

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>
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://pearson.tvdsb.ca/en/programs/pearson-summer-arts-camp.aspx>
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. Jonathon Bancroft-Snell Gallery (ceramics): <http://www.jonathons.ca/>

8. The London Music Hall of Fame: <https://fclma.ca/visit-the-hall/>

Family Activities

1. Exploring the Stars–Astronomy Outreach Program at Western:

<http://physics.uwo.ca/community/cronyn/ets/index.html>

2. Sunfest (July 4-7, 2019): <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 (August 16-17, 2019):

<https://www.cityofwoodstock.ca/en/live-and-play/cowapolooza.aspx>

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 14-16, 2019): <https://renfest.ca/>

10. Ingersoll Cheese Museum: <http://www.ingersoll.ca/cheesemuseum>

Physical Activities

1. London Fencing Club: <http://londonfencing.ca/>

2. London Legion Track & Field: <https://www.londontrack.org/>

3. Family Karate: <http://familykarate.ca/>

4. Fanshawe Yacht Club: <http://fyc.on.ca/>

5. Children’s Garden Yoga: <http://childrensgardenyoga.weebly.com/>

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/>

<https://thefactorylondon.ca/attractions/escape-rooms/>

Local History

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: <https://bantinghousenhsc.wordpress.com/>

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. Strathroy-Caradoc Museum: <https://www.strathroymuseum.ca/en/index.aspx>

11. Elgin County Railway Museum

<http://ecrm5700.org/>

12. SkaNahDoht

<http://www.lowerthames-conservation.on.ca/conservation-lands/ska-nah-doht-longwoods/>

13. The Gay Lea Dairy Heritage Museum in Aylmer: <https://www.cec-dairymuseum.com/>

Social Advocacy and Non-Profit Organizations

1. Youth Volunteer Opportunities: <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: <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: <https://www.jacanada.org/london-district>
3. London Chess Club at Kiwanis Seniors Centre: <http://londonchessclub.ca/>
4. STEM Camps (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics): <http://www.stemcamp.ca/>
5. Discovery Western Engineering Summer Camp:
<https://www.eng.uwo.ca/outreach/discovery-western/summer-camp/>
6. Sports Western Summer Camp:
<http://www.westernmustangs.ca/index.aspx?path=camps&tab=summercamps>
7. Forest City Velodrome (Cycling): <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>