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SUMMER '09  
KAZOO  
SCHOOL  
FAMILY  
ACTIVITIES



Ready to Roll: Come bike the Kal-Haven Trail June 25th!

## Kazoo School Parent Association Summer Activities

Summer is upon us! There's time for fun, relaxing & family but don't forget about your Kazoo School friends and families!

There are so many activities for kids and families over the summer months that the summer may fly by with places to go, people to visit and camps to attend. Summer will end soon, bringing a new academic year. It is important to stay connected

with school friends and to meet new classroom friends entering this fall to help transition smoothly into the new school year. (Besides it is fun to have some parental camaraderie while the kids play.) To support these ends, your Kazoo Parent Association (PA) is providing this list of activities where you can informally have fun and hang with other Kazoo families. These are all led by parents who have expressed interest in these ideas.

Please contact the individual event co-ordinator with any questions or for further details. (Events with costs are self-pay. A few events require RSVP.) If you have an idea for a Kazoo family gathering which builds community, please contact Elizabeth Lane-Davies [lanedavies2@mac.com](mailto:lanedavies2@mac.com) or Kristi Betts at 345-3239 and we can get your event on the school's electronic calendar. Check the [Kazoo website](#) for updates!



## Summer 2009

The Kazoo Parent Association is a volunteer organization of the Kazoo School in Kalamazoo, MI. The intended purpose is to support the mission of the school and to build community. All parents of Kazoo School students are automatically members and included in communications and encouraged to attend any activities of the PA. For more info contact PA president, E. Lane-Davies @ 553-0608.

Remember being new to school?

Want to help others get clued in? Give back....

Become a mentor for a new family.

Contact [Kristi Betts](#) in the office by July 17 to learn more and sign up!

## Here are the fun things happening...

### Biking on the Kal-Haven

Come join folks interested in biking the Kal-Haven Trail. We'll start at the 10th Street Kal-Haven Trail parking lot @ **6:30 pm,**

**Thursday, June 25th.**



People can ride as far as they wish. If you are really brave, ride seven miles west to the real ghost town of Mentha, MI! Trail passes are available for purchase

on-site. For more details contact Aaron Lane-Davies at [lanedava@mac.com](mailto:lanedava@mac.com).

### Harry Potter 6 Opening!

Calling all you witches, wizards and die-hard Harry Potter fans! What could be better than standing in line to see the first showing of *Harry Potter & The Half Blood Prince* with all of the other über fans? Take a nap; that first showing will be downtown at the Rave Motion Picture City Place, **12:01 am Wednesday, July 15th!** Please be at the theater by 11:30 pm on Tuesday night. Plan to pre-purchase your tickets as this showing will be sold out! Tickets on sale now.



Rated PG.

## THE SECRET GARDEN

### "The Secret Garden" at the Kindleberger Festival Debuting Kazoo's Own Hayden Lane-Davies as Colin

Experience the fun at the annual [Kindleberger Festival](#) with an outdoor performance of "The Secret Garden" based on the beloved story by Frances Hodgson Burnett. Kazoo student Hayden Lane-Davies (last seen as The Sheriff in Robin Hood) has his community debut in the role of Colin. The show runs July 8-12; we will attend **Thursday, July 9th @ 5:30 pm.**

Here's the story: Mary Lennox, known as a difficult child, is sent to live at her uncle's estate in England after her parents pass away. Misselthwaite Manor turns out to be a gloomy fortress. Her uncle is rarely home, and his young son, Colin, never leaves his room, convinced he's an incurable invalid. To her surprise, Mary discovers a strange walled garden that has been locked up for years. With the assistance of Dickon, the gardener's apprentice, Mary brings the garden back to life and discovers Dickon's amazing ability to communicate with animals. The garden seems to have a wonderful, magical effect on all who come into it, allowing Mary to help restore Colin to health and to reunite him with his father.

All performances are free and family friendly. Bring your own blankets or seating; picnics are encouraged! See the [Kindleberger Festival](#) for more info about the art fair and parade. Contact Anne Lape for more Kazoo outing details @ [al\\_lape@sbcglobal.net](mailto:al_lape@sbcglobal.net).



### Family Story Time!

#### [Kalamazoo Public Library](#)

Washington Square @ **6:30-7:15 pm, July 22nd.** This is family friendly event for all! There will be stories, songs and craft activities. This activity actually occurs weekly; who knows, you may have so much fun you make it a regular event!

### Popsicle Playdates!

Get ready to head back to school with a fun hour of playtime on our own Kazoo playground!



Especially for preschooler-second graders. Popsicles provided! Two dates: **Tuesday, 8/4**

@ **6:30 pm** & **Tuesday, 8/25 @ 10 am!**

Questions? Check with Sarah Field [sarah.a.field@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.a.field@gmail.com).

### Middle School Madness!

Calling all middle schoolers & families! Get together for some summer grillin' and play a large scale game with water balloons at the Bertmans' on Friday evening, **August 28th!** Bring meat for the grill, a dish to pass and some bug spray! RSVP to Joan Hawkshurst & Steve Bertman: [hawxhurst@ameritech.net](mailto:hawxhurst@ameritech.net).

Michigan's Adventure  
trip on June 30!



## Scavenger Hunt

Looking for an active summer outing for all ages? Come join in the fun for a summer scavenger hunt on **Thursday, July 16 at 6 pm!** The Tiedemann family is designing a hunt for Kazoo School family amusement exploring downtown Kalamazoo. We'll start promptly at the Library. Please RSVP to Sarah Tiedemann [sarah@sigato.com](mailto:sarah@sigato.com) for the specific details and weather related conditions.

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## Michigan's Adventure

The Kazoo School Girl Scouts (troop #699) are headed to Michigan's Adventure for fun in the sun on June 30. We welcome anyone else who would like to join the fun! We will look for you between 12:30-12:45 pm at the Carousel (across from The Corkscrew) to have lunch together. The wearing of Kazoo apparel would help us spot each other! Please note that transportation is not provided. You can find directions, a park map, and ticket purchase information online at [Michigan's Adventure](#). Tickets are \$25.00 per person. If you have questions, please contact Jamie Marshall at 269-352-4079 or [jmarshall729@gmail.com](mailto:jmarshall729@gmail.com).

## Shakespeare in the Park

Love Shakespeare or even just want to try and understand why Mr. Feldman loves the Bard so much? Here's your summer opportunity for middle schoolers and parents to dig a bit deeper with Mr. & Mrs. Feldman as your eager guides! Portage Parks & Rec will be presenting an outdoor performance of *Love's Labor's Lost* July 18. The Feldmans will be hosting a free, fun workshop to help everyone appreciate this play before seeing it together. Workshop dates TBA: contact [Mr. Feldman](#) to sign up!

*Love's Labor's Lost* is often thought of as Shakespeare's most flamboyantly intellectual play. It abounds in sophisticated wordplay, puns, literary allusions and is filled with clever, contemporary poetic forms. (Read the [script](#) online.) This hilarious comedy will be presented in the French Regency time period by Portage Parks & Rec at the Celery Flats. Plan to attend Saturday, July 18. (Rain site: Hayloft Theatre) Prepurchase your own tickets: \$13 Adults, \$10 Children (12 and under). Mr. Feldman encourages anyone 5th grade or above to participate!



# Events at a Glance

June 25 @ 6:30 pm

Biking the Kal-Haven

June 30

MI Adventure

July 9 @ 5:30 pm

The Secret Garden

July 15 @ 12:01 am

HPVI: Half Blood Prince

July 16

Scavenger Hunt

July 18

Shakespeare in the Park

July 22 @ 6:30 pm

Family Story Time @KPL

August 4 @ 6:45 pm

Popsicle Playdate

August 25 @10:00 am

Popsicle Playdate

August 28

MS Madness!

# Enjoy your summer!

