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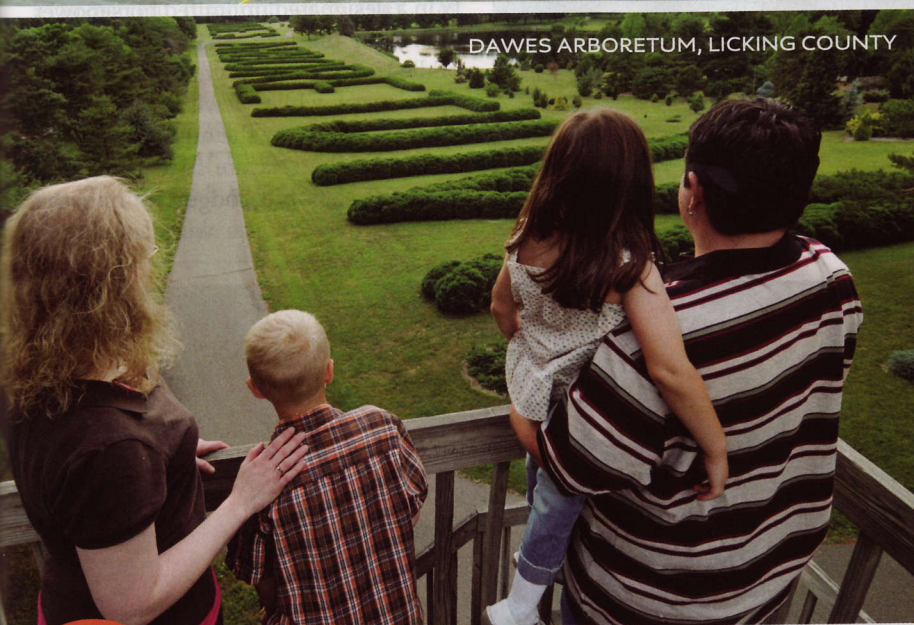
Sizzling SUMMER FUN

"MYTHBUSTERS:
THE EXPLOSIVE EXHIBITION" AT COSI

Have a blast with the family at these
dynamic destinations. *By Felicia Brower*



CAMBRIDGE/GUERNSEY COUNTY



DAWES ARBORETUM, LICKING COUNTY

OLENTANGY INDIAN CAVERNS
IN DELAWARE COUNTY

SHAWNEE STATE PARK LODGE

Summer has finally arrived and it's the perfect opportunity to get together as a family for some quality bonding time. These affordable attractions offer entertainment for all ages, so hop in the car and start making memories.

EXPLORE THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Cambridge/Guernsey County is bursting with opportunities for outdoor adventures. Plan a trip to AEP ReCreation Land, a 60,000-acre revitalized recreational area with over 63 million trees, 350 lakes and ponds and 380 camp sites. Create memories at Salt Fork State Park — Ohio's largest state park — while fish-

ing, hunting, camping, hiking, boating, swimming or golfing. Unwind at Seneca Lake Park, a popular 3,500-acre Muskingum Watershed Conservancy Lake where visitors can enjoy water recreation pastimes or simply sunbathe on the sandy beach.

Plan an escape to **Licking County** and see one of North America's premier

public gardens. At the Dawes Arboretum in Newark, visitors can stroll through more than 1,800 acres of plant collections, gardens and horticultural havens. For information, stop at the Visitor Center, where you'll find a bonsai collection and bird-watching garden. After exploring the grounds, your entire family will gain a new appreciation for the natural world and the importance of it. Attend weekend workshops or enroll your child in a day camp for educational, hands-on activities. Dawes is open from dawn until dusk; admission to this botanical beauty is free.

In **Delaware County**, venture into the Olentangy Indian Caverns, a complex

SAUDER VILLAGE



maze of winding passages and underground rooms that served as a safe haven for the Wyandotte Indians. Afterward, head to Alum Creek State Park, where you'll find 4,630 acres of breathtaking landscape. Relax on Ohio's largest inland beach, kayak near shale cliffs and tree-lined shores, try your hand at disc golf, and test your boat's speed capability in a designated unlimited horsepower section of the lake. Biking, hiking and bridle trails provide a great way to work up a sweat while viewing the unique natural features of the area.

See Mother Nature in a new light at the **Great Ohio Lodges**. During the day, discover all the wonders of the



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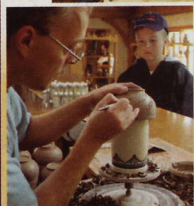
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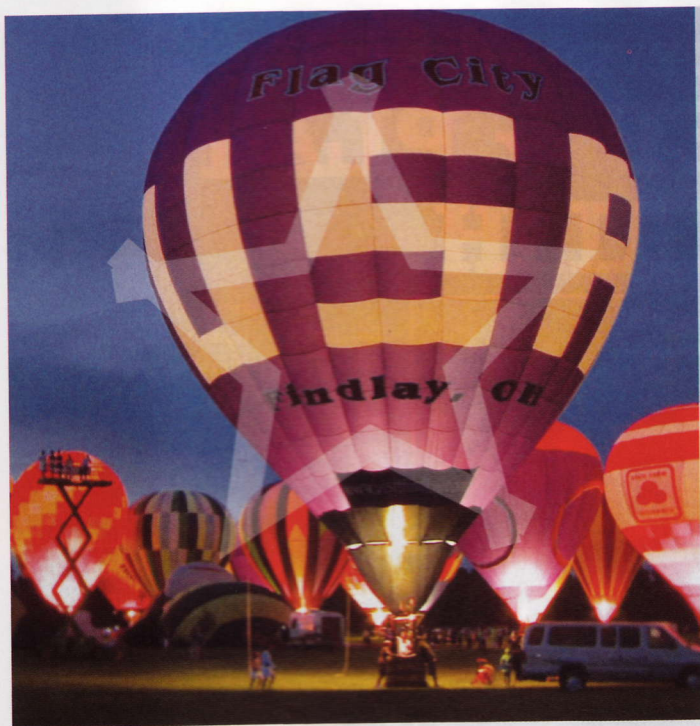


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outdoors, let your children participate in arts and crafts classes or spend time in a nature center. At night, stay in the newly renovated Burr Oak, Hueston Woods or Shawnee State Park Lodges. To help make family getaways more affordable, kids eat for only 99 cents Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, and guests are eligible for a 20 percent discount when they stay two nights or more.

STEP BACK IN TIME

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Ohio's rich history contains stories of Native American and African American culture, 19th-century life, ancient earthworks, presidential heritage, space travel and more. Keep track of your visits to any of the 58 **Ohio Historical Society** sites and attractions with the Passport to Your Ohio History program. Collect stamps from each location you visit and answer challenging treasure-hunt-style trivia questions while recording your personal experiences and surrounding yourself with history. This year, shutterbugs can take a shot at winning a photo contest that corresponds with the locations they visit.

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lining the shelves, **Lehman's** in Kidron almost resembles a museum. Lehman's originally served as a place for the Amish to find nonelectric goods, but has since grown to become a resource for anyone interested in living without electricity or looking for a rare product from the past. Stop by the Cast Iron Café for a snack or the Soda Pop Shop for its large selection of cold drinks.

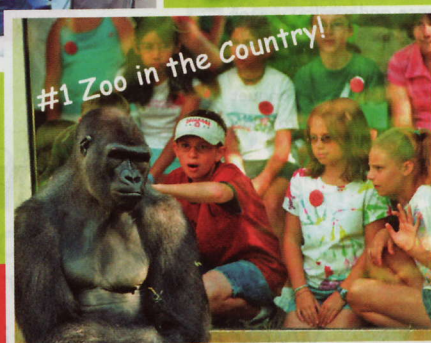
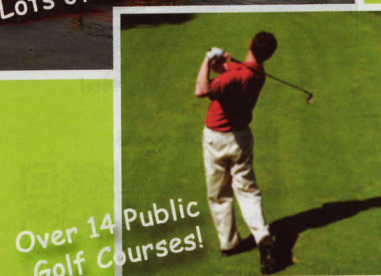
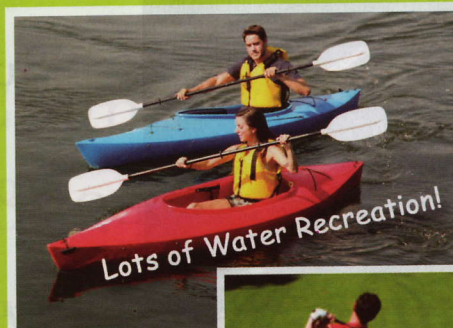
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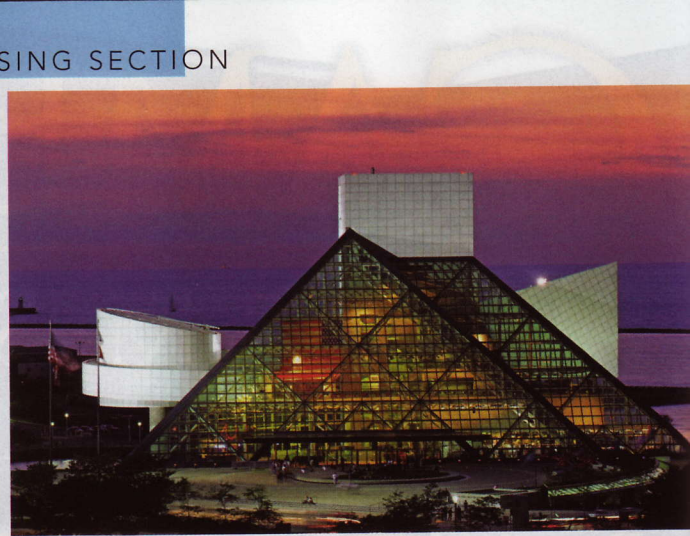
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Dublin's Columbus Zoo/COSI Family Getaway Package offers reduced rates to a selection of eight hotels, all located only minutes from the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium and Zoombezi Bay Water Park. Enjoy discounted passes to the zoo and the Center of Science and Industry, as well as coupons for shopping and more than 100 dining destinations. New this year: buy-one-get-one tickets to the Ohio History Center and a \$12 Family Day Pass to Columbus Clippers' Sunday home games for two adults and three children.

LEARN AND DISCOVER

Bring your family to **Cleveland** to see replica sailing vessels during the four-day Tall Ships Festival, July 4-7, on the shores of Lake Erie. Then head to Cedar Point and experience thrills aboard GateKeeper, the park's new 4,164-foot-long roller coaster that twists, turns and rolls. Rock out with your idols at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, play on more than 30,000 acres of parkland, soak up the sun at the beautiful beaches, or get wet and wild inside the world's largest indoor water park.

Visit **Findlay's** fascinating museums, where families will find some-



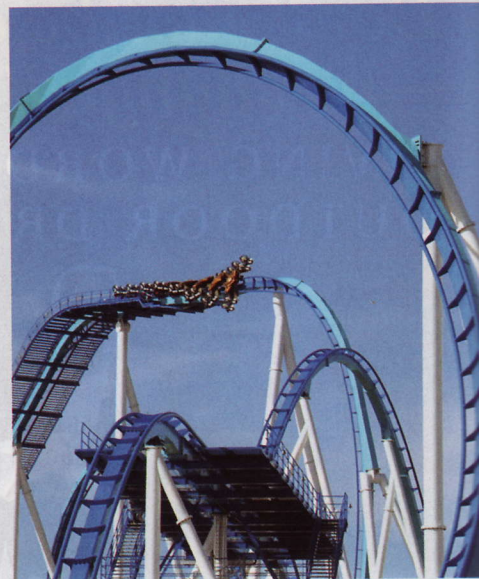
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endless summer fun!**

MYTHBUSTERS
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CLOCKWISE: Tall Ships Festival; Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum; GateKeeper at Cedar Point.

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thing to stir the imagination. Ride a quarter-scale train at Northwest Ohio Railroad Preservation Inc. and learn about the history of railroads. Make sure to visit the Mazza Museum at the University of Findlay to view the world's largest collection of original artwork from children's literature. At the Hancock Historical Museum, tour a Victorian home and cabin and experience a presentation by the Living History Troupe.

This summer is a busy one at the **Center of Science and Industry (COSI)** in Columbus. Separate fact from fiction at the newest major offering, "MythBusters: The Explosive Exhibition," based on the Discovery Channel show. Guests of all ages will have an exceptional time learning through hands-on, family-friendly displays. Take a look at the myths and the MythBusters, and find out what



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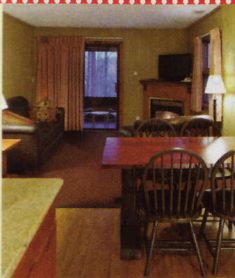
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