

Summer Activities for Bright/Gifted Children and Youth

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Outdoors

1. Nature trails: <http://www.thamesvalleytrail.org/>
2. Fanshawe Conservation Area: <https://www.fanshaweconservationarea.ca/>
3. Geocaching: <http://www.geocaching.com/>
4. Nature London: <http://naturelondon.com/naturelondon/>
5. The Oxford County Trail Guide
<http://www.oxfordcounty.ca/Things-to-Do/Trails-parks/Oxford-County-Trails>
6. Sydenham River and its heritage
<http://www.strathroymuseum.ca/en/exhibits/sydenhamdiscovery.asp>
7. Explore the Talbot Trail
<http://www.ontariotrails.on.ca/trails/view/talbot-trail>
8. Komoka Provincial Park: <https://www.ontarioparks.com/park/komoka>
9. Clovermead Adventure Farm in Aylmer: <http://clovermead.com/>

Visit some of the local farms, orchards, and harbours to see local food production in your area. You might come home with a very tasty dinner!

Arts

1. Original Kids Theatre camp: <http://originalkids.ca/camp-ok.html>
2. Pottery classes: <http://www.londonpottersguild.org/>
3. Pearson summer arts camp: <http://www.tvdsb.ca/Pearson.cfm?subpage=89256>
4. London Arts Calendar: <http://www.londonculture.ca>
5. Museum London: <http://museumlondon.ca/summercamp>
6. London Camera Club: <http://londoncameraclub.ca/Default.aspx>
7. Strathroy-Caradoc museum, library and art gallery: <http://www.strathroymuseum.ca/en/>
8. Jonathon Bancroft-Snell Gallery (ceramics): <http://www.jonathons.ca/>
9. The Guy Lombardo Music Centre and Museum: <http://www.guylombardomusic.com/museum.html>

Family Activities

1. Exploring the Stars - Astronomy Outreach Program at Western: <http://physics.uwo.ca/community/cronyn/ets/index.html>
2. Sunfest - July 5-8, 2018: <http://www.sunfest.on.ca/>
3. The Grand Theatre: <http://www.grandtheatre.com/>
4. London Public Library: <http://catalogue.londonpubliclibrary.ca/iii/calendar/month>
5. Cowapolooza - two days of family in Woodstock, August 17 – 18, 2018
<https://www.summerfunguide.ca/companyprofile/cowapolooza-aug-15-16-2015.html>
6. The Jet Aircraft Museum: <http://www.jetaircraftmuseum.ca/>
7. The London Regional Children's Museum: <http://www.londonchildrensmuseum.ca/>
8. The Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum in St. Mary's: <http://baseballhalloffame.ca/>
9. Oxford Renaissance Festival in Dorchester, June 22 – 24, 2018. Knights, jousting, music and more: <https://renfest.ca/>

Physical Activities

1. London Fencing Club: <http://londonfencing.ca/>
2. London Legion Track & Field: <http://londonlegiontrack.ca/>
3. Family Karate: <http://familykarate.ca/>
4. Fanshawe Yacht Club: <http://fyc.on.ca/>
5. Children's Garden Yoga Summer Camp:
<http://childrensgardenyoga.weebly.com/summer-camp.html>
6. The Little Gym: <http://www.thelittlegym.com/pages/default.aspx>
7. Boler Mountain Treetop Adventure: <http://www.bolermountain.com/>
8. Escape Rooms:
<https://www.mysteryescaperooms.com/>
<http://exoduslondon.com/>
<https://www.trapdoorlondon.ca/>
<http://www.keyquestescaperoom.com/locations/escape-room-on-london.cfm>

Local History (All Ages)

1. The Royal Canadian Regiment Museum in London:
<http://www.thercrmuseum.ca/en-ca/>
2. The Donnelly Museum in Lucan: <http://donnellymuseum.com/>
3. Fanshawe Pioneer Village in London: <http://fanshawepioneervillage.ca/>
4. Museum of Ontario Archeology: <http://archaeologymuseum.ca/>
5. Banting House in London:
<http://www.londontourism.ca/Things-To-Do/Museums-and-Galleries/Banting-House-National-Historic-Site-of-Canada>
6. Eldon House in London: <http://www.eldonhouse.ca/>
7. Secrets of Radar Museum in London: <http://secretsofradar.com/>
8. Canadian Medical Hall of Fame in London: <http://www.cdnmedhall.org/>
9. Woodstock Museum
<http://www.woodstockmuseum.ca/>
10. Elgin County Railway Museum
<http://ecrm5700.org/>
11. SkaNahDoht
<http://www.lowerthames-conservation.on.ca/conservation-lands/ska-nah-doht-longwoods/>
12. The Gay Lea Dairy Heritage Museum in Aylmer: <https://www.cec-dairymuseum.com/>

Social Advocacy and Non-Profit Organizations

1. Youth volunteer opportunities - ages 14+: <http://www.pillarnonprofit.ca/population-served/youth>
2. London Food Bank: <http://www.londonfoodbank.ca/how-to-help/volunteer/>
3. Volunteering to promote positive mental health - ages 14+: <http://mindyourmind.ca/>

Miscellaneous Summer Activities & Camps

1. President's Choice Cooking School:
http://www.pccookingschool.ca/LCLOnline/cookingSchool_home.jsp?province=ON&city=London
2. London Junior Achievement Organization: <http://london-and-district.jacan.org/>
3. London Chess Club at Kiwanis Seniors Centre: <http://londonchessclub.ca/>
4. STEM Camps (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) at Fanshawe College:
<http://www.stemcamp.ca/>
5. Discovery Western Engineering Summer Camp: http://www.eng.uwo.ca/dw/summer_camp/index.html
6. Sports Western Summer Camp:
<http://www.westernmustangs.ca/index.aspx?path=camps&tab=summercamps>
7. Forest City Velodrome - watch bike racing, introductory recreational and competitive programs: <http://www.forestcityvelodrome.ca/>
8. YMCA Summer Camps: <http://ymcawo.ca/camp/>
9. East Park Summer Day Camps: <http://www.eastparkgolf.com/summer-camps/>
10. Mad Science Summer Day Camps: <http://london.madscience.org/campinfo.aspx>