

**THURSDAY, APRIL 6 (CONTINUED)**

**3PM to 5PM**

**Down on the Farm**

Join Amanda Wentz, Illustrator of "Do You Ever Wonder What Happens in the Barnyard at Night?". Farm animal book, sticker project, snack, and toy or puzzle for each child. Children's booths to include bubbles and activities presented by WIC, Coleman Fish Hatchery, City of Anderson, Shasta County Public Health CalFresh and Dental Health.

Location: 3200 W Center St, Anderson, 96007

Contact: Christy Windle, (530) 365-7685

Sponsored by: Friends of the Shasta County Libraries, First 5 Shasta, Anderson Rotary



**FRIDAY, APRIL 7**

**7PM to 8:45PM**

**Peter Rabbit's**

**Eggcellent Glow-in-the-Dark Egg Hunt**

Get ready for Peter Rabbit's Eggcellent Glow-in-the-Dark Egg Hunt at California Soccer Park!

Location: California Soccer Park, 9800 Old Oregon Trail, Redding, 96003

\$5 Fee for Ages 14 & Under

Registration is open now at [reddingrecreation.org](http://reddingrecreation.org)

**SATURDAY, APRIL 8**

**9AM**

**Grow Your Own Strawberry**

Join us to grow your own strawberry plant. Each child will receive a pot, growing material, and a strawberry plant. Shasta Master Gardeners will help with planting and provide instructions for caring for the plant at home.

Location: 777 Cypress Ave., Redding, 96001

Contact: Susan Wilson, 530-524-4777

Sponsored by: Shasta Master Gardeners

**9AM to 3PM**

**Free Day of Play @ The PlaySpace**

Free day of play at The PlaySpace! Enjoy a safe and fun environment to connect with other families socially and an opportunity to teach children many different skills!

Location: The PlaySpace, 1824 Churn Creek Road, Redding, 96002

Contact: Miranda Rowe-Munoz,

[theplayspaceredding@gmail.com](mailto:theplayspaceredding@gmail.com)

Sponsored by: First 5 Shasta,

The PlaySpace

**12:30PM - 2:30PM**

**Celebrating Friendship**

The Shasta College Early Childhood Education Center Lab will be celebrating the culmination of the 2023 Week of the Young Child on Friday. Alumni and new friends from the community are invited to join us for pizza, friendship crafts and outdoor story times (with special books My Friends and Bear's New Friend). We will also be passing out free books!

Location: Shasta College Early Childhood Preschool and Lab, 111555 Old Oregon Trail, Redding, 96003

Contact: Beverly Charsha,

[bcharsha@shastacollege.edu](mailto:bcharsha@shastacollege.edu)

Sponsored by: Shasta College, First 5 Shasta



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NO FREE BIKE DRAWING THIS YEAR.**



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**WHY WE CELEBRATE  
WEEK OF THE  
YOUNG CHILD**

Your child will astonish you in the early years from 0-to-5! This is a period of dramatic brain development and intense exploration, growth, and learning. What happens in early childhood will lay the foundation for your child's success in school and later life. The Week of the Young Child was established by the National Association for the Education of Young Children in 1971. It brings public attention to the needs of young children, their families, and the early childhood programs that contribute to their future success. Shasta County joins communities across the nation in celebrating young children and the enormous possibilities awaiting them. Enjoy family fun and learning adventures during this special week!



**WEEK OF THE  
YOUNG CHILD**

**APRIL 1-8, 2023**

**VIEW CALENDAR OF EVENTS**





SATURDAY, APRIL 1

8AM to 12PM

Airports for Autism

Come join us for a fun community event and help raise awareness of autism spectrum disorders and other disabilities. Our annual event, Airports for Autism, will include a 5K Race, 2 Mile Fun Walk, Silent Auction, and Community Fair. This event offers a unique racing experience as registered participants will be able to walk or run down Benton Airpark's runway.

Location:

Benton Airpark, 2600 Gold St. Redding, 96001

Contact: [www.AirportsForAutism.com](http://www.AirportsForAutism.com),

Registration Encouraged

Sponsored by: Rowell Family Empowerment

Saturday - 9AM to 2PM

Grasshopper Bug Run

Dress like your favorite bug and come for fun. Leave the adults in the dust and go on a bug adventure. Children will run and challenge themselves through fun obstacles. Crawl, hop, climb and run. See you at the Grasshopper Bug Run!

Location: Grasshopper Sports Zone, located to the west

of City Hall, 777 Cypress Ave. Redding, 96001

Contact: Redding Recreation

[info@reddingrecreation.org](mailto:info@reddingrecreation.org)

Sponsored by: City of Redding, First 5 Shasta

MONDAY, APRIL 3

9AM to 11AM

Butterfly Garden

The Shasta Family YMCA will be exploring the life cycle of butterflies! We'll be reading the classic The Hungry Caterpillar and creating a butterfly garden that helps little ones understand how caterpillars turn into butterflies. Children will get to take a copy of Eric Carle's book "How Does a Caterpillar Change?" so that they can continue learning about butterflies at home!

Location: Shasta Family YMCA, 1155 N. Court St.

Redding, 96001

Contact: Lara Barnett, [lbarnett@sfymca.org](mailto:lbarnett@sfymca.org)

Sponsored by: YMCA, First 5 Shasta

10AM to 1PM

Rev, Rumble & Roar

Rev, Rumble, & Roar is back at the Redding Public Library April 1st from 10am to 1pm. Children will have a chance to explore different vehicles, attend a transportation themed story time, along with other fun activities.

Location: Redding Public Library, 1100 Parkview Ave.

Redding, 96001

Contact: Katherine Hart,

[KatherineH@shastalibraries.org](mailto:KatherineH@shastalibraries.org)

Sponsored by: Shasta Public Libraries, First 5 Shasta

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

Sunday - 10AM to 12PM

The Big Race

The Big Race is a family event where each parent/child race team designs, builds, decorates, and, on Race Day, races a cardboard race vehicle. The Big Race encourages children to explore their creativity in designing and building their cardboard vehicles. It encourages a positive team experience between parent and child as they work to complete this hands-on project together.

Location: City of Redding K-1 Baseball field

1250 Parkview Ave. Redding, 96001

Contact: Redding2030@gmail.com

Sponsored by: Active 20-30 Club, First 5 Shasta

10AM to 11:30AM

Otter in the Water

Sun Oaks Swim School & Swim Foundations are hosting "Otter in the Water," a fun, poolside water safety event with puppet storytelling, water games and free take-homes. Come make a splash with us!

Location: Sun Oaks, 3452 Argyle Rd. Redding, 96002

Contact: Angie Baker, [angie@sunoaks.com](mailto:angie@sunoaks.com)

Sponsored by: The Walsh Group, First 5 Shasta



TUESDAY, APRIL 4

9AM to 11AM

KIXE Safety Zone

Come join us at KIXE Studios to learn about safety within our community! We will have special guests from Cal Fire, RPD and of course KIXE. We'll be having a life vest giveaway to the first 50 children!

Location: 603 N Market St. Redding, 96001

Contact: Michelle Caprini, [mcaprini@kixe.org](mailto:mcaprini@kixe.org)

Sponsored by: KIXE, First 5 Shasta

10AM to 11AM

Pop Up Story Time

Turtle Bay will be hosting a pop-up story time to encourage early literacy and learning. Join us for a story, a healthy snack and some fun activities!

Location: Children's Garden in the McConnell Arboretum & Botanical Gardens at Turtle Bay Exploration Park

844 Sundial Bridge Dr., Redding, 96001

Contact: Melissa Maney, [mmaney@turtlebay.org](mailto:mmaney@turtlebay.org)

Sponsored by: Turtle Bay, First 5 Shasta



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

9AM to 4PM

Dino Adventures

Far Northern Regional Center will be hosting the North State Dino Roars program showcasing a velociraptor and dino babies! Free book giveaway for the first 50 families. Regional Center staff will be on hand to answer questions about developmental disabilities and our Early Start Program; information on our intake and referral process will be provided, as well as other Tribal resources.

Location: Win River Resort & Casino, Event Center,

2100 Redding Rancheria Rd. Redding, 96001

Contact: Jolene Bryer, [jbryer@farnorthernrc.org](mailto:jbryer@farnorthernrc.org)

Sponsored by:

Far Northern Regional Center, First 5 Shasta

3PM to 4PM

Learn to Ride A Balance Bike!

Want your child to learn how to ride a bike? Children will have an opportunity to try balance bikes, learn about bike safety, and properly fit a helmet. Register for a 20 minute time slot between 3-4 pm. Register at [healthyshasta.org](http://healthyshasta.org)

Location: Manzanita Elementary School lower blacktop,

1240 Manzanita Hills Ave. Redding, 96001.

Contact: Sara Sundquist,

[manzanitaparentboosters@gmail.com](mailto:manzanitaparentboosters@gmail.com)

Sponsored by: Manzanita Parent Boosters,

Healthy Shasta, First 5 Shasta

*This event will help prepare families for the Bigfoot Adventure Challenge where you can run, bike, and hike your way to new adventures! More at [bigfootadventurechallenge.com](http://bigfootadventurechallenge.com)*

5PM to 8PM

CCAAYC Family Fun Night Pizza Fundraiser

Come support your local Association for the Education of Young Children and learn about our advocacy work and becoming a member. This event will have FREE books & activities for children while supplies last and a portion of the proceeds from food sales will go directly to the California Cascade Association for the Education of Young Children.

Location: Round Table Pizza, 900 Dana Dr., Redding,

96003 & Players Pizza, 2305 Balls Ferry Rd.

Anderson, 96007

Contact: Letty Mejia, [ltcbmejia@gmail.com](mailto:ltcbmejia@gmail.com)

or [ccaeycshasta@gmail.com](mailto:ccaeycshasta@gmail.com)

Sponsored by: CCAEYC

9AM to 11AM

How Does an Egg Hatch?

Join us at Bright Futures Children's Center as we learn "How Does an Egg Hatch?". Come learn with interactive eggs, observe our chicken eggs in the incubator, make a craft, listen to story time, and have a healthy snack. Every family leaves with a book.

Location: Bright Futures Children's Center I,

1345 Liberty St, Redding, 96001

Contact: Niki Bull, [brightfutures2016@yahoo.com](mailto:brightfutures2016@yahoo.com)

Sponsored by:

Bright Futures Children's Center, First 5 Shasta

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5 (CONTINUED)

9AM to 11AM

How Does a Caterpillar Change?

Join us at Bright Futures Children Center II as we learn "How Does a Caterpillar Change?". Enjoy crafts, explore the life cycle of a caterpillar, listen to story time and have a healthy snack. Every family leaves with a book.

Location: Bright Futures Children's Center II

3500 Cherry Creek Rd, Redding, 96003

Contact: Niki Bull, [brightfutures2016@yahoo.com](mailto:brightfutures2016@yahoo.com)

Sponsored by: Bright Futures Children's Center,

First 5 Shasta

10AM to 12PM

Lunch With Community Helpers

Come see emergency vehicles up close and talk with everyday heroes in our community. After exploring police cars, fire trucks and booths with activities and information provided by local organizations, enjoy eating lunch with doctors, firefighters, police officers and more!

Location: Intermountain Community Center, 37477

CA-299, Burney, 96013

Contact: Kaylynn Harper,

[brightfutures2004@gmail.com](mailto:brightfutures2004@gmail.com)

Sponsored by: Tri County Community Network,

Mayers Memorial Hospital District, First 5 Shasta

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

11AM to 3PM

Welcome to The Jungle

Join us for an interactive family safari!

The Welcome to the Jungle event will focus on the power of Hope and include games, bounce houses, prizes, take home coloring contest, face painting, family photos, Triple P-based parenting education, connection to multiple community organizations, and much more. Free books for the first 300 families that register.

Location: 2280 Benton Dr Building C,

Redding, 96003

Contact: Lorie Westlake, [lwestlake@hopeshasta.org](mailto:lwestlake@hopeshasta.org)

Sponsored by: Pathways to Hope For Children,

First 5 Shasta

Registration Required:

<https://phcjungle2023.eventbrite.com>

11AM to 12:30PM

Story Time at the Cottonwood Library!

Wonderful book titles, celebrating the value of our young people, will be shared and enjoyed by all in attendance. Following that will be an age-appropriate craft session.

Location: Cottonwood Community Library,

3427 Main St., Cottonwood, 96022

Info: Gayle Harrington, 530-347-4818 or

[cottonlib@shasta.com](mailto:cottonlib@shasta.com)

Sponsored by: First 5 Shasta

11AM to 12PM

Toddler Story Time

Get early literacy started with Redding Library and our Toddler Story Time! This includes stories, activities and social interaction! Geared towards children ages 2-4 with a parent/caregiver.

Location: Redding Library, 1100 Parkview Ave.

Redding, 96001

Contact: [Shastapubliclibraries.org](http://Shastapubliclibraries.org)

Sponsored by: Shasta Public Libraries

9AM to 12PM

Caring for Our World

Continue celebrating Week of the Young Child by joining us for Caring for Our World! Enjoy fun activities throughout the park and more with our community partners. Join us at 10am for a story time in the classroom. This special event is free for children 5 and under. Each child 5 and under admits one adult free of charge. Children 6 and older and additional adults are half price. Members are always free.

Location: Turtle Bay Museum, Classroom Space

Contact: Melissa Maney, [mmaney@turtlebay.org](mailto:mmaney@turtlebay.org)

Sponsored by: Turtle Bay, First 5 Shasta

