

Snowmass Celebrates Kids & Families

Family-friendly Activities, Free Events, and Mountain Adventures Await in Snowmass Village, Colorado.



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Snowmass Village, Colo., (Summer 2025) – Snowmass Village is a haven for young adventurers and family fun, offering everything from mountain biking and whitewater rafting to the alpine thrills of the Lost Forest and the playful energy of the Game Lounge at The Collective Snowmass. In celebration of its youngest guests, Snowmass is dedicated to making every visit unforgettable for kids and families alike. This summer, children can dive into a wide range of activities, adventures, camps, and creative workshops—all designed to inspire joy, exploration, and plenty of mountain adventure.

Summer Camps for Kids

Children visiting Snowmass can take their pick from a wide array of kid's camp opportunities, from themed summer camps to outdoor time to arts & crafts. Snowmass is home to many day camp options, including:

- The Snowmass Recreation Center
- Camp Smashbox
- Camp Aspen Snowmass
- Roaring Fork Cycling
- Anderson Ranch Arts Center

ACES Guided Hikes – Daily, June 14 – September 1; Weekends only in September: Aspen Center for Environmental Studies (ACES) returns to Snowmass this summer to lead twice daily hikes. The Snowmass Wildflower Walk begins at 10:00am, on the Nature Trail, while the Ice Age Discovery Walk starts at 1:00pm on the Discovery Trail. Hikes are led by a knowledgeable ACES Naturalist guide and feature natural history, facts about local flora and fauna, possible wildlife sightings, and species identification. Hikes depart from the Snowmass Mall Ticket Pavilion. Saturdays and Sundays only in September: September 6-7, September 13-14, September 20-21, September 27-28. www.gosnowmass.com/activity/aces/

Anderson Ranch Arts Center: Founded in 1966, Anderson Ranch Arts Center is a premier destination for art making and critical dialog in the contemporary art world, bringing together aspiring and internationally renowned artists to discuss and further their work in a stimulating environment. With a campus that is free and open to the public and an extensive array of in-person and online offerings, Anderson Ranch is a hub of creative energy and activity for adults and children alike, with a host of virtual and interactive art workshops, lectures by today's most influential artists and curators, weekend classes, children's art workshops and more. www.andersonranch.org

Aspen Snowmass / Roaring Fork IMBA Gold-Level Ride Center: Snowmass, along with the rest of the Roaring Fork Valley is the first IMBA Gold-Level Ride Center™ in Colorado, as designated by the International Mountain Biking Association. The IMBA Gold-Level designation, the top award for mountain biking destinations, offers mountain bike enthusiasts more than 300 miles of high quality singletrack from Aspen and Snowmass to Basalt, Carbondale, and Glenwood Springs. Guests riding in Snowmass and the Roaring Fork Valley can take their pick of adventure, from lift-served gravity trails in the Snowmass Bike Park and expert-only long rides, to family-friendly trails and backcountry adventures. The Aspen Snowmass / Roaring Fork IMBA Gold-Level Ride Center is the first Gold-Level Ride Center in Colorado, only the fifth in United States, and among only seven in the world. Rides vary for all age and skill levels. www.bikesnowmass.com

Blazing Adventures: Book a family excursion with Blazing Adventures, Snowmass' premier adventure outfitter. Choose from options including biking at the iconic Maroon Bells, rafting, sunset dinners, jeep tours, and much more. www.blazingadventures.com

Events & Activations: Snowmass is home to exciting family friendly summer events and activations, including biking and running races, concerts, and a beloved hot air balloon bash. For a full calendar lineup, please visit www.gosnowmass.com/events.

Fly-Fishing: The 70-mile Roaring Fork River offers the largest stretch of Colorado's Gold Medal waters, ideal for fly-fishing. The Frying Pan River, which originates east of Snowmass, also boasts Gold Medal status and is a haven for those looking to catch Brown, Rainbow, and Cutthroat Trout. www.gosnowmass.com/activity/fly-fishing/

Hiking: Snowmass has 90+ miles of hiking trails, and 2.8 million acres of adjacent wilderness to be explored, providing accessible and scenic hiking for all abilities. Visit www.hikesnowmass.com to plan a curated hike for any ability.

Lost Forest: The Lost Forest isn't hard to find — it's just hard to see. Tucked in among the trees and rocks at the top of the Elk Camp Gondola are the Breathtaker Alpine Coaster, Treeline Trial Challenge Course, Canopy Run Zipline, and Rugged Ascent Climbing Wall. In addition, the Lost Forest operates as a home base for fishing, hiking, and disc golf. Be sure to check out Sunset Tuesdays, Friday Afternoon Club, and a variety of kids bike clinics and family days in the Snowmass Bike Park this summer. www.aspensnowmass.com/plan-your-stay/lost-forest.

Snowmass Ice Age Discovery: In 2010, a construction crew unearthed a single tusk of a mammoth while digging at Ziegler Reservoir in Snowmass Village. The Denver Museum of Nature and Science took over the site and went on to unearth 35,000 bones of large mammals and small vertebrate species. The Snowmass paleontological site is the richest Ice Age ecosystem ever found at high altitude. Explore a dedicated Ice Age Discovery website, complete with video and augmented reality experiences; artful exhibits on designated trails and around Snowmass; an Ice Age passport experience through the Village; and more. www.snowmassiceage.com

Ice Age Explorer Tours – Fridays, June 13 – September 26: Did you know Snowmass is the site of the finest ice age fossil discovery in the world? Learn the full story of this remarkable discovery from an Aspen Science Center educator. Every Friday at 3:30pm, meet in the Limelight Snowmass lobby to learn about the mammoths and mastodons who used to live in Snowmass, and see replicas of Ice Age animal bones, teeth, tusks, and more. Then, follow along on a guided Ice Age Passport Walk through Base Village and the Snowmass Mall to see art inspired by the discovery and earn an Ice Age prize! Appropriate for adults and children of all ages (adult supervision required for kids under 12). The Passport Walk can also be done as a self-guided option.

www.gosnowmass.com/activity/snowmass-ice-age-discovery/

Snowmass Recreation Center: The 18,000-square-feet Snowmass Recreation Center offers unique programming for adults and children, year-round outdoor pools, a state-of-the-art cardio and weight room, an indoor gymnasium, aerobics classes, climbing & bouldering walls, and more. The Snowmass Rec Center also features day camps and family leagues. www.snowmassrecreation.com

The Collective Snowmass – Daily, June-September: The Collective Snowmass, the hub for culture and community activity in Snowmass Base Village, has a jam-packed calendar for Summer 2025! Returning favorites include Community Bingo, Chess Club, Fitness on the Rink, Movies Under the Stars, and the Snowmass Live Comedy Series. Check the calendar for unique events like salsa dancing lessons, relaxing wellness workshops, ecstatic dance sessions, and many other pop-up activities. The Collective also features yard games, splash pads, fountains, and playground throughout Snowmass Base Village. The Game Lounge and Selfie Den are open Tuesday-Sunday, 2:00pm-8:00pm; free for children 5 and under, \$10 for everyone 6 and over. Always ask about the locals rate at the Game Lounge! For a full calendar, please visit www.thecollectivesnowmass.com

Whitewater Rafting: The nearby Roaring Fork and Colorado Rivers offer easy access to Class I to Class IV river experiences - from whitewater rafting to kayaking to stand up paddle boarding. www.gosnowmass.com/activity/whitewater-rafting/

For more information on kid-friendly activities in Snowmass, please visit www.gosnowmass.com.

About Snowmass Village, Colorado – A renowned winter playground and vibrant summer community just 9 miles from Aspen, Snowmass consistently ranks as one of the best winter ski areas and summer mountain biking destinations in the world. Snowmass, along with the rest of the Roaring Fork Valley, is the only IMBA (International Mountain Biking Association) Gold Level Ride Center™ in Colorado, one of only 7 in the world. Surrounded by breathtaking peaks and adjacent to 2.8 million acres of wilderness, the Village offers 95% slopeside lodging, is home to 30+ restaurants, and offers a variety of shops, unique special events, an abundance of live music, family activities, and much more. For more information and a complete calendar of events and activities, please visit www.gosnowmass.com.

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