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# 5 best things to do this ...



## learn

**Earth Day Texas** is back and toting a new name (formerly Earth Day Dallas). The eco-friendly festival takes Fair Park in Dallas by storm from 10am–6pm on April 24–26. Participate in tree climbing, make arts and crafts, see live music, and join hands-on workshops at this annual event seeking to increase environmental awareness and influence the way Texas families live, work and think. Free.  
Dallas, 214/310-1200  
[earthdaytx.org](http://earthdaytx.org)

## play

A life-size Thomas the Tank Engine is rolling into the Grapevine Vintage Railroad Station on April 10–12 and 17–19 to offer families 25-minute rides. During **Day Out with Thomas**, kids can climb aboard the storybook character and then spend the day enjoying magic and puppet shows, a petting zoo and crafts. Join the Sandbox FunDig, explore the Imagination Station and stop by the food court and gift shop before you leave. Tickets start at \$18.  
Grapevine, 214/428-0101  
[ticketweb.com/promo/dowt](http://ticketweb.com/promo/dowt)

## make

Music and fine arts blend during the **Wylie JazzArts Fest** at the Wylie Municipal Complex from 9am–9pm on April 18. Kids can use paintbrushes to make their mark on the Community Canvas and design a top hat with the Rad Hatter. While you're there, catch performances by professional jazz musicians and area junior high, high school and college jazz bands. Pack a family picnic, or dine at a selection of food trucks on-site. Free.  
Wylie, 972/516-6020  
[wylietexas.gov/events](http://wylietexas.gov/events)

## do

Have you ever heard of live throat singers? Don't miss your chance to be all ears from 6pm–12am on April 17 during **Tibetan Tales** at the Crow Collection of Asian Art. Take advantage of the late museum hours by joining a community sand mandala art activity, making a prayer necklace, or watching a 90-minute screening of *Mystic Tibet: An Outer, Inner and Secret Pilgrimage*. For all ages. Free.  
Dallas, 214/979-6430  
[crowcollection.org](http://crowcollection.org)

## see

If you're a fan of Pixar's 2009 film *Up*, you won't want to miss **Balloonacy** at Dallas Children's Theater on April 10–12 and 18–19. Follow the story of a lonely old man and his uncanny friendship with a red balloon. Kids will get a lesson on acceptance and companionship as things get carried up and away in this sweet and loving comedy. For ages 3 and older. Tickets start at \$12.  
Dallas, 214/740-0051  
[dct.org](http://dct.org)



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