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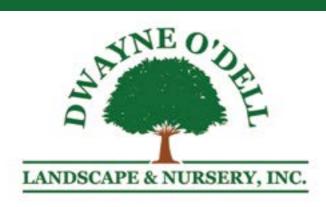
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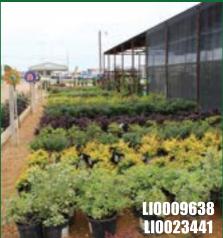


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DENTON COUNTY AGRILIFE

Offering Youth Summer Programs By Steven Baringer



Denton County AgriLife is excited to announce its summer learning offerings for youth. The program provides a unique opportunity for children and teenagers to learn valuable life skills while having fun and making new friends.

AgriLife staff members and our volunteer groups, such as Master Gardeners and Master Naturalists, lead the summer programs. We currently have four offerings posted that cover a wide variety of topics for all ages. Let's take a look at each of them.

We are partnering with Denton Parks & Recreation on two programs: O'SWAt Camp and Farm to Table Camp.

O'SWAt, also known as Outdoor Science With an Attitude Camp, will be held June 26-29, 2023, for children ages six to ten. Kids will explore the outdoor world with certified Master Gardners and Master Naturalists. Each day, we will study a different aspect of outdoor science through horticulture and environmental science activities. The camp will is located at Clear Creek Natural Heritage Center in Denton. The camp costs \$75, and you can register directly through Denton Parks & Rec.'s website. The link is https://bit.ly/3UIP9vv.

The other program we are partnering on is Farm to Table, which will be held July 17-21, 2023, for children ages six to ten. During this week, we will bring the farm to your table! This camp will teach participants where their food comes from and how to prepare it for optional nutrition. Each day of camp will focus on a different food group. Participants will work in the garden, experience a mobile dairy, and see livestock. Then participants will use simple cooking techniques to prepare food, using practical skills they will carry through the years. Camp is located at Denia Recreation Center in Denton. The camp costs \$75, and you can register directly through Denton Parks & Rec.'s website. The link is https://bit.ly/3MTZUsR.

Denton County 4-H offers two summer programs open to the public and our 4-H members.

The first one I want to share is 4-H & FCH One Day. This one-day workshop will teach you about the 4-H projects under the FCH (Family and Community Health) umbrella. Those projects include Food & Nutrition and Fashion & Interior



Design. Through this workshop, you will gain hands-on experience and open your eyes to the world of 4-H. It is open to kids entering 3-12th grade at no cost. You can sign up on the Denton AgriLife website here: https://bit.ly/41B36xA

The last summer program I would like to share is Clover Kids Camp. Clover Kids is a group for kids not old enough to be in 4-H yet. This introductory camp will be full of fun, hands-on activities showcasing the various projects in 4-H. It will be held July 11-13, 2023, at the North Texas Fairgrounds. Registration is currently full, but you can email steven.baringer@ag.tamu.edu to be placed on a waitlist to sign up. There is a \$10 supply fee associated with this camp.

Denton County AgriLife's summer programs are led by experienced and qualified instructors passionate about working with youth. The programs are designed to be fun, engaging, and educational.

According to Denton County 4-H Extension Agent Steven Baringer, "The Denton County AgriLife summer programs offer a unique opportunity for children and teenagers to learn new skills, make new friends, and have fun while doing it. We believe these programs will help young people develop life skills that will serve them well throughout their lives."

The cost of the summer programs varies depending on the activity and length of the program. Scholarships are available for families who may need financial assistance.

In conclusion, the Denton County 4-H summer programs provide an excellent opportunity for young people. These programs are designed to be engaging, educational, and fun and offer a range of activities to suit different interests. So,



why not sign up your child today and let them experience the benefits of the 4-H summer programs?







PORTO PERFECT!

Leave Your Baggage and Live in the Moment

By Jodie Linton-Prickett

on't be surprised if your senses go on overdrive in Porto. It's okay if you can't stop turning your head to take in all of the natural beauty, adorned with architectural delights. Don't be surprised as your nose fills with the delectable aromas as you pass by bakeries and numerous outside dinners. It's completely normal if your tastebuds squeal with happiness as a glass of port flows over them. Your toes may tap as your ears appreciate the sounds of talented street musicians or music leaking out of Fado bars. With all of this liveliness it is almost impossible to be anywhere else but in the present.

and had mentioned it would be nice if I could join her. I had already planned on visiting her in Oregon, but the flights to her city were remarkably expensive with excruciating layovers in Portland. After crunching the numbers, I could rationalize meeting her in Lisbon, Portugal rather than flying to her casa on the West Coast.

Excitedly, I purchased my ticket to Portugal, almost last minute, yet still got a fairly good deal. I was so thrilled about this adventure with my lifelong thend that I almost forgot how much I disliked Lisbon from a former visit. Before I dive back into dreamy Porto,

Porto, Portugal, atmospheric and captivating, it is a place to lose yourself. A city where you can live freely in the moment and leave all your worries behind.

This historic city is embraced by the Atlantic Ocean and the Douro River, built on lush rolling hills, dotted with terraced landscaping, red tiled roofs, all linked together with extravagant expansive bridges. This vibrant municipality has it all. It offers giant tree lined boulevards, quaint cobbled backstreets, and winding pedestrian areas filled with restaurants, bars, shops and art galleries. There are even hidden ancient cobblestone stairs that meander from the top of the hill to the bank of the river. Everyone seems friendly in Porto, maybe because they are experiencing such a lovely place.

After extensive international travel over the winter holidays, another getaway was not on my radar. Especially not to Portugal, but if you know me, I have a passport, will travel; particularly if the right opportunity presents itself. Out of nowhere, a fabulous getaway was beckoning me, and away I would go. My best childhood friend, Margee, was traveling solo to the Iberian Peninsula

let me mention, if you have been to Lisbon in the past and was not overly impressed, give it another go. The city has invested a lot into preservation and beautification. It is far more inviting than it was a decade ago. Lisbon has a lot to offer but Porto won me over. It's a city I can't wait to revisit.

When you go to Porto, it is easy to visit Lisbon and Porto on the same trip. There are several trains that will take you from city center to city center in about three hours. It is a lovely train ride, so reserve a window seat. You will understand why they call it the Silver Coast as your train follows the shoreline. The deep azure blue of the water reflects on the sky making for extraordinary views. As the sun hits the waves it seems to outline them in glistening silver. It is simply breathtaking.

When we arrived at the train station in Porto, we opted to use our Uber app to take us to our apartment. The app works perfectly there and we found it easier than dealing with

public transportation with our luggage, or deal with the line of ambitious cab drivers.

Margee had already planned the trip and booked an amazing apartment in the city center. I'm still salivating over it today; it could not have been more brilliant. It was perfectly located in the thick of everything, yet completely quiet at night. Immediately out our door was an abundance of restaurants, bars, and places to shop.

Dining is Porto is splendid.
Everything we ate and drank
was remarkably fresh and
mouthwatering. The restaurants all
had interesting concepts, fabulous
atmospheres and designs, the
service was impeccable and the
prices reasonable. One thing you
must try is the Pasties de Nata. This
pastry is so scrumptious that you will
miss them when you return home.
Of course, while in Porto, you need

to enjoy a few glasses of port, a picture of sangrias, as well as their marvelous cheeses and seafood.

One of my favorite experiences was our visit to Livaria Lello, referred to as the most beautiful bookstore in the world. I'm not one to argue with this proclamation. It was built in 1906, in an Art Nouveau and Neo-Gothic style, it is sure to wow! It is located in the Clerigos District on Rua das Carmelitas 144. You will need a ticket, which costs about \$5.00, however, we received the ticket price back with any purchase. Yes, we left with books in tote.

Margee and I spent most of our time meandering through the city, popping in and out of shops, eating long leisurely brunches and late-night appetizing dinners. We enjoyed the river panoramas as we



sipped on Portuguese wine, or Taylor's Port made right across the river, cellars in view. It was Porto Perfect!

Porto offers boundless possibilities, for everyone. There are river cruises, bus tours, museums and historical monuments to explore. If you like, you can ride a funicular that takes you to the top of one of the hills with winding paths to walk back down. Try the port, you can visit one of the several port cellars, some are over 300 years old. Porto also presents a lively art scene including ample public art, tasteful street art and galleries proliferate the districts. There are pristine parks and greenspaces abound. You can walk by the seaside, take a swim, or cross the pedestrian bridge spanning the river. Here, in Porto, you can make your experience uniquely your own.

If you are looking for a fabulous place to get away from it all and enjoy living in the moment, experience Porto. Pack your bags, show up without a plan and just see where your journey leads you, you can't go wrong. The only thing you must bring with you are good walking shoes and an appetite for adventure.





















THIS SUMMER, explore everything



laygrounds, recreation centers, sports leagues, and summer camps are just a few things that come to mind when we think of traditional parks and recreation. Experience something new this summer and join Denton Parks and Recreation for July's Parks and Recreation Month. We challenge

you to explore our parks, pools, and playground. Look beyond the facilities for unique and enjoyable opportunities that benefit all ages.

As community needs grow and expand, so do the programs and services offered by city parks and recreation departments.

Traditionally the focus has been on

health and fitness programs and facilities, but that has surprisingly changed and grown to include experiences that are actively social and family-centric, as well as intergenerational.

With the support through participation, non-traditional opportunities continue to grow

Denton Parks-and Recreation has-to offer!



and serve as a means for youth to engage both physically and emotionally and for adults to socialize with youth and actively participate. Here's a sample of events to expect this summer from Denton Parks and Recreation!

Celebrate Independence Day Together

Grab your family and friends and join us for the 2023 Fourth of July Celebration. Kicking off the weekend, on July 1, you can participate in the 25th Annual Liberty 5K Run or 1-Mile Walk. Make a day of it, walk or run in the morning and stay for the parade right after! Then come join all the festivities on July 3 at the Jubilee Festival! Consider participating in the Hot Dog Eating Contest or enjoy live music, food trucks, inflatables, carnival games, and lots of fun.

Dive into Summer

Don't miss out on our Dive in Movie series at Water Works Park on June 9 and July 7. Bring your



family and enjoy floating in the wave pool while watching a great film. With movies for the whole family this is sure to be a splashing good time!

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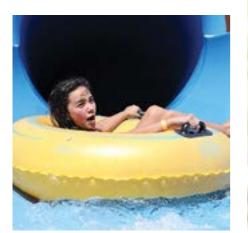
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If you haven't discovered the wave pool at Water Works Park, then this summer is the perfect time! It's just the right mix of fun and relaxation as the waves differ in size and flow between cycles. The park is also home to four giant waterslides, two toddler slides, a children's play pool, a lazy river, sand volleyball, cabanas, party pavilions, and more!

A Swimming Good Time 🌞

Swimming is a life-saving skill for children and a vital tool to prevent drowning, the number one cause of death for U.S. children ages 1-4, and second leading cause for children 5-14. Be apart of the drowning prevention and join us at the Denton Civic Center Pool for the World's Largest Swim Lesson Day! Learn simple steps that could help protect your family this summer!





Get Down and Dirty **

Community gardens cultivate lifelong lessons about the origins of what we consume and foster the desire for healthy, fresh eating. For some families, a community garden with rentable plots is the only chance they have for growing their own fruits and vegetables. The community garden at Bowling Green Park in Denton is a great example of how parks and recreation has grown outside of the box and encourages families to cultivate new outdoor experiences.

It's Yappy Hour Somewhere

Grab your four-legged companions and join us at the North Lakes Dog Park on June 2 for Yappy Hour. Enjoy an evening of fun, food, and furry friends! Don't miss out on the array of food vendors and pet treat vendors who will be serving a variety of pet friendly goodies!





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NORTH TEXAS FAIR & RODEO

Quickly Approaching

By Hannah Crandall

Wrapping up summertime with fun and excitement for the entire family, the North Texas Fair & Rodeo (NTFR) brings delicious fair food, carnival rides, exceptional vendors, live music and intense rodeo action to Denton, Texas every August. The 95th annual NTFR will take place August 18-26, 2023 at the North Texas Fairgrounds, with nightly rodeos starting at 7:30 p.m. followed by some of the hottest country music!

Every August, NTFR consistently brings exceptional country music to the north Texas region. Nevertheless, with a rapidly growing association built on several generations of memberships and volunteers, NTFR strives to place family fun and tradition at the forefront of everything it does.

"We continue to support our youth, agriculture and community," said NTFR Executive Director Glenn Carlton. "We strive every year to make this event better than it was the previous year. We want to bring you fun and excitement for the whole family."

The NTFR accomplishes this by hosting talented musical artists, professional and youth rodeos, livestock exhibitions, a premier midway and special exhibits.

Continuing the legacy of the association, this year's event will once again bring the north Texas community together to cherish our western heritage with LIVE entertainment, FUN attractions and NEW exhibits!

In response to the popularity of NTFR rodeo performances, the association is proud to add an additional 800 seats to the Coors Rodeo Arena. NTFR has also arranged for more remote parking on both Saturdays at Texas Woman's University, in addition to the existing two lots at First Baptist Church and the original Denton High School.

The NTFR is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of western heritage. All revenue is reinvested into programs, scholarships and facilities. The NTFR, and its associates, contribute around \$500,000 each year to area youth. According to the Center of Economic Development at the University of North Texas, the NTFR and its facilities have a \$7 million economic impact in Denton County and an approximately \$4 million impact on the City of Denton.

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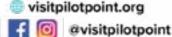
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LizzyGator hosted Jays Songwriter Festival. What an amazing weekend attendees and songwriters experienced celebrating Jays songwriters legacy. There was laughter, songs and even some dancing. What an honor to be able to host this beautiful event at LizzyGator. Our favorite part of the entire weekend was the smiles on all the songwriters faces. They were delighted to be surrounded by art and love. These are the memories we will treasure always. And this is why we do what we do.



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Capturing Memorable Moments: Unveiling the Art of Vacation Photography

"Mastering go-to poses to own your vacation pictures and preserve cherished memories'

By Amber with Growing Sprouts Photography

As a photographer, there's no greater joy than freezing moments in time and capturing the essence of unforgettable vacations. In this article, we dive into the world of vacation photography, offering you three go-to poses that will help you create stunning and memorable shots. From sitting on the edge of breathtaking vistas to walking away with a sense of adventure, and even jumping for joy, these poses will infuse your photographs with a unique energy and personality. Get ready to unlock the secrets of capturing those precious memories that will last a lifetime.



Pose #1:

The "Sitting on the Edge" Pose: Adventure and Relaxation Combined

Imagine yourself in a scenic spot, surrounded by awe-inspiring landscapes. The "Sitting on the Edge" pose is your ticket to capturing the perfect blend of adventure and relaxation. Find a rock, bench, or any other object that offers a striking view. As you sit on the edge, cross your legs or let them dangle freely. Lean back slightly, and with a smile on your face, gaze into the distance. This pose not only emphasizes the stunning backdrop but also evokes a sense of serenity and excitement. Let the beauty of the surroundings complement your natural grace, resulting in breathtaking landscape shots that truly encapsulate your vacation experience.

Section 2:

The "Walking Away" Pose: Embracing the Spirit of Exploration

To instil your photographs with a sense of exploration and adventure, the "Walking Away" pose is a must-try. Enlist the help of a companion or a tripod and position yourself walking away from the camera. As you stride forward, cast a glance over your shoulder, offering a slight smile to the lens. This pose captures both the beauty of your surroundings and the allure of the path ahead. It adds a touch of spontaneity and candidness to your images, allowing you to reminisce on the excitement and curiosity that defined your vacation experience.

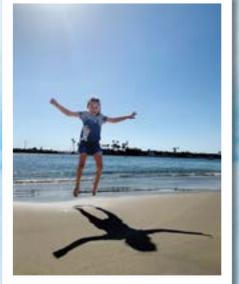


Section 3:

The Jumping for Joy Pose: Infusing Energy and Exhibaration

Sometimes, the best way to capture the sheer joy and energy of a moment is through a jumping shot. Choose a picturesque location, whether it's a sun-kissed beach, a majestic mountain peak, or a bustling cityscape. With arms raised high and a beaming smile on your face, leap into the air. This pose exudes a contagious enthusiasm and vibrant spirit, encapsulating the essence of your vacation experience. Whether frozen against a backdrop of crashing waves or a city skyline, these jumping shots will become cherished memories that radiate with pure delight.

When it comes to vacation photography, there are no strict rules. The key is to have fun, be yourself, and let your personality shine through. Experiment with different angles, lighting, and poses to discover what works best for you. By incorporating the "Sitting on the Edge," "Walking Away," and "Jumping for Joy" poses, you'll elevate your vacation pictures to new heights, capturing not only the scenery but also the emotions and memories that make each trip special. So grab your camera, embrace the adventure, and embark on a journey of photographic storytelling that will transport you back to those cherished moments for years to come.



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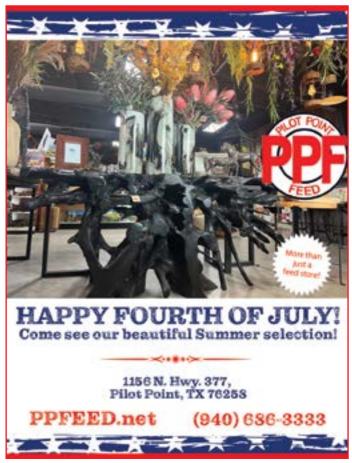


Margee Borgeson and Jodie Linton-Prickett took their Guide to Lisbon and Porto Portugal.





Samie Shelby and her husband Robert took their Guide with them to Hacienda Tres Rios near Playa Del Carmen, Mexico.





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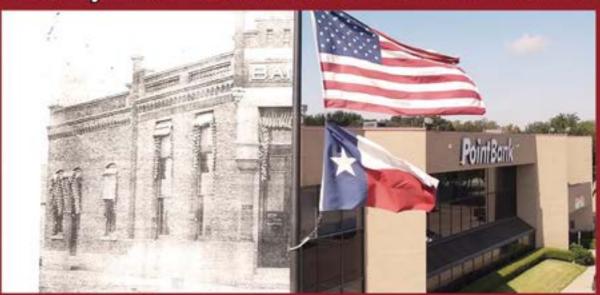
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