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**Plenty to do with the family in Cape May this summer**

Venture off the beach with tours, historic sites, scavenger hunts and more

A group of people playing a game

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**Limbo is a fun part of scheduled activities during Family Fun Crafts Shows at the Lighthouse this summer.**

**CAPE MAY, N.J. –** Since 1970, Cape May MAC (Museums+Arts+Culture) has been creating unforgettable experiences for families at America’s first seaside resort — offering a unique blend of history, fun, and discovery. This summer, there are loads of family-friendly activities to choose from. Whether it's a trolley ride, climbing the Cape May Lighthouse or World War II Lookout Tower, touring the Victorian Physick Estate House or going on a scavenger hunt, Cape May MAC offers plenty for families to do.

Climb the 199 steps of the 1859 **Cape May Lighthouse** to the watch gallery for a panoramic view of the Jersey Cape and Atlantic Ocean this summer! For those who choose not to climb, the Oil House contains a fully-accessible Visitors Orientation Center and a Museum Shop stocked with maritime accessories and lighthouse memorabilia. The Cape May Lighthouse is located in Cape May Point State Park, Lower Township. Admission to the Visitors’ Orientation Center and the ground floor of the Lighthouse is free. The Cape May Lighthouse is open daily through late fall then on weekends. Admission is $12 for adults, $8 for children (ages 3-12).

Take the family for a visit to the **World War II Lookout Tower (Fire Control Tower No. 23)** on Sunset Boulevard, New Jersey’s last freestanding World War II tower and part of the immense Harbor Defense of the Delaware system known as Fort Miles. Admission is $8 for adults; children (ages 3-12) $5. Free admission for active military and veterans with ID. Visitors can climb to the 6th floor spotting gallery while learning about coastal and homeland defense efforts during World War II. The ground floor and the entrance boardwalk are fully accessible. The Tower is open daily through Sep. 30 then on weekends through the fall.

Discover the fun of exploring the Physick Estate and learning about its architectural elements from a kid’s perspective with the **Physick Estate Scavenger Hunt** packet, also available in Spanish, **Búsqueda Del Tesoro De La Mansión Physick**. Each packet contains a clues sheet and map that will take you on a self-guided discovery tour, set to your own pace (answer sheet also included). Available in the Hill House office at the Physick Estate (for a much appreciated donation), 1048 Washington St., during regular hours of operation. Also available at the Washington Street Mall Information Booth. Available daily, year-round (only one packet is needed per family).

Board Cape May MAC’s red trolley for the **Children’s Trolley Ride**, a 30-minute fun and educational guided trolley ride through the Historic District of Cape May especially for children ages 3-7. From gingerbread you can’t eat to witches’ caps on houses, kids will be fascinated by “show and tell” along the way. Begins and ends at Ocean Street Trolley Stop. Tours are offered Mondays through Thursdays in July and August. Trolleys depart from the Washington Street Mall Info Booth. Adults $15, children (ages 3-12) $10.

Santa, himself, will take a break from his summer vacation and drop by the Cape May Lighthouse for a meet and greet!Join us for **Christmas in July** and get a chance to get a head start on Christmas lists. Play games, take photos with Santa, and shop among regional vendors selling their handmade items. Tickets are also available for purchase on-site for a hearty climb up the 199 steps of the Cape May Lighthouse, with a beautiful view your reward. Cape May Lighthouse, 215 Lighthouse Ave. Cape May Point State Park.

Join us for the **Family Fun Crafts shows at the Lighthouse**! Explore unique handmade goods from local vendors, enjoy music, craft stations for kids, and participate in outdoor games for the whole family, including limbo at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Enjoy the beautiful summer weather with these free family fun events every Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Aug. 27. Tickets are also available on-site for a hearty climb up the 199 steps of the Cape May Lighthouse, with a beautiful view your reward. Cape May Lighthouse, 215 Lighthouse Ave. Cape May Point State Park. Join us Thursday, Aug. 7 for a special celebration of National Lighthouse Day! Rain dates are Thursdays.

Celebrate America’s maritime treasures — lighthouses — during **National Lighthouse Day,** Thursday, Aug. 7 from 9 a.m. to 2p.m.  An aid to navigation since 1859 and one of the oldest continually operating lighthouses in the United States, the historic Cape May Lighthouse is host to family friendly activities and a crafts show at the base of the lighthouse. Tickets are also available for purchase on-site for a hearty climb up the 199 steps of the Cape May Lighthouse, with a beautiful view your reward. Cape May Lighthouse, 215 Lighthouse Ave. Cape May Point State Park.

Take a guided tour of the first and second floors of the **1879 Physick House Museum,** for an in-depth look at Victorian architecture and the period, reflecting one Victorian family’s lifestyle, and detailing the way the Physick family and their household lived, worked and spent their leisure time. Learn about its key role in Cape May’s decades-long renaissance story as you appreciate its beauty and craftsmanship. Available daily, then weekends in the Winter. Guided tour themes change annually.

Discover the fun of exploring Cape May and uncovering its architectural elements from a kid’s perspective with the **Cape May Family Treasure Hunt**. Each packet contains a clues sheet and map that will take you on a self-guided discovery tour, set to your own pace (answer sheet also included). Available in the Hill House office at the Physick Estate, 1048 Washington St., during regular hours of operation. Also available at the Washington Street Mall Information Booth. Co-sponsored by Cape May MAC (Museums+Arts+Culture) and Preservation New Jersey. (Available for a much-appreciated donation. Only one packet is needed per family).

Cape May MAC (Museums+Arts+Culture) is a multifaceted not-for-profit organization committed to promoting the preservation, interpretation, and cultural enrichment of the Cape May region for its residents and visitors. For information about our year-round schedule of tours, festivals, and special events, call 609-884-5404 or visit capemaymac.org.