

# Family Fest returns to New Bedford: a Day of Fun and Connection for the Whole Family

Get ready to mark your calendars for a day of family-friendly fun and exploration at the annual **Family Fest**, scheduled for Saturday, May 18th from 10am to 1pm at the Andrea McCoy Recreation Center. Presented by PACE Child Care Works, Greater New Bedford Youth Alliance, New Bedford Birth to 3rd Partnership, and New Bedford Parks, Recreation & Beaches, this free event promises a memorable experience for families in the greater New Bedford region.



Family Fest is designed to bring families together for a day of enjoyment and to connect them with valuable resources

available in the community. The event will feature a diverse range of activities that cater to all ages and interests.

**Highlights include:**

- Zoo2You: Get up close and personal with fascinating animals and learn something new about wildlife conservation from staff from the Buttonwood Park Zoo.
- Family Yoga: Relax and rejuvenate with family-friendly bilingual yoga sessions by Yogaes Vida, perfect for all skill levels.
- Eric Carle Storywalk: Embark on a short family stroll while enjoying the beloved stories of Eric Carle in multiple languages in a unique outdoor setting.

In addition to these activities, attendees can explore a resource fair featuring over 30 organizations, including Mass Audubon, Community Boating Center, Little People's College, Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, Discovery Language Academy, and many more.





“This annual event aims to introduce families of young children to the numerous organizations in and around New Bedford who are here to support them in their parenting journey,” says Tammy Desnoyers, Program Manager of Diapers N’ Things. “We invite everyone to join us for a day of laughter, exploration, and making cherished memories together.”

But that’s not all! Family Fest offers a plethora of free activities for families to enjoy together, including:

- Big Ryan’s Tall Tales: Immerse yourself in the enchanting world of storytelling with captivating tales for all ages.
- DJ and Entertainment: Groove to the beats of a live DJ from 3rd Eye and enjoy lively entertainment throughout the day.
- Prize Giveaways: Don’t miss your chance to win exciting prizes, including gift baskets, games, gift certificates, and passes.



“We are thrilled to host Family Fest, a celebration of family and community,” said Mary Rapoza, Director of Parks, Recreation and Beaches. “This event embodies our commitment to providing families with opportunities for fun, learning, and connection, and is also a great opportunity to preview all the summer programming being offered by Greater New Bedford Youth Alliance members. The diverse programming offered this summer is sure to meet family’s needs for fun, safe and engaging programs.”

### **Event Details:**

- Date: Saturday, May 18, 2024
- Time: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
- Location: Andrea McCoy Recreation Center, 181 Hillman St., New Bedford, MA Admission to Family Fest is free, and all are welcome to attend. For more information, visit **Family Fest 2024** Join us at Family Fest for a day of fun, connection, and community spirit!

