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DESTINATION CLEVELAND RECOMMENDS FESTIVITIES FOR FATHER'S DAY IN THE CLE

CHOOSE FROM CONCERTS, CARS, CYCLING AND MORE

CLEVELAND (June 8, 2017) – Father's Day is right around the corner, and what better way to celebrate than by dedicating the weekend to dad with a Cleveland adventure. From cheering on hometown heroes at the ballpark to enjoying toe-tapping tunes or activities at historical havens, Destination Cleveland suggests that residents treat dad to an unforgettable weekend in his own backyard – figuratively speaking.

Celebrate with Song

Larchmere PorchFest

- For a day of "rocking out" with dad, residents can head over to the annual <u>Larchmere PorchFest</u> in Cleveland's Shaker Square neighborhood. The free music festival showcases 30 bands on 30 porches as well as shows at some of the unique venues in the area. This year's line-up features performances by groups like Cleveland's own <u>Carlos Jones and the Plus Band</u> and <u>The Modern Electric</u>. Fear not as the party doesn't end there. After parties will be held at restaurants like <u>Batuqui</u> and <u>Felice Urban Café</u>, which are both located in turn-of-the-century homes.
 - o Larchmere Blvd., Cleveland's Shaker Square neighborhood
 - \circ Saturday, June 17, performances 2 8 p.m., after parties at local restaurants, 8 10 p.m.

Nighttown

- <u>Nighttown</u> has been a staple in Cleveland's music scene for more than 50 years. The historic venue has hosted some of jazz's greatest musicians, along with local up-and-coming acts. From dinner and desserts in one of the many dining rooms to drinks at one of the venue's three bars while enjoying live performances, Nighttown will offer a one-of-a-kind night out on the town for dad. Father's Day weekend is jam-packed with shows by Joe Lovano "Hometown Sessions," Joe Lovano Quartet and Nicolas Meier.
 - o 12387 Cedar Road, Cleveland
 - o Please see <u>www.nighttowncleveland.com</u> for meal hours and performance schedule

Auto Aficionados

Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens

Just a 45-minute drive from Downtown Cleveland, <u>Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens</u> in Akron will be featuring its 60th Annual Father's Day Car Show on June 18. Car enthusiasts will be in heaven as they peruse the display of four-hundred classic, antique and collector cars manufactured from 1925-1990. Guests can even see the special "Auto Show 1957" exhibit in front of the Manor House, which will feature high quality stock 1957 vehicles. In addition to checking out the different automobiles, families can explore the

historic gardens, listen to live music in the courtyard or explore the butterfly habit and interactive Playgarden.

- o 714 N Portage Path, Akron
- Sunday, June 18, 9 a.m. 4:30 p.m.

BOSS Pro-Karting

- Put the pedal to the metal and challenge dad to a friendly go-kart competition at <u>BOSS Pro-Karting</u>. Before
 taking the wheel of an electric go-kart, drivers can get decked out in official racing suits and gloves. Then
 it's off to the starting line and time to step on the gas for an exhilarating race around the track. Watch
 out- dad may leave you in the dust!
 - o 18301 Brookpark Road, Cleveland
 - o Friday and Saturday, noon 11 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. 10 p.m.

Cycle the City

Cleveland Bike Tours

- Take in the city from a new point of view with an afternoon exploring Cleveland by bike with <u>Cleveland Bike Tours</u>. The tour company's two-hour, guided routes through <u>Downtown Cleveland</u> and <u>Ohio City highlight</u> the city's rich history and must-see attractions. The Downtown Cleveland Bike Tour includes stops at Public Square, Playhouse Square and the Gateway District, while the Ohio City Bike Tour offers stops at the West Side Market, Franklin Castle and The Glass Bubble Project. Residents can bring their own bike for the tour or utilize a bike provided by the tour company.
 - o All tours begin behind the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame on Voinovich Pier.
 - Downtown Cleveland tours offered daily at 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.; Ohio City tours offered daily at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Out-of-the-Ordinary Activity

Superman Exhibit at Cleveland Public Library

- It's a bird. It's a plane. It's Super Dad! The new "Superman: From Cleveland to Krypton" exhibit at the <u>Cleveland Public Library</u> showcases one of America's most beloved superheroes and will provide a great afternoon with one of the superheroes in your life dear old dad. The display includes a prototype of the larger-than-life Superman statue that is planned for placement near the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in the future, a collection of Superman's appearances in movies and on television as well as comics, games, art and other memorabilia. Families can also get a picture outside of the home where Superman was "born" in Cleveland's Glenville neighborhood.
 - o Cleveland Public Library (Main Branch), 325 Superior Ave., Cleveland
 - Monday Saturday, 10 a.m. 6 p.m.
 - Superman House, 10622 Kimberly Ave., Cleveland

Baseball Bonanza

The Cleveland Indians may be away during Father's Day weekend, but that doesn't mean that baseball activities are out of the question for Clevelanders and their dads.

- Inside the restored ticket booth of Cleveland's historic League Park is the <u>Baseball Heritage Museum</u>, which is sure to be a home run outing for dad. Locals can spend time exploring the museum's exhibits and memorabilia that present the history and diversity in baseball.
 - o 6601 Lexington Ave., Cleveland
 - Wednesday, 1 4 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. 2 p.m.

- Root, root for the home team over Father's Day weekend at a Minor League <u>Akron Rubberducks</u> game. The Rubberducks will be taking on the Portland Sea Dogs at Canal Park in Akron, and promotions will be plentiful (including jersey giveaways). Fireworks will light up the sky after the games on Friday and Saturday nights.
 - o Canal Park, 300 South Main St., Akron
 - o Friday, June 16, 7:05 p.m.
 - o Saturday, June 17, 7:05 p.m.
 - Sunday, June 18, 2:05 p.m.

Dining and Drinks with Dad

Restaurants

For a Father's Day feast fit for a king, delicious steak dinners are on the menu at some of Cleveland's finest establishments.

- Both <u>Texas de Brazil</u> locations will be opening early and serving the dinner menu all day. All fathers dining
 at the restaurant will receive a \$20 certificate to use during a future visit.
 - o Texas de Brazil: Westlake location, 174 Union St., Westlake
 - Texas de Brazil Woodmere location, 28125 Chagrin Blvd., Woodmere
 - Opens at 11 a.m. on Father's Day
- In Downtown Cleveland, <u>Ruth's Chris Steak House</u> is opening at noon, and dads will receive a \$25 dining card for celebrating at the restaurant. Please note, certificates at each restaurant have additional restrictions.
 - o 200 Public Square, Cleveland
 - Opens at noon on Father's Day
- For a meal with a view, <u>Pier W</u> offers dad the option of Sunday brunch or dinner with the picture perfect background of Lake Erie. Pier W's brunch menu includes everything from a raw bar to a carving station, while dinner features dishes like lobster tail and filet mignon.
 - o 12700 Lake Ave., Lakewood
 - Hours for Father's Day, June 18: Brunch, 9:30 a.m. 2:30 p.m.; Dinner, 5 9 p.m.

Breweries

- Residents can raise a glass to their rad dad at one of the new breweries that have opened in the region.
 From <u>Terrestrial Brewing Company</u> in the Battery Park neighborhood to <u>Noble Beast Brewing Co.</u> in
 Downtown Cleveland and <u>Collision Bend Brewing Company</u> on the East Bank of the Flats, pints for pops
 will not be in short supply.
 - o Noble Beast Brewing Co.: 1468 Lakeside Ave., Cleveland
 - Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. 1 a.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. 11 p.m.
 - Terrestrial Brewing Company: 7524 Father Frascati Drive, Cleveland
 - Friday, 3 p.m. midnight; Saturday, noon 2 a.m.; Sunday, noon 10 p.m.
 - Collision Bend Brewing Company: 1250 Old River Road, Cleveland
 - Friday and Saturday, 3 p.m. midnight; Sunday, 3 9 p.m.

Free Festivities for Fathers

Cleveland attractions are welcoming dads with free admission on Father's Day.

- For a walk on the wild side, the <u>Cleveland Metroparks Zoo</u> is offering free admission for dad with a paid child admission.
 - o Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, 3900 Wildlife Way, Cleveland
 - Hours: 10 a.m. 5 p.m.

- For an undersea adventure, the <u>Greater Cleveland Aquarium</u> is also offering free admission for dad with the purchase of a ticket for a child or adult. Kids can even make cards for dad at the Aquarium, participate in a scavenger hunt featuring fish fathers, and check out the seahorse feedings.
 - o Greater Cleveland Aquarium, 2000 Sycamore St., Cleveland
 - Hours: 10 a.m. 5 p.m.

For more Father's Day weekend ideas or to learn more about Destination Cleveland or new attractions and activities, please visit <u>thisiscleveland.com</u>, follow us on <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u> and subscribe to our channels on <u>YouTube</u> and <u>Pinterest</u>.

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