

# SOUTH FLORIDA Family LIFE

Broward, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach Counties

APRIL 2023

## GOING GREEN

SIMPLE WAYS TO MAKE  
A BIG DIFFERENCE

# South Florida Family FAVORITE nominees

The nominations are in! Thanks to all who shared their favorite family-friendly places and professionals throughout South Florida. We've compiled the nominees by county, in categories ranging from best beaches, parks and restaurants to valued pediatricians, specialists, programs and more.

Now it's time to vote for your Family Favorites. Visit [www.southfloridafamilylife.com](http://www.southfloridafamilylife.com) from April 15 through May 1, 2023 to cast your ballot. The best in Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties will be announced in the July issue of *South Florida Family Life* magazine.

### FAMILY FUN

#### Favorite Beach

##### Broward

Dania Beach  
Deerfield Beach  
Fort Lauderdale Beach  
Hollywood Beach  
Lauderdale-By-The-Sea  
Pompano Beach

##### Miami-Dade

Crandon Park  
Haulover Park  
Key Biscayne  
North Shore on Miami Beach  
South Beach  
South Pointe Beach  
Sunny Isles

##### Palm Beach

Delray Beach  
Juno Beach

Jupiter Beach Park  
Red Reef Park

#### Favorite Place to Swim & Splash

##### Broward

Castaway Island at T.Y. Park  
Cypress Pool, Coral Springs  
David Posnack JCC  
Miramar Pineland Splash Pad  
Paradise Cove at C.B. Smith Park  
Splash Adventure at  
Quiet Waters Park  
Sullivan Park, Deerfield Beach

##### Miami-Dade

Grapeland Water Park  
Michael-Ann Russell JCC Pool  
Normandy Isles Park and Pool  
Scott Rakow Youth Center  
Swim with the Dolphins at  
Miami Seaquarium

Tidal Cove Waterpark  
Venetian Pool

##### Palm Beach

Calypso Bay Waterpark  
Rapids Water Park  
Sugar Sand Park Splash Pad

#### Favorite South Florida Attraction

African-American Research Library  
and Cultural Center  
Butterfly World  
Deering Estate  
Everglades  
Everglades Holiday Park  
Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden  
Flagler Museum  
Flamingo Gardens  
Lion Country Safari

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# April Events

## HOW TO SUBMIT CALENDAR LISTINGS

Please e-mail listing information to [calendar@southfloridafamilylife.com](mailto:calendar@southfloridafamilylife.com) by the 5th of the month prior to the event date. Include the name of the event, location, address, date, time, brief description, price and telephone number for the public.



Stone Soup

## Family Fun Night

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12**

Join neighbors for a night of fun and games. 6-8pm, **CORAL SPRINGS GYMNASIUM**, 2501 Coral Springs Dr., Coral Springs, [www.coralssprings.gov](http://www.coralssprings.gov)

## Tunes 'N Trucks

**FRIDAY, APRIL 14**

Grab dinner from the food trucks, then kick back on your blankets or lawn chairs to enjoy this monthly concert series. Food trucks begin serving at 6pm, music starts at 7pm. **SUNRISE CIVIC CENTER**, 10610 W. Oakland Park Blvd., Sunrise, 954-747-4600 [www.sunrisefl.gov](http://www.sunrisefl.gov)

## Moonlight Movie in the Park

**SATURDAY, APRIL 15**

Bring blankets and lawn chairs to watch a screening of Top Gun: Maverick, under the stars. Free. 8-10:15pm, **WESTON REGIONAL PARK**, 20200 Saddle Club Rd., Weston, [www.westonfl.org](http://www.westonfl.org)

## MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

### Gold Coast Free First Saturday

**SATURDAY, APRIL 1**

Bring the kids for a hands-on history lesson the first Saturday of every month when admission and museum exploration is free. 11am-4pm, **GOLD COAST RAILROAD MUSEUM**, 12450 SW 152 St., Miami, 305-253-0063 [www.goldcoastrailroadmuseum.org](http://www.goldcoastrailroadmuseum.org)

### Dog Date Stroll

**SUNDAYS, APRIL 2, 9, 16 & 23**

Bring your pooch for fresh air and fun while strolling the lush gardens. 8-10am, **FAIRCHILD TROPICAL BOTANIC GARDEN**, 10901 Old Cutler Rd., Miami [www.fairchildgarden.org](http://www.fairchildgarden.org)

### Food Truck Fest

**TUESDAYS, APRIL 4, 11, 18 & 25**

Skip the cooking and choose from an array of food trucks, with selections sure to please the entire family. The evening also includes bounce houses and children's activities. Weather permitting. 5-10pm, **HAULOVER PARK**, 10800 Collins Ave., Miami Beach, 786-287-6688 [www.miamifoodtrucksevents.com](http://www.miamifoodtrucksevents.com)

### Moon Viewing

**FRIDAY, APRIL 7**

Pack a telescope or binoculars for a view of the moon from Biscayne Bay. Pre-registration required. \$10. 8-11pm, **DEERING ESTATE**, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, [www.deeringseafestival.org](http://www.deeringseafestival.org)

### The Puppets Magical Garden

**SATURDAY, APRIL 8**

Be transported to a world of wonder and imagination through this show filled with music and puppet animation. \$15/adult, \$10/child. 3pm, **PINECREST GARDENS**, 11000 Red Rd., Pinecrest [www.pinecrestgardens.org](http://www.pinecrestgardens.org)

### Pamm Free Second Saturdays

**SATURDAY, APRIL 8**

Families can participate in free hands-on art activities, guided tours, entertainment and

more on the second Saturday of every month. Admission is free all day, with art making from 1-4pm. **PEREZ MUSEUM OF ART**, 1103 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, [www.pamm.org](http://www.pamm.org)

### All About Sea Turtles

**SATURDAY, APRIL 8**

Learn all about sea turtle biology, nesting and conservation through a program presented by the Miami-Dade County Sea Turtle Conservation Program. Ages 8 and older. 2-3pm, **MIAMI BEACH REGIONAL LIBRARY**, 227 22 St., Miami Beach, [www.mdpls.org](http://www.mdpls.org)

### Miami-Dade County Youth Fair & Expo

**THROUGH APRIL 9**

Carnival-style rides, food, games and fun for the whole family. **MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS**, 10901 Coral Way, Miami, 305-223-7060 [www.fairexpo.com](http://www.fairexpo.com)

### Furry Tales

**FRIDAY, APRIL 14**

Kids can gain confidence and practice their literacy skills by reading to Avi, a registered therapy dog. Space is limited and registration is required. Ages 5-12. 10:30am-noon, **SOUTH PINECREST BRANCH LIBRARY**, 5835 SW 111 St., Pinecrest, [www.mdpls.org](http://www.mdpls.org)

### Stories in the Park

**SATURDAY, APRIL 15**

Meet other families at the park for stories songs and activities. Weather permitting. 10-10:30am, **VIRRIC PARK BRANCH LIBRARY**, 3255 Plaza St., Miami, [www.mdpls.org](http://www.mdpls.org)

### Family Day on Aragon

**SATURDAY, APRIL 15**

Enjoy a day of family fun activities, arts and crafts, live performances and more the second Saturday of every month. Noon-5pm, **CORAL GABLES MUSEUM**, 285 Aragon Ave., Coral Gables, [www.coralgablesmuseum.org](http://www.coralgablesmuseum.org)

### April Showers Bring May Flowers

**SUNDAY, APRIL 16**

Ring in spring with this Mini-Me Science

program devoted to the water cycle. 10:30-11:30am and 1-2pm, **PHILLIP AND PATRICIA FROST MUSEUM OF SCIENCE**, 1101 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, 305-434-9600 [www.frostscience.org](http://www.frostscience.org)

### Herb Gardening for Kids

**SATURDAY, APRIL 22**

Participate in an Earth Day activity by planting fresh herbs in a planter. Materials provided. Pre-registration required. 11am-noon, **DORAL BRANCH LIBRARY**, 8551 NW 53 St., Doral, [www.mdpls.org](http://www.mdpls.org)

### Stone Soup

**SUNDAY, APRIL 23 &**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 29**

This modern musical adaptation of the classic folk tale combines comedy and memorable lessons. \$16 and up. 11am & 1pm, April 23 at **AVENTURA ARTS AND CULTURAL CENTER**, 3385 NE 188 St, Aventura, [www.aventuracenter.org](http://www.aventuracenter.org); April 29 at **BROWARD CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS**, 201 SW Fifth Ave., Fort Lauderdale, 954-462-0222 [www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)

### Springtime Adventure

**SATURDAY, APRIL 29**

A fun-filled weekend with scavenger hunts, seasonal fruits, tram tours and more. Included with park admission of \$10/adult, \$3/child. 10am-5pm, **FRUIT & SPICE PARK**, 24801 SW 187 Ave., Homestead, 305-247-5727 [www.relandfruitandspice.com](http://www.relandfruitandspice.com)

### Mommy and Me - Spa Day at the Library

**SATURDAY, APRIL 29**

Spend special time together creating a special face mask and enjoying light refreshments. Pre-registration required. Ages 6 and older. 2-3pm, **LITTLE RIVER BRANCH LIBRARY**, 160 NE 79 St., Miami, [www.mdpls.org](http://www.mdpls.org)

### Spring Concert

**SUNDAY, APRIL 30**

The Children's Voice Chorus presents a unique musical experience featuring all members. \$20/adult, \$15 children and seniors. 6pm, **PINECREST GARDENS**, 11000 Red Rd., Pinecrest, [www.pinecrestgardens.org](http://www.pinecrestgardens.org)