

Weekend Activities – REU’s Summer 2008

[Current version of activity list](http://www.lehigh.edu/imi/docs/LocalActivities.doc) on web <http://www.lehigh.edu/imi/docs/LocalActivities.doc>

Our top 5 suggestions :

1. **Trip to New York City**

Buses to NYC : Transbridge www.transbridgebus.com for schedule

Daily bus service direct into downtown Manhattan - NYC. This is a central area to explore many of NY’s famous sites.

Takes ~ 2 hours. Cost ~ \$18.75 each way. Tickets available from ticket office (few minute walk from Campus Square) at Adams/Mechanic Street.

2. **Lehigh Gorge – Whitewater Rafting / Cycling / Hiking**

<http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/lehighgorge.aspx>

A day trip to “Lehigh Gorge” : July 19 or 20, 2008

Take a look at the different activities available at Pocono Whitewater Adventures <http://www.poconowhitewater.com/>

Whitewater rafting ~ \$60 (incl. except food) / Biking ~ \$38 (rental & shuttle)

Combos ~ \$91 / Hiking – free! So something to suit all levels of adventure and budget.

Please contact Sarah Wing at srw208@lehigh.edu if you are interested.

3. **Dorney Park : Theme Park and Wildwater Kingdom**

Wild Water Kingdom - Dorney Park (Allentown) Day Pass \$35.99 (online)

<http://www.dorneypark.com/>

If you have a car – there is plenty of parking at the park. There is an additional parking fee (~\$10/day).

LANTA buses go to the Park.

Take yellow G line from Lehigh University (E.4th Street/Broadway stops) to Allentown Transit Station and pick up the orange H line to Dorney Park.

Check Lanta Buses for schedules at <http://lantabus-pa.gov/schedules>

Cost : \$2.00 per ride (approx)

4. **Southside Film Festival** - June 17-21 (on Campus)

<http://www.southsidefilmfestival.com/>

Full schedule not on website yet.

Opening night : June 17 5.30 - 7.00pm (free)

Followed by film screenings in Whittaker Lab Auditorium (\$5):7.30-10.30pm

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5. **Hiking on the Appalachian Trail**

Take a fabulous hike to Pinnacle and Pulpit Rock (~ 10 miles, although many possibilities to make it shorter) and experience some of the most spectacular views PA has to offer as well as wildlife!

http://pa.audubon.org/kittatinny/hawks_tpn.html

Date TBD

Please contact Bill Heffner at wrh304@lehigh.edu if you are interested

Useful Links / Information

Shopping

Lehigh Valley Mall www.lehighvalleymall.com

Serviced by Lanta buses : Blue D line / Purple F line <https://lantabus-pa.gov/schedules>

The Promenade Shops at Saucon Valley

www.ThePromenadeShopsatSauconValley.com

No bus service available (15 minute drive from Lehigh)

Public Transport

Local Services : Lanta buses : <https://lantabus-pa.gov/schedules>

Service Lehigh Valley Mall / Dorney Park

NYC : Transbridge www.transbridgebus.com (\$18.75 each way – buses leave from Adam/Mechanic St)

Also services New Hope which is worth a visit.

Philadelphia : www.Biebertourways.com (\$26 return – buses leave from Adam/Mechanic St)

Day Trips / Excursions : Bieber Tourways : www.Biebertourways.com

Statue of Liberty / Ellis Island July 26 \$56

Ocean City June 22

Wildwood July 26

They also organize trips to other sporting events – Phillies Game

City Connections : Greyhound Buses : <http://www.greyhound.com/home/>

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Other Activities / Places of Interest

Outdoor / Adventure

Lake Nockamixen State Park

<http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/nockamixon.aspx>

Lehigh Canal Towpath (see Hikes in PA)

<http://www.delawareandlehigh.org/site.asp?siteid=239>

National Canal Museum

<http://www.canals.org/>

Hawk Mountain

www.hawkmountain.org

Delaware Water Gap

<http://www.nps.gov/dewa/planyourvisit/camping-all-kinds.htm>

Water Parks / Theme Parks

Camel Beach (Poconos) – water park

<http://www.camelbeach.com/>

Hershey Park – theme park

<http://www.hersheypark.com/index.php>

Dorney Park – see our top 5

Local Festivals / Events

Shakespeare Festival – June 18 – August 2 (Center Valley)

The Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival at DeSales University is a professional theatre company and the Official Shakespeare Festival of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

<http://pashakespeare.org/>

Kutztown Festival : June 28 – July 6 (entrance fee)

<http://www.kutztownfestival.com/>

23rd Annual Blueberry Festival – Bethlehem : July 18-20 (entrance fee)

<http://www.historicbethlehem.org/events/blueberry-festival/>

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Pocono Blues Festival – July 25-7 (Big Boulder Ski Area – Poconos)

<http://www.jfbb.com/summer-blues-festival.asp>

Renaissance Fair - <http://www.renfaire.com/>

Music Fest – starts August 1) <http://www.musikfest.org/>

Music at Godfrey Daniels <http://www.godfreydaniels.org/>

Events at the State Theater in Easton - <http://www.statetheatre.org/>

XPoNential Music Festival, July 10-13, Camden Waterfront, sponsored by WXPB radio station <http://www.xpn.org/>

Sporting Events / Activities

Velodrome

<http://www.lvvelo.org/>

Iron Pigs - local minor league baseball

<http://www.ironpigsbaseball.com/>

Phillies/Yankees/Mets - major league baseball

http://philadelphia.phillies.mlb.com/index.jsp?c_id=phi

Eagles training camp at Lehigh (from July 21, 2008)

<http://www.philadelphiaeagles.com/news/TrainingCamp.html>

Ironton/Nor-Bath rails-to-trails Bike Trail -

http://www.trails.com/tcatalog_trail.asp?trailid=BGN101-074

Ice skating rink - south side

Steel Ice Center

320 E. First Street

Bethlehem Pa 18015

Phone: 610.625.4774

<http://www.steelicecenter.com/?home>

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