

## Things to Do—Chicago Summer 2009

Chicago is a great summertime city, and finding things to do is never a problem. In fact, choosing between all the different types of activities is the hard part. Below are a few resources for finding things to do in Chicago. As always, you can also ask a PLTW staff member for suggestions.

### Extra-Curricular Activities

Below is a partial listing of Chicago attractions, points of interest and events. Admission fees vary. Most museums have at least one day designated for free admission. Please feel free to ask the staff for directions or call the site directly for more information.

### Museums

Jane Addams Hull House Museum (Free Admission) 800 S Halsted St. (312) 413-5354	Mexican Fine Arts Center Museum (Free admission) 1852 W. 19th St. (312) 738-1503
Adler Planetarium 1300 S. Lake Shore Dr. (312) 922-STAR	Museum of Broadcast Communications Chicago Cultural Center (Free Admission) 78 E. Washington (312) 629-6000
Art Institute of Chicago Michigan Ave. at Adams St. (312) 443-3600	Museum of Contemporary Art 220 E. Ontario St. (312) 280-2660
Chicago Academy of Sciences 2001 N. Clark St. (773) 871-2668	Museum of Contemporary Photography (Free Admission) 600 S. Michigan Ave. (312) 663-5554
Chicago Cultural Center (Free Admission) 78 E. Washington St. (312) 346-3278	Museum of Science and Industry 57th St. and Lake Shore Dr. (773) 684-1414
Chicago Historical Society Clark St. at North Ave. (312) 642-4600	Smart Museum (Free Admission) 5550 S. Greenwood Ave. (773) 702-0200
DuSable Museum of African American History 740 E. 56th Pl. (773) 947-0600	State of Illinois Art Gallery (Free Admission) 100 W. Randolph St. (312) 814-5332

### Other Attractions

Buckingham Fountain Grant Park, Congress Pkwy. and Lake Shore Drive	Lincoln Park Conservatory 2400 N. Stockton Dr. (773) 294-4770
Chicago Board of Trade 141 W. Jackson Blvd.	Lincoln Park Zoo (Free admission)

(312) 435-3590	2200 N. Cannon Dr.
Chicago Botanic Garden Lake Cook Road / East of Edens Highway Glencoe (847) 835-5440	Osaka Garden --Jackson Park, Hyde Park (behind the Museum of Science and Industry) 5900 South Lake Shore Drive (312) 922-3307
Garfield Park Conservatory 300 N. Central Park Ave. (773) 533-1281	Sears Tower Skydeck (open till 10 p.m.) Wacker Drive and Adams Street (312) 875-9696
John Hancock Center Observatory (open until midnight) 875 North Michigan Avenue (312) 751-3681	Harold Washington Library Center 400 S. State St. (312) 747-4300
Millennium Park Madison and Michigan	

### Music and Theater

Grant Park Music Festival Several evening concerts each week in Grant Park, Petrillo Music Shell, Columbus Drive and Jackson Blvd. (312) 742-4763	Steppenwolf Theatre 1650 N. Halsted St. (312) 335-1650 Performances on three stages
Ravinia Festival Concerts every evening at 8:00 at Ravinia Pavillion or Theatre, including the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Highland Park (accessible by Metra train) (847) 266-5100	Theatre on the Lake Season Fullerton Avenue and Lake Shore Drive. (312) 742-7504 Nine Chicago theatre productions performed outdoors in a pavillion on Lake Michigan

Plus many, many more. See the [Chicago Reader](#) for current listings of theatre, arts and film.

For a listing of cultural events happening throughout the city, visit the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs Web site at: <http://www.cityofchicago.org>