

**Activities Calendar**  
**Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup> to Sunday July 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Weekly Activities**

**Monday**

**Radical Reptiles**

Kids will get to meet snakes and learn about reptiles up close.

Date/time: Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

Location: East Boston Branch Library; 276 Meridian St.

Website: [www.bpl.org](http://www.bpl.org)

Phone: 617-569-0271

Cost: Free

**Tuesday**

**Boston Harborfest**

Boston Harborfest is a six-day long Fourth of July festival that showcases the colonial and maritime heritage of the cradle of the American Revolution: the historic City of Boston. The award-winning festival strives to honor and remember the past, celebrate the present and educate the future with reenactments, concerts, historical tours and much, much more. Over 200 Daily Events during the weeklong festival are concentrated in Boston's historic downtown and waterfront districts, with Main Sponsored Events on Boston's City Hall Plaza.

Date/time: Tuesday, July 1<sup>st</sup> to Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup>

Location: various locations throughout Boston's downtown and waterfront districts

Website: [www.bostonharborfest.com](http://www.bostonharborfest.com)

Cost: Free

**Soul Tuesday**

Free outdoor concerts on Boston Harbor. Great for families, children and groups.

Date/time: Tuesday, July 1<sup>st</sup> at 6pm

Location: Boston Harbor Hotel Rowes Wharf Boston

Phone: 617-635-3911

Cost: Free

**Thursday**

**Jazz Revolution**

Jazz Revelation Records presents the fourth-annual Kendall Square Concert Series. This Thursday, Jelena Bracika, will be performing.

Date/time: Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 12pm-2pm (ongoing on Thursday's through the summer)

Location: Kendall Square Main and Ames St., Cambridge, MA 02124

Website: [www.berklee.edu/events](http://www.berklee.edu/events)

Cost: Free

**Between the Lions Read Aloud Book Club**

Children ages 7 to 10 will read aloud and discuss books and then work on activities.

Date/time: Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>

Location: East Boston Branch Library; 276 Meridian St.

Website: [www.bpl.org](http://www.bpl.org)

Phone: 617-569-0271

Cost: Free

## **Friday**

### **Forth of July Fireworks – Esplanade**

Superstar Country music trio Rascal Flatts will join maestro Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra and CBS late night talk show host Craig Ferguson will return as emcee of Boston's 35th annual Fourth of July celebration. The Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular will conclude on July 4 with a 22 ½ -minute pyrotechnic extravaganza from Pyro Spectaculars. Along with the evening festivities, including a musical performance by country music trio Rascal Flatts who will join maestro Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, this years Fourth of July celebration will also feature some great family activities. The family entertainment area, featuring face-painting, balloon artists and free Statue of Liberty crowns will be located right on the Esplanade around the concession area.

July 4th Schedule of Events:

9:00 am - Oval Opens

Noon - Recorded Music Begins

8:00 pm - Local Television Broadcast Begins

8:30 pm - Boston Pops Concert Begins

10:00 pm - National Television Broadcast Begins

10:30 pm - Fireworks on the Esplanade Begin

Date/time: Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup> (see schedule above)

Location: The Esplanade

### **Cape Verdean Festival**

Celebrate Cape Verdean culture and independence at the 16th annual festival, featuring dancing, martial arts demonstrations, and live music. Food vendors are on hand to provide sustenance, and a small crafts marketplace is a fun place to browse.

Date/time: Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup> from 2pm to 7pm

Location: One City Hall Plaza City Hall, Boston, MA 02109

Phone:617.635.3911

Cost: Free

### **Ongoing Activities**

#### **A Gathering Place for Freedom**

A Gathering Place for Freedom is an enlightening exhibit commemorating the bicentennial of the historic African Meeting House. View original photos of Prince Hall, Frederick Douglass, Lewis Hayden and other Boston abolitionists.

Date/time: Daily until October, 2008 during museum hours

Location: Museum of African American History; 46 Joy Street, Boston, MA 02114

Website: [www.afroammuseum.org](http://www.afroammuseum.org)

Phone: 617-725-0022

Cost: Free (suggested donation of \$5)

#### **Frog Pond Spray Pool**

Cool down in the summer heat on Boston Common as the Frog Pond is open for summer activities.

Date/time: Ongoing throughout the summer; 11am – 6pm

Location: 84 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108

Phone: 617.635.2120

Cost: Free

### **Children of Hangzhou: Connecting with China**

Visit China, no passport required! Travel to China and meet four children at home, at school, in the library, theater and in the countryside. Discover how Chinese life mixes ancient traditions with modern lifestyles and how life in China is both similar and different from life in North America.

Date/time: daily from 10am-5pm; 10am to 9pm on Fridays

Location: Boston Children's Museum

Website: [www.bostonchildrensmuseum.org](http://www.bostonchildrensmuseum.org)

Phone: 617-426-8855

Cost: Adults (16-64) \$10, Children (2-15) \$8; every Friday from 5pm-9pm admission is only \$1!!  
(Sponsored by Target)

### **Institute of Contemporary Art Summer Concert Series**

Enjoy open air concerts with the hot sounds from students, faculty and alumni from the coolest music School around, Berklee. Check the ICA Website below for a list of scheduled performances.

Date/time: Every Thursday throughout the summer from 6pm to 8:30pm

Location: 100 Northern Ave., Boston, MA

Website: [www.icaboston.org](http://www.icaboston.org)

Cost: free

### **North End Feast Days**

During the summer weekends Boston's oldest neighborhood, the North End, continues to celebrate the Catholic Feast Days of the Italian saints dear to the last large immigrant population in the North End. Enjoy the processions, music, banks and Italian food! Stroll the historic and picturesque streets and find yourself transported to Italy!

Date/time: ongoing throughout the summer on Weekends, all day

Location: The North End of Boston

Phone: 617-635-3911

Website: [www.cityofboston.gov/arts](http://www.cityofboston.gov/arts)

### **Rockwell & the Shinjin: Celebrating Baseball and the Red Sox**

The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (MFA), will cheer on the 2007 World Series Champion Red Sox with an installation that opens Tuesday, April 8, Opening Day at Fenway Park. Rockwell and the Shinjin: Celebrating Baseball and the Red Sox features the iconic Norman Rockwell painting The Rookie (The Red Sox Locker Room) (1957, Private Collection), on special loan to the Museum, as well as memorabilia lent by the Red Sox and private collectors, and vintage prints and photographs from the MFA's own collection. On view through July 20, Rockwell and the Shinjin will be displayed in the Ruth and Carl J. Shapiro Rotunda on the second floor of the Museum.

Date/time: ongoing until Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, available during Museum hours

Location: Museum of Fine Arts, Boston; 465 Huntington Ave.

Website: [www.mfa.org](http://www.mfa.org)

Phone: 617-267-9300

Cost: Adults - \$17; Students - \$15, children under 17 years old are free

### **Swan Boat Rides**

With brightly buffed brass and a fresh coat of paint, the Swan Boats reappeared in Boston's Public Garden in April. Enjoy a peaceful 15 minute paddleboat cruise around the Boston Garden lagoon. The only boats of their kind in the world, inspired by the opera Lohengrin. Little has changed since they

first graced the 24-acre gardens lagoons in 1877. In fact, the boats are operated by descendants of Swan Boat founder Robert Paget. And they are still propelled the old-fashioned way too, by pedal power!

Date/time: Daily 10am – 4pm

Location: Boston Public Garden; close to the Arlington T stop on the Green line

Phone: 617-522-1966

Cost: Adults - \$2.75; Children (up to 15 years old) - \$1.25

**Museum of Science Exhibits** \*Friend's – There are several complimentary passes available for you and Achievers!\*

### **Mars!**

Mars! takes you on an amazing space journey. You begin here on Earth, where you'll see, in high-definition clarity, the dramatic launch of the rockets that carried the Spirit and Opportunity rovers into outer space. Next, you'll learn about the adaptations that make the Mars rovers uniquely suited for their mission. You'll also have a front-row seat at NASA's Mission Control to witness the tension—and resulting exhilaration—of Spirit's successful landing in the Gusev crater. Then, you'll put on your special polarized glasses for a 3-D trip of a lifetime.

### **Cahners ComputerPlace**

Cahners ComputerPlace is a hands-on computer discovery exhibit showcasing an ever-changing selection of software titles with one thing in common: all encouraging people to learn, explore, and create with computers.

Date/time: Sat-Thur 9am-5pm; Friday 9am-9pm

Location: Museum of Science; Science Park, Boston, MA 02114

Website: [www.mos.org](http://www.mos.org)

Phone: 617-723-2500

Cost: Adults \$17; Children (3-11) \$14

### **Street Level**

The exhibit features three promising artists whose works draw directly from street culture.

Date/time: Ongoing until May; Tues, Wed, Sat, Sun; 10am-5pm. Thur-Fri 10am-9pm

Location: Institute of Contemporary Art; 100 Northern Av., Boston, MA 02210

Website: [www.icaboston.org](http://www.icaboston.org)

Phone: 617-478-3100

Cost: Adults \$12, Under 17 is free; Thursday is free for everyone!

### **Dolphins and Whales 3D: Tribes of the Ocean**

The film uses stunning imagery of these marine mammals in their natural habitats to spread an increasingly important conservation message about the need to protect the earth's oceans from pollution and destruction. The 3D technology brings the audience into the depths of the ocean alongside the creatures to show scenes from the animals' lives that can not be seen from the ocean's surface.

Date/time: Sun-Wed 9:30am-8:15pm (final show at 7:30pm); Thurs-Sat 9:30am-10:15pm (final show at 9:30pm)

Location: Simons IMAX Theatre; Central Wharf, Boston, MA 02110

Website: [www.newenglandaquarium.org](http://www.newenglandaquarium.org)

Phone: 866-815-4629

Cost: Adults \$9.95; Children (3-11) \$7.95

**MIT Museum Exhibit's \*Friend's –** There are several complimentary passes available for you and Achievers!\*

**Holography: The Light Fantastic**

This selection of holograms, the world's largest, illustrates the many artistic and scientific facets of the medium.

**Robots and Beyond**

This interactive exhibit goes behind the scenes and into the research labs to explore artificial intelligence at MIT. Exhibits and demonstrations challenge visitors to exercise their minds and imaginations.

Date/time: Daily from 10am to 5pm

Location: MIT Museum; 265 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA 02139

Website: <http://web.mit.edu/museum>

Phone: 617-253-5927

Cost: Adult \$7.50; Seniors and Students \$3; MIT ID and children (under 5) are free. 10am-noon is free admission on Sunday's.

**Stargazing at the BU Observatory**

The University Observatory is open for stargazing every Wednesday night. For visibility information call, 617-353-2630 after 5:30 pm.

Date/time: Wednesday evenings throughout the spring and summer

Location: Boston University

Website: <http://www.bu.edu/astronomy/opennight.html>

Phone: 617-353-2630

Cost: Free