

Your Spring Break Adventure

We can't promise cliff-diving in Kenosha, but we have your attention

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So — you're spending Spring Break right here in Kenosha County.

Yay!
Nay?

If you're feeling grouchy about not going to Disneyland, think of your week at home as a guarantee that you won't be exposed to measles. And who wants to go back to school with a nasty sunburn anyway, right?

Instead of dodging crowds on Panama City Beach in Florida, you can enjoy a refreshing walk on the cold Lake Michigan waterfront. Or zipline among the still-wintery landscape near Lake Geneva.

Doesn't that sound better than waiting in line to take a photo with a guy in a Mickey Mouse suit?

Even if you said "no," we'll still offer you some cool ways to spend Spring Break at home — and we DON'T mean sitting on a couch cuddling with a "family size" bag of Cheetos and a stack of DVDs. (OK, maybe that's just us ...)

Here are some places offering fun things to do in the Kenosha area.

(Disclaimer: This story is aimed at parents who are looking to entertain younger children. Older teens are likely to find their own forms of entertainment — which will likely frighten their parents.)

Easter Bunny fun

Looking to meet up with the **Easter Bunny**?

You can find him at Regency Mall in Racine.

The bunny will be visiting with children and posing for photos outside the Boston Store through Saturday (April 4). *Visits are available 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. today (April 3) and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday. There is no charge to visit with the Easter Bunny; photo packages are available for purchase.*

■ An **Easter Egg Hunt** for children — with face painting! — starts at 2 p.m. Saturday (April 4) at Somers Community Church, 9918 12th St. (Highway E). *Admission is free; all kids are welcome.*

■ Also on Saturday (April 4), **Jelly**



RACINE ART MUSEUM PHOTO

A "Peperoni Pizza" Peeps display was featured in a previous Racine Art Museum Peeps competition. This year's show runs through April 12.

Belly is hosting Easter Hoppings from 1 to 3 p.m., with the Easter Bunny, a magician, games, raffles and prizes. This will be the last Easter event at the Pleasant Prairie Jelly Belly venue, which is slated to close sometime in the next few months ... so hop on over for one last hurrah! *10100 Jelly Belly Lane (at the corner of Highway 165 and Green Bay Road off I-94) in Pleasant Prairie. 262-947-3800 or www.jellybelly.com.*

Peeps!

Head to the **Racine Art Museum** to view entries in this year's **International Peeps Art Exhibition** — you won't believe the creative things people can do with marshmallow candies.

Bonus: Go today (April 3) during downtown Racine's First Friday celebration. Admission to the museum, 441 Main St., is free today from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. *The Peeps are on display through April 12. www.ramart.org.*

Dinosaurs!

Little kids still like dinosaurs, right? The downtown **Kenosha Public Museum** and **Dinosaur Discovery Museum** offer exhibits and programs for fans of the prehistoric creatures.

Inside the Public Museum, 5500 First Ave., you'll find the permanent exhibits "**The Wisconsin Story**," showing how the state has changed over the past 425 million years, and "**Mammoth and**

Man," tracing the excavation of a woolly mammoth skeleton in western Kenosha County (this is where you'll find the museum's signature life-size skeletal replica of a woolly mammoth).

At the **Dinosaur Discovery Museum**, 5608 10th Ave., you'll find **life-size replica casts of your favorite prehistoric reptiles**, interactive exhibits, bones and fossils, and an on-site Carthage College paleontology lab.

On Saturdays, the **Dinosaur Museum** hosts free "**Dino Digs**" from 1 to 4 p.m. Apiring young paleontologists can experience the excitement of excavating a dinosaur fossil. *Admission is free to both museums. 262-653-4140 or 262-653-4450.*

Family fun at museums

Next week, those two museums — along with the **Civil War Museum** — will be offering **Spring Family Fun Days** for families from 1 to 4 p.m. Events include:

■ **Northern Illinois Raptor Rehab and Education Day** is Wednesday (April 8) at the **Dinosaur Discovery Museum**, 5608 10th Ave. Live birds — including eagles, hawks and owls — will be at the museum, and visitors can also explore a wide array of hands-on specimens. *The exhibits and activities are free. For more information, call 262-653-4450.*

■ **The Civil War Museum**, 5400 First Ave., hosts **family activities** Thursday (April 9), including Midwestern prairie games and songs. Visitors can sample maple syrup treats, johnny cakes and other frontier delights. *Activities are free and open to the public. For more information, call 262-653-4141.*

■ **Get creative at the Kenosha Public Museum**, 5500 First Ave., on Friday (April 10). Everyone is encouraged to "unlock your artistic side as you paint, sculpt and draw."



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