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Head to the Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Area for the last campfire of the season on April 18 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

COMEDY AND MAGIC SHOW

Kids of all ages can enjoy this family-friendly show at the Addison Improv. Watch two magicians tell jokes and perform tricks while you and the kids munch on lunch, available for purchase.

■ April 19 at 2 p.m. at the Addison Improv, 4980 Belt Line Road, Dallas. \$12. addison.improv.com.

EARTH DAY AT THE DALLAS ARBORETUM

Celebrate Earth Day with a trip to the Dallas Arboretum, where kids can take part in science and mathematics activities in the Children's Adventure Garden. These include hands-on activities related to the geology of rocks and minerals, chemistry experiments and more.

■ April 18 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Dallas Arboretum, 8525 Garland Road, Dallas. General admission is \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors 65 and older, \$10 for children 3-12, free for children 2 and under. There's an additional cost of \$3 per person for entrance into the Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden. On-site parking is \$15; pre-purchased online parking is \$8. dallasarboretum.org.

SCARBOROUGH RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

For eight weekends each spring, a 35-acre site in Waxahachie houses a fest with its own monarchy, plus other colorful characters such as mermaids, fire jugglers, jousters, sword fighters and turtle racers. Eat a giant turkey leg, buy something from the 200 village shops, watch a game of human chess or simply

take in the sights.

■ Continues through May 25, each Saturday and Sunday (and Memorial Day) from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at 2511 FM66, Waxahachie. \$25 for adults (\$23 if purchased online), \$10 for ages 5-12, free for children ages 4 and under. Parking is free. srfestival.com.

GEOCACHING FOR KIDS AND ADULTS

Geocaching is a game in which players are given the geographical coordinates of hidden items that they search for with a GPS device. At Bob Jones Nature Center's geocaching classes, you'll learn about navigation, geocaching etiquette and more. Take your own GPS or borrow one there. Be sure to wear comfortable clothes and shoes and take a water bottle.

■ April 18 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Bob Jones Nature Center, 355 E. Bob Jones Road, Southlake. Children \$20, adults \$40. bjnc.org.

GATHER AROUND THE CAMPFIRE

As the sun sets and a breeze rustles the trees, gather around a crackling campfire for an evening of storytelling, songs and, of course, toasted marshmallows. This is the last Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning campfire until fall, so don't miss it. Kids are likely to be charmed by the magic of sitting beside a glowing fire.

■ April 18 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Area, Jones and Kealy streets, Lewisville. \$10 per person or \$30 per family. llea.unt.edu.

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GUIDE PICKS: FREE FUN

SPRING INTO NASH Can you smell the flowers in the air? Spring is here! Celebrate its arrival at historic Nash Farm. At this event, kids can learn what farm life was like for early settlers in Grapevine. Activities include cotton planting, tractor-drawn wagon rides, jump-rope making, wood carving, cooking and blacksmith demos. There will be concessions available for purchase. April 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Nash Farm, 626 Ball St., Grapevine. Free admission, but some activities require a fee. grapevintexasusa.com/nash-farm.

NORTH TEXAS YOUTH RUGBY TOURNAMENT Curious about rugby? Want to see one of the largest youth rugby organizations in Texas play a full-day tournament? Then head to Plano for a day of rugged fun. There will be visiting teams from all over North Texas with kids in third through eighth grades. April 18 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Hoblitzelle Park, 7500 Red River Drive, Plano. planorugby.com.

THE DRAMATIC DIFFERENCE Take the kids to NorthPark

Center for a morning focused on drama and music with songs, stories and games. April 18 at 11 a.m. in NorthCourt at NorthPark Center, 8687 N. Central Expressway at Northwest Highway, Dallas. dallaslibrary2.org/branch/bookmarks.php.

WYLIE JAZZARTS FEST Groove to the sounds of smooth jazz in this daylong music festival. Hear vocalists, saxophonists, bands and more. There will also be artist booths, food for sale and activities for kids of all ages, including a chance to design a hat with the Red Hatter. April 18 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Wylie Municipal Complex. Free parking and shuttle from Wylie High School, 2550 W. FM544, Wylie. wylietetexas.gov.

ALLEN PUBLIC LIBRARY JAZZ FESTIVAL The musical group Texas Gypsies blends styles as varied as Big Band swing, jazz, Texas blues and rockabilly. Catch a performance as part of the Bach to Books series April 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the library's auditorium, 300 N. Allen Drive, Allen. allenlibrary.org.

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Student Lane Pitman took part in last year's Wylie JazzArts Fest. This year's event will be April 18.