy something fun with your savings.
- Beauty Day—do each other's hair, make-up, nails, dress up, etc.
- Rent a home video; pop popcorn; discuss the movie
- Picture Day: Dress up and model to take pictures of each other.
- Cook a meal together.
- Create a basket of cookies, home-made jam, and bread for someone.
- Listen to the radio and dance around in the living room.
- Draw family portraits or make them "collage-like" out of material scraps and paper. Talk about your family members & why you portrayed them the way you did.
- Draw family trees; optional: decorate with real pictures.
- Act out a play or monologues from the library.
- Create a scrapbook of funny cartoons, either drawn or cut out of the newspaper: this can be on-going.
- Help with schoolwork or studying for a test if your Little has asked for help.
- Include your Little in spring cleaning at your house, find out what jobs they like to do around the house and make it fun.
- Take pictures of your adventures and send them to the **BBBS** office.
- Clean out your closets and garage for Goodwill (or a garage sale).
- Paint a room in your house; or a mural on a wall.
- Look through family photo albums. Share stories.
- Make a book--cut out magazine illustrations, write a story to go along.
- Do science projects together (build a working volcano!).
- Make old pictures of each other to make a collage.
- Build a fort in your living room and camp out there one night. Wake up early and make pancakes together.
- Use caulk and found materials to make a mosaic design on a piece of wood.
- Invent a new game; teach it to others.
- Talk about your career choice and take your Little to your place of work.
- Wash your car together; go through a drive-through car wash. Look through sun-roof (glass closed, of course).
- Repair or build a piece of furniture.
- Make a wooden flower or herb box or mail box
- Plan, decorate and plant a special garden.
- Work on a puzzle together.
- Work on a multi-cultural art activity together to demonstrate the value of other cultures; a multicultural craft, for example.

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- Learn to cook different ethnic foods together.
- Make a family tree for you and your Little. Encourage sharing it with family.
- Make jewelry (friendship bracelets), bookmarks, decorations, or key chains out of beads that you purchase from a craft store.
- Make a poster with all the words you can create out of your names.
- Make a wall plaque. Cut a shape, decorate it and hang on your wall.
- Make greeting cards, thank you cards, and get well cards, from old cards you've received or from scratch. Send them to friends or family.
- Create stepping stones with your own designs.
- Refinish a piece of furniture.
- Make rock candy together. Or grow crystals.
- Build a model, dioramas, scenes for a train set, or shadow boxes.
- Create a themed coloring book for a younger child.
- Trace pictures out of picture books and paint or color them; then frame them with homemade frames.
- Turn an old bottle into art (with colored sand and shells) or a useful item (like a lamp with a lamp kit). Decorate the outside with ribbons or beads.
- Plan a slumber party.
- Bake brownies and cookies and invite friends to a tea party .

## **In the Community:**

- Help her write a letter to the author of a book she really likes.
- Go on a camera scavenger hunt together. Make a list of things you want pictures of before the hunt. Let him/her take the pictures.
- At the library, look through a book of house plans and help him/her pick out a dream home.
- Go for a walk through a hardware store and explain the function of various tools.
- Practice filling out applications for everything.
- Plan a vacation – imaginary or real – at the library.
- Go shopping at a secondhand store for dress-up clothes.
- Use a globe at the library to locate friends, travel destinations and current events together.
- Look up new words in the big dictionary at the library.
- Buy, or pretend to buy, 10 shares of stock in an inexpensive company that he/she will recognize and watch it make or lose money.
- Eat lunch with him/her at school.
- Go to the bank and open a savings account for him or her.
- Attend school or sporting events your youth is involved in, cheer!
- Pick a local high school or university team and attend their games or events.
- Go on a hike (take water and a picnic).
- Go tree and flower hunting with guides. Learn the names of plants.
- Take a sketch pad and go around town to sketch scenes or buildings.

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- Go to a free clinic at a store: how to camp, how to snowshoe, how to paint walls, how to paint ceramic tiles, etc. (REI, Home Depot, etc. have them.)
- Go to a craft store (i.e. Michael's, Ben Franklin) shop around and find a fun and cheap craft to do (you can set a limit).
- Go to the mall, Shopko, or another store. Window shop, people watch and talk about what you see.
- Go thrift store shopping/antiquing. Purchase broken items/make them useful.
- Go to a pet store, look at and hold the different animals.
- Visit fish stores to learn about setting up an aquarium; check out books
- Go to the Sierra Safari Zoo or Animal Ark.
- Learn yoga together.
- Go to free galleries and discuss the art.
- Go garage sale shopping one Saturday or Sunday morning.
- Go to a free recital (universities often have classical music recitals for free).
- Attend free concerts at the park (usually in the summertime).
- Go to an inexpensive production put on by a public school.
- Go to school fundraising events (spaghetti dinners, bake sales, etc.).
- Shop at the \$1 store—your money goes a lot further!
- Drive around town to take pictures of landmarks; create a giant visual map to help Littles understand geography of their town; easy with digital cameras.
- Visit the Humane Society, offer to help (walk pets, wash pets, etc.)
- Volunteer to help an organization (soup kitchen) or individual in the community.
- Play tennis, basketball, swim, etc. at community facilities.
- Ride bikes along the Truckee bike path along the river.
- Go sledding in the winter, or make a snowman with all the works!
- Build snow forts and have snowball fights.
- Surf the internet at the Library.
- Go to the library for special children's events (or to read books aloud to each other). Also, start reading a chapter book, a chapter a week.
- Join a kid's book club- there's one at Barnes & Noble, meets once a month
- Hang out at a coffee shop and play board games or do a simple activity.
- Get a guest pass for your little at your gym and work out .
- Attend auditions for a play.
- Use the buses to get around. Teach your Little how to use public transportation.
- Visit used book stores for bargains.

## **At Parks:**

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- Get a book of animal tracks and explore a pond or trail together to see what animals live in the area.
- On a one-foot square of grass. Find all the living things that are visible in that space.

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- Make a bug cage and catch bugs together.
- Take a walk together with a memento bag and collect interesting leaves, rocks or junk
- Feed ducks at a park; go bird watching (and sketch birds too if you want).
- Create natural bird feeders at a park (peanut butter/seeds on a cone) and hang it in a tree (take the materials with you).
- Get a group together to clean up a park or a road. Bring big garbage bags.
- Go on a nature scavenger hunt in a park. List items to find and see who completes it first.
- Have a picnic together.
- Play Frisbee and blow bubbles.
- Go to a playground and swing, climb, and go down the slide.
- Test out previously created homemade items: kites, models, pin-hole camera, sailboats, etc. at a park.
- Do a “science project” that requires you to be outside (one that involves ants, weather, observations, etc.).
- Pick wildflowers at a park and prep them for drying or pressing.
- Play hopscotch and other schoolyard games at a park.
- Use colorful sidewalk chalk to create a huge picture.
- In a safe park at night (with permission), map the stars. Look at the stars with binoculars (or a telescope if available – one available on clear Fri and Sat nights at the Planetarium along with experts in the field).
- Go camping.
- Watch a sunset or sunrise, then take a moonlit or early morning walk.
- Go rollerblading on the park walkways.
- Attend a Youth City Council meeting - encourages public involvement. *Reno City Hall, 490 S. Center St. All meetings are open to the public*

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**Note: If a company makes a specific “free” offer to BBBS, please contact BBBS for a thank you note and our tax ID for their tax purposes. Also, please let us know if you find any new information that needs to be changed for any of these activities.**

## **ARTS/CRAFTS**

### **Beads, etc.**

What: A bead shop with supplies to make jewelry, etc.

Details: 5025 S. McCarran, near Trader Joe's. 826-0777

Discount for Matches: 20% off entire purchase.

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### **Ben Franklin Crafts**

What: Art, Craft and Model Store

Details: 348-0050 Shoppers Square, Reno – 530 Greenbrae, Sparks

### **The Clay Canvas**

<http://www.theclaycanvas.com/>

What: Select a piece of pottery, create a design and paint your own pottery.

Details: 828-4118, 3005 Skyline Blvd, No. 120

Prices: Studio fee \$8 for adults, \$5 for kids / \$3-50 pottery Ask for the discount for Big Brothers Big Sisters (Adults-\$6 Children-\$4)

### **Michaels Arts & Crafts** <http://www.michaels.com/>

What: Arts and Craft Classes and Supplies. Details: 4827 Kietzke Lane (near Ross and Safeway); 828-4114

### **Treasured Memories** <http://www.rgj.com/news/stories/html/2002/11/30/29133.php>

What: Scrap booking, prices vary. Details: 1510 S Wells Ave., 323-3773

Contact: Kathy Womack

## **ATTRACTIONS**

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**Please limit your video game/arcade activities.**

### **Adventure Golf & Raceway (Wild Island)**

What: Miniature Golf, Sprint and Indy Cars

Prices: \$2-6

Details: 331-Wild, I-80 E & Sparks Blvd.

### **Boomtown Family Fun Center**

<http://www.boomtownfuncenter.com/>

What: Arcade and entertainment complex featuring video games, antique carousel, Ferris wheel, a miniature golf course and a motion theater.

Prices: \$1-14

Details: 345-8668, 4 miles west of Reno, Garson exit No. 4

### **Chuck E. Cheese**

<http://www.chuckecheese.com/cec2002/restaurants/coupons.html>

What: Pizza Parlor and Arcade

Details: 827-5100; 5000 Smithridge Dr

### **Circus Circus**

<http://www.circusreno.com/>

What: Circus Acts, carnival games, etc. *Can get expensive.*

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Details: 329-0711

### **Great Basin Adventure**

<http://www.co.washoe.nv.us/Parks/great.htm>

What: Beautifully landscaped paths and gardens inside the children's park. Come explore Wilbur's Farm with lots of farm animals. "Hands-on" Discovery Room, Log flume ride, a pony ride, swing or climb on a dinosaur, sit in teepee. Details: 785-4844; at Rancho San Rafael Park (seasonal)

### **Magic Carpet Golf** \*Look for coupons in the local papers.

<http://www.go-reno.com/mcarpet/>

What: Mini golf courses, arcade & snack bar. Prices: \$5-8 Details: 853-8837, 6925 S. Virginia Discount for Matches: \$1 off for Bigs and Littles

### **Reno Hilton's Fun Quest Amusement Center**

<http://www.parkplace.com/hilton/reno/Display.aspx?contentID=5850>

What: A 26,000 square-foot center includes arcade, interactive laser tag & bumper cars. Details: 789-2FUN

Discount for Matches: Ultimate Rush ½ off; Mini-golf \$3 per person; Go-Karts \$4 per person

### **Reno Parks and Recreation**

[http://www.cityofreno.com/com\\_service](http://www.cityofreno.com/com_service)

Details: 334-2262

Arts & Crafts:	334-2265
Idlewild Playland:	329-6008
Northeast Community Center:	321-8333
Activities and Sports Hotline:	327-9159
Youth Services:	321-8333

*See Additional Parks and Rec opportunities under Athletic Activities*

### **Reno-Sparks Convention Center**

<http://www.rscva.com/>

What: Event information including craft fairs, hockey games, trade shows etc. Details: 827-7620

### **Sierra Safari Zoo**

<http://www.sierrasafarizoo.com/>

What: Zoo

Details: North of Reno at the Red Rock exit off 395. 677-1101

Discount for Matches: \$1 off for Bigs and Littles (Opens in April)

### **Wilbur D. May Arboretum & Botanical Gardens**

<http://www.co.washoe.nv.us/Parks/great.htm>

What: Features artifacts from around the world.

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Prices: Free

Details: 785-5961, 1502 Rancho San Rafael Park, Reno

### **Sparks Heritage Museum Tickets**

The galleries showcase the "Old West" days of mining, ranching, railroading, and pioneers. The Museum has kindly donated a limited number of free tickets to our matches. Children ages 11 and under are free. Contact your Match Support Specialist for tickets (352-3202).

Address: 820 Victorian Avenue

Hours: 11 to 4 Tuesday-Fridays, 1 to 4 Saturdays  
355-1144

### **Bartley Ranch**

<http://www.bartleyranch.com/>

What: Summer Series of entertainment

Details: 828-6612, Bartley Ranch

### **Reno Chamber Orchestra**

<http://www.RenoChamberOrchestra.org>

What: Orchestra

Details: 348-9413

### **Tour UNR Campus [www.unr.edu](http://www.unr.edu)**

What: Structured tours available by student ambassadors –Several museums and exhibits on campus, most not open weekends.

Details: Contact UNR - Thompson Student Services.

## **ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES**

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### **Ice Rink**

[www.cityofreno.com/com\\_service/icerink](http://www.cityofreno.com/com_service/icerink)

Details: 334-2262

Prices: \$2-8

What: Skating, hockey, lessons available (Opens in November)

### **Lawlor Events Center**

<http://www.unr.edu/lawlor>

Details: 784-4444

What: UNR athletic and event information.

### **Livestock Events Center**

<http://www.renolaketahoe.com/facilities/rlec>

Details: 688-5750, 1350 N. Wells

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What: Event information including concerts, livestock shows, track events, etc.

### **Lombardi Rec. at the University of Nevada, Reno**

<http://www.unr.edu/>

Details: 784-4041

What: Any athletic activities, ping-pong, basketball, racquetball, swimming etc.

### **Rocksport: MUST HAVE WRITTEN PARENTAL PERMISSION!!!**

<http://www.radwall.com/portfolio/gallery/44.html>

What: Rock Climbing

Prices: \$20 general for climbing and gear, \$15 with student ID

Lessons - \$10 for ½ hour

Details: 352-ROPE, 1901 Silverada Blvd

### **Roller Kingdom**

<http://www.rollerkingdomreno.com>

What: Skating Rink

Price: \$2-7 (Closed on Mon & Tues)

Details: 329-3472, 515 E. 7<sup>th</sup>. Ave.

### **Reno Parks and Recreation**

<http://www.renolocals.com/parks>

Details: 334-2262

Ice Rink:	334-2262
Moana Baseball Park:	829-7890
Oxbow Nature Study Area:	334-3808
Plumas Tennis Center:	334-2262
Sky Tavern Ski Lodge:	849-0807
Junior Ski Program:	323-5125
Softball Complex:	334-2247

### **Homewood Ski Resort**

<http://www.skihomewood.com/>

What: Skiing

Price: Kids under 10 ski free

Details: (530) 525-2992

### **National Championship Air Races**

Details: 972-6663, [www.airrace.org](http://www.airrace.org)

### **Swimming Pools**

Alf Sorenson: 353-2385, 1400 Baring Blvd., Sparks

Bowers Mansion: 849-0644, Highway 395 South, Washoe Valley (Seasonal)

Deer Pool: 353-2376, 1700 Prater Way, Sparks (Not sure if pool will be opening call back in May)

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Idlewild: 334-2267, 1805 Idlewild Dr., Reno  
**Seasonal**  
Lombardi Rec.: 784-4041, UNR, next to Lawlor (Members Only)  
Moana: 689-2964, 240 W. Moana Lane, Reno (closed due to mechanical problems)  
Northeast: 321-8333, 1401 Valley Rd., Reno  
Northwest: 334-2203, 2325 Apollo Way, Reno  
Oppio: 353-2376, 2355 18<sup>th</sup>, Sparks (Not sure if pool will be opening call back in May)  
Sun Valley: 673-0754, 115 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, Sun Valley (Seasonal)  
Traner: 334-2269, 1600 Carville Dr., Reno (Seasonal)

## **BOWLING**

*(ALWAYS CALL FIRST FOR LANE AVAILABILITY)*

<b>High Sierra Lanes</b>	825-1048	3390 S Virginia, Reno
<b>Hilton Bowling Center</b>	789-2295	2500 E. Second St., Reno
<b>Starlight Bowl</b>	747-3522	Keystone & 7th St, Reno

## **YMCA of Reno and Sparks**

Bigs and Littles are free to use the equipment, swimming pools area and gym.

## **COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

*Doing a volunteer project together is a great way to inspire community service!*

### **Volunteerism in Progress**

<http://studentdev.unr.edu/vip/>

Details: 784-6316

What: Find out what volunteer opportunities there are in the community and choose one to work on with your Little.

### **Sierra Safari Zoo**

<http://www.sierrasafarizoo.com/>

Details: Must be at least 16 years of age and be willing to commit to at least 4 hours a week.

### **Food Bank of Northern Nevada**

<http://www.fbnn.org/>

What: Sort and re-box donated food (12+ years old, accompanied by an adult).

Labeling, envelope stuffing for fundraising mailing (minimum 16 years old)

Details: 331-3663 "994 Packer Way, Sparks, NV 89431

### **SPCA of Northern Nevada**

<http://spcaofnn.org/>

What: Animal Shelter Volunteer (16+) Socialize or exercise dogs or cats, clean cages and kennels, escort potential adopters through the shelter, etc.

Details: Orientation on Thursdays & Saturdays; 324-7773

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### **Center Street Mission**

What: Kitchen

Details: 348-2619, 201 S. Wells Ave., Reno

### **Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission**

<http://www.rsgm.org/>

What: Food Kitchen

Details: 323-0386 2115 Timber Way, Reno

### **Nursing homes for the elderly**

What: Call Homes in your area and ask about volunteer opportunities.

### **Truckee Meadows Habitat For Humanity**

What: Help build homes for people in need

Details: (775)323-5511

### **Make-A-Wish Foundation of Northern Nevada**

<http://northernnevada.wish.org/>

What: Volunteer for projects. Learn about ways to help

Details: 826-8008 910 Pyramid Way

### **Monaco Ridge Assisted Living**

What: Sponsor a "grandparent" visit them or play music for them

Details: 10101 Double R Blvd

### **Nevada Opera Association**

<http://www.nevadaopera.com/other-events.html>

What: Earn credits towards discounted tickets

Details: 786-4046 925 Riverside #5

### **United Way**

<http://www.uwayreno.org/>

What: Many opportunities are with senior citizens: involves visiting, writing oral histories, cleaning ups of different kinds, etc

Details: Call the **United Way**

### **Washoe Medical Volunteer Services**

Details: Get your pet approved to visit children's or geriatric units.

### **Earth Day**

<http://www.environmentleader.org/>

Details: 323-3433 - Kids 10+. Need recycling monitors, compost monitors, dining area clean-up, traffic coordinators, bike valets

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## **Good Shepherd's Clothes Closet**

Details: 348-0605, 810 E. Second St. – sort clothes and toys – good activity even for the younger Littles

## **LIBRARIES**

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Northwest Reno	787-4100
Galena	851-5639
Verdi	345-8104
Downtown	327-8300
Sparks	352-3200
Duncan/Traner	333-5134
Mendive, Sparks	353-5989
North Valley	972-0281
Sierra View	827-3232

## **MUSEUMS**

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### **Carson City Children's Museum (Little free with BBBS ID)**

<http://www.museumsusa.org/data/museums/NV/136509.htm>

What: A hands-on museum for kids in which they get to explore science and “real world” displays. Geared to elementary & middle school kids.

Details: 884-2226, 813 N Carson St, Carson City

Discounts for Matches: \$5 for Bigs, Littles are FREE

### **Fleischmann Planetarium**

<http://planetarium.unr.nevada.edu/>

What: Look and Learn about the Stars. Using the telescope and going through the museum is free. Details: 784-4811 or 784-4812

Prices: \$2-5

### **Mackay Mansion**

<http://www.mackaymansion.com/>

What: An 1860's style mansion in Virginia City Virginia City

Prices: Adults\$4.00 Children 14 and under Free

Details: 847-0173, 129 S. D St.

### **Mark Twain Museum**

<http://www.artcom.com/museums/nv/mr/89440.htm>

What: Historical museum

Prices: \$1.00, all ages

Details: 847-0525, Virginia City

### **Marshall Mint and Museum**

<http://www.marshallmint.com/store.html>

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What: Historical museum  
Prices: Donations appreciated  
Details: 847-0777, 96 North C St, Virginia City

### **National Automobile Museum**

<http://www.automuseum.org/>

What: Museum featuring more than 220 antique, vintage, classic, and special interest cars displayed on four authentic street scenes and in galleries representing each quarter of the 20th century.

Prices: \$2 – 8

Details: 333-9300, 10 S. Lake St., Reno

### **Nevada Historical Society**

What: Historical museum

Prices: \$2.00 for adults 18 and older; kids free

Details: 688-1190

### **Nevada Museum of Art**

<http://www.nevadaart.org/>

What: Museum Prices: \$1-5

Details: 329-3333, 160 W. Liberty St, Reno

### **Nevada State Railroad Museum**

<http://www.nsrn-friends.org/>

What: More than 60 pieces of historic railroad equipment and other train-related items.

Prices: \$2.00 Adults \*Free for kids 18 and younger

Details: 687-6953, 2180 S. Carson St., Carson City

### **Sierra Nevada Children's Museum**

<http://www.museumsusa.org/data/museums/NV/136509.htm>

What: Children's Museum

Prices: \$3.00 all ages

Details: 530-587-KIDS, 11400 Donner Pass Road, Truckee

### **Sparks Heritage Museum**

<http://www.nvohwy.com/s/sprkherm.htm>

What: Features a Great Basin Native American display and local memorabilia.

Price: Free

Details: 355-1144, 820 Victorian Ave., Sparks

### **UNR Mines Museum**

What: Assorted Museums and Exhibits

Details: UNR Campus

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### **Wilbur D. May Museum**

<http://www.co.washoe.nv.us/Parks/great.htm>

What: Features artifacts from around the world.

Prices: \$6 adults, \$5 children 3-12

Details: 785-5961, 1502 Washington St., Rancho San Rafael Park, Reno

### **E.L. Cord Museum School at McKinley Arts & Culture Center**

<http://www.nevadart.org>

Details: 925 Riverside Dr.; 329-3333;

### **Arttown**

<http://www.artown.org/>

What: Many ARTOWN activities in the summer, including walking tour, concerts, arts and crafts.

## **PARKS & HIKING TRAILS**

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**Reno Parks and Recreation: 334-2260**

**Sparks Leisure Services: 359-7930**

### **Alf Sorensen Community Center:**

What: Contains indoor swimming pool, kiddie pool, gym, and fitness center  
Details: 353-2385; 1400 Baring Blvd., Sparks

### **Bartley Ranch Regional Park**

What: A park with self-guided nature hikes.

Details: 828-6612, Lakeside to Bartley Ranch Rd

### **Bowers Mansion Park**

What: The park offers volleyball, horseshoe pits and a children's playground, including tours of the restored Bowers Mansion.

Details: 849-0201, 4005 U. S. 395, Washoe Valley

### **Idlewild Park**

What: Outdoor pools, play ground areas, soccer/football field, baseball/softball field, horseshoes, volleyball, walking path, lake and amusement park. Also: Reno Municipal Rose Garden, open Mid-June – late August. Details: 334-2262; 1900 Idlewild Dr, Reno

### **Manzanita Park**

What: Playground, soccer, football, baseball, basketball and a jogging path.

Details: 334-2262

### **Oxbow Nature Study Area**

What: A wildlife habitat park w/ 2 miles of trails to walk on.

Details: 334-3808 or 688-1893, Dickerson off W 2<sup>nd</sup>

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### **Paradise Park Pond**

What: Fishing, picnicking, and a large playground with exercise track.  
Details: 334-2262; 2700 Paradise Dr at Oddie & El Rancho

### **Rancho San Rafael Park**

What: 408 acre park includes a ranch house, the Wilbur D. May Museum, Arboretum, and children's historical theme park and interpretive nature trail.  
Details: 785-4319, 1502 Washington St.

### **Village Green Park**

What: Large grassy areas and playground equipment  
Details: 746-1499, off McCarran and Caughlin Pkwy

### **Virginia Lake Park**

What: 32 acre park offers walking, jogging, bicycling, exercise stations, picnicing, group area, geese and duck feeding.  
Details: 785-2260, 1900 Lakeside Dr.

### **Evans Creek**

What: Hiking Trail  
Details: Off McCarran by the Basque Monument.

## **THEATER**

**Always ask before going if the play is appropriate for the age of your Little**

### **Bruka Theater**

<http://www.brukatheatre.com/>

Details: 323.3221

### **Brewery Arts Center**

<http://www.breweryarts.org/>

Details : 883.1976 (Carson City)

### **The Intersetionz Performing Artz Company**

Details: 772.1090.

### **McQueen High School Royal Lancer Players**

<http://www.mcqueenhs.com/>

Details: 746.5838

### **Redfield Proscenium Theater (UNR)**

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Details: 784.6847

**Sierra Nevada Master Chorale**

Details: 333.9224

**Pioneer Center**

<http://www.pioneercenter.com/>

Details: 686-6610, 100 S. Virginia St.

What: Theatre, opera, concert and performance information.

**University Arts Hotline:**

Details: 334-9696

Hours: 24 hours per day

What: a touch tone menu that lists arts activities on campus including art, books, dance, interior design, radio, music, performing arts, and theatre.

**University of Nevada, Reno Theatre**

Details: 784-6839

What: Plays and musicals performed in the University's Church Fine Arts Building.

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<http://www.bbbsnn.org/>

## **Local Sites**

Reno Gazette Journal  
Reno News and Review  
City of Reno  
RSCVA Website  
High School Listings  
Sierra Arts  
Food Coupons  
Events Calendar

<http://rgj.com/>  
<http://www.newsreview.com/issues/reno/>  
<http://www.cityofreno.com/>  
<http://www.renolaketahoe.com/>  
<http://www.washoe.k12.nv.us/>  
<http://www.sierra-arts.org/>  
<http://www.usdiners.com>  
[www.gonnahappen.com](http://www.gonnahappen.com)

## **Online Games**

<http://www.kidcrosswords.com/>  
<http://www.triviaplanet.com/>

## **Projects & How-to**

<http://www.homedepot.com/>  
<http://www.hgtv.com/>

## **Education**

Discovery Kids  
NASA Kids  
Cool Science  
Virtual dissection of a frog  
Science Projects

<http://www.school.discovery.com/>  
<http://kids.msfc.nasa.gov/>  
<http://www.hhmi.org/coolscience/>  
<http://www.froguts.com/>  
<http://www.scienceproject.com/>

## **Amazing Young People Sites**

All writing by young people.  
Profiles of great young people  
Magazine run by Teens  
Role Model Project for Girls  
Girls Inc.

<http://www.amazing-kids.org/kids.html>  
<http://www.newmoon.org/magazine.htm>  
<http://www.womenswork.org/girls/careers.html>  
<http://www.girlsincla.org>

***Thank you for all you do as a Big Brother or Big Sister!  
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