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The Colony Provides Family Fun for Spring Break 2011

Attempting to please the whole family this Spring Break? The Convention and Visitors Bureau is here to help! This spring, The Colony has entertainment, attractions and events that will satisfy mom, dad and the kids.

For the Family

For starters, the entire family can take advantage of free entertainment on the banks of Lewisville Lake. Enjoy a breathtaking stroll or bike ride on the Shoreline Trail that features rustic bridges, natural scenery and native wildlife. Plan a picnic to Stewart Creek Park or Hidden Cove Park. Both parks welcome overnight guests as well. No RV? No problem. Hidden Cove Park has screened shelter and cabins available to rent. Hidden Cove Park also boasts a full service marina complete with ship store, fueling dock and boat rentals. Don't forget to pack a loaf of bread to feed the ducks and a fishing pole!

The entertainment continues with Geocaching, a free, high-tech treasure hunt game using a GPS unit or Smartphone. It's the perfect opportunity to engage children with outdoor pursuits while handling technological devices. Locals and visitors alike can enjoy an adventurous alternative to exploring the wonderful amenities in The Colony by finding all 20 caches hidden by the Convention and Visitors Bureau. With hundreds of caches hidden in The Colony, this adventure will have you seeking and finding "hidden treasures" all day.

In addition, a round at the newly expanded 18-hole disc golf course at Bill Allen Memorial Park will make for an adventurous afternoon. This course is designed to be player-friendly and can accommodate all playing abilities.

The lake may be too chilly for a swim but the water is always warm at The Colony Aquatic Park. Dive in during "Morning Splash" from 11am to noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday during Spring Break. Private kayak lessons are also available through Kayak Instruction at 972-412-7691.

After fun in the sun, the family can enjoy the artistic side of The Colony. On March 19th, professional, amateur and child artists will permeate The Colony Five Star Complex during "Chalk This Way," a sidewalk chalk art festival presented by the Lakeside Arts Foundation. This all day event will be held from 10am to 8pm and will feature chalk art exhibits, contests, food and beverage vendors, art vendors and musical entertainment. Families can also visit The Royal Brush, a charming paint your own pottery studio filled with many blank canvases from wine glasses and serving dishes to coffee mugs, candle holders, toys and trinkets.

For the Kids

Kids of all ages can have a blast at Kidz Kamp, a weeklong experience packed full of activities and features a different field trip each day. Girls and boys ages 6-12 will go skating, see a movie, visit the Dallas Zoo, play games at Nickelman and spend a day at the Museum of Nature and Science and Planetarium. For older kids, entertainment can be found at The Colony Aquatic Park or The Colony Public Library. The Colony Aquatic Park will host Lifeguard Training Monday-Friday from 10am to 6pm. Those 15 years of age or older will learn the latest rescue techniques, CPR for the Professional Rescuer and the

use of an Automated External Defibrillation (AED). The Colony Public Library will feature activities for teens including a gaming tournament, movie night and a writer's group. Children of all ages can partake in the Puppet Workshop presented by Friends of The Colony Public Library.

For Mom

Keeping moms in mind during Spring Break, The Colony has several salons and spas that promise to evoke a sense of irreversible serenity. Prepare for the warmer weather from tip to toe. Treat yourself to a relaxing spa pedicure or manicure, unwind with a soothing massage or even lighten your locks. You'll emerge refueled, recharged and ready to spring back into action. Also, several shopping opportunities in town and surrounding areas can provide moms with the chance to find the best deals and steals.

For Dad

Dads can hit the fairways at some of the top ranked courses in Texas. Master Scottish links at The Tribute, enjoy a peaceful round of 9-hole golf at Stewart Peninsula or experience the Old American, designed by Tripp Davis and PGA tour star Justin Leonard. The Tribute and Old American were both listed in the top five courses in Texas by Golf Magazine.

Dining

Restaurants in The Colony feature a variety of flavors and cuisines sure to please all palates and budgets. Lakeside favorites like Angelina's Mexican Restaurant and Stan's Taphouse & Grill feature patio dining with spectacular views of Lewisville Lake. Texas Roadhouse, another signature spot, is serving up fall off the bone ribs, hand cut steaks, made from scratch sides and unlimited fresh baked bread. The Colony also has plenty of pasta and pizza options including Palio's Pizza Cafe, Tony's Pizza and Pasta, Roma's Italian Restaurant and Amore's Pasta & Pizza. For a complete list of dining options and restaurant coupons, please visit www.VisitTheColonyTx.com.

For more information on The Colony or any of these activities, please contact The Colony Convention & Visitors Bureau toll-free at 1-877-264-4386 or visit www.VisitTheColonyTx.com.