

Community Partners – End of summer events

Durham Museum

Root Beer Float Day – Saturday, August 3, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Stop by the Durham Museum to enjoy a free 8 oz. Root Beer Float (while supplies last) at the old-fashioned Soda Fountain. Afterwards, learn about the “Science of the Soda Fountain” with activities at The Platform.

Back-to-School Bash – Friday, August 9, 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Join us for one last bash before the school year starts! Watch the movie *We’re Back* on the big screen, jump into the “bounce-a-saurus” bounce house and get your face painted to look like your favorite dinosaur. Be sure to come hungry and check out the food truck round-up on the lower level of the museum parking deck. Cost for food truck items not included. Registration for this event is required. To register email reservations@durhammuseum.org or call 402-444-5071. Space is limited.

STEM Saturdays – Saturday, August 10, 17, 24, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Stop by the Durham Museum on Saturdays from 10-Noon for special STEM Programming. Each week will feature new activities and challenges for kids and adults of all ages.

STEM activity schedule: August 10 – Balance and build dinosaur activities, August 17 – Timeline of the Mesozoic era, August 24 – How to draw dinos

Fontenelle Forest

Free Entry for Active Military – now until Monday, September 5th

All active military and up to 5 family members can enjoy free admission to Fontenelle Forest. Enjoy one of their many family programs, the trails, or both!

Perseid Meteor Shower Viewing and Walk – Tuesday, August 13, 8:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

Join Fontenelle Forest staff at Neale Woods for an easy walk in the twilight followed by a viewing of August “shooting stars” during the Perseid meteor show. The Perseid meteor show is the most popular meteor show of the year, with up to 60 – 70 meteors per hour at its peak. Bring water, insect repellent, and binoculars to view deep sky objects as desired. Cost is free for members or with daily admission. Participants must pre-register for this event. To register, click [here](#).

Joslyn Arts Museum

Garden Yoga – Sunday, August 4, 11, 18, 25, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Wake up with us! Join us on Sunday mornings in August and September for hour-long yoga sessions in Joslyn's Peter Kiewit Foundation Sculpture Garden. Instructors from YOGA NOW will guide you through basic poses to strengthen your body and center your mind. This series is beginner-friendly and all levels are welcome! Stay after and stroll through the galleries or bring a lunch and picnic in the gardens! In case of rain, yoga moves indoors to the Storz Fountain Court. *\$5 suggested donation. All are welcome!*

Lauritzen Gardens

Hanging With Our Gnomies – Thursday, August 1, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (Adults 21+ only)

It's a happy hour exclusively for our gnomeboys and gnomegirls that are over 21! Explore the colorful summer garden without children, participate in our summer-long gnome scavenger hunt, and listen to live music by Tracy Skretta. Perfect for a date night or an evening with friends. Admission (\$20 for non-members, \$10 for members) includes one drink ticket and cash-only bars will be set with a selection of beer and wine, as well as a signature cocktail available for purchase. The cafe will be open for dinner service and Hello Sugar and Paletas La Polar will be onsite with fantastic dessert options. Tickets can be purchased [here](#).

Loco for Cocoa – Saturday, August 3, 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Join Tina Tweedy of Chocolat Abeille to learn about the history of chocolate, experience chocolates from different growing regions, and taste the impact the percentage of cacao has on flavor. The lesson in chocolate is made complete by seeing the garden's cocoa tree and Tina's cocoa pods. Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Tickets can be purchased [here](#).

Family Yoga – Gnomes and Fairies – Saturday, August 10, 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Experience nature from a new angle in this garden-themed yoga sequence designed for the whole family! Bring your mat and stand tall like a tree, bend your legs like a butterfly, fold like a flower, and fly like a bird in this class, designed to encourage playful, mindful movement for all ages and abilities. Cost is \$15, pre-registration is required by July 25. One registration is good for the whole family (any combination of four people with at least one adult). Please bring a mat or towel. Register [here](#).

In addition to the featured summer happenings above, be sure to take a look at our Discount Program webpage often to see new discounts for memberships, restaurants, entertainment and more that are being offered to all UNMC community members. <https://info.unmc.edu/benefits/discount-program/index.html>

*The Durham and Joslyn Art Museum provide free museum admission for UNMC employees, students, and their immediate family with a valid identification badge.