

ELI Weekly

Good for a Thrilling Time!

If you are looking to spend a day of fun and excitement before the fall semester starts, well you are in luck! Missouri is home to 4 fun theme parks full of rides and entertainment! These parks are located near St. Louis, Kansas City, and right here in Branson.



Let's start with **Six Flags St. Louis**. This park is located in Eureka, Missouri, which is about 30 miles before downtown St. Louis. You can get there directly by taking I-44 East. This park contains many exciting rides including the brand new "Tony Hawk's Big Spin" and the giant roller coaster "The Boss." There are also many classic rides like "Thunder River" (where you will get soaked!) and "Colossus," an 18-story Ferris wheel. Apart from all the exciting rides, there are shows, shopping, and lots of food! There is also a water park, "Hurricane Harbor," that is included in the admission price. Plus, you might spot some of your favorite "Looney Tunes" characters, such as Bugs Bunny, Tweety, or Taz. Tickets cost \$44.99 at the gate, or you can buy them online for

\$39.99. Visit <http://www.sixflags.com/stLouis/index.aspx> for more information.

If you prefer the Kansas City area, then you are in luck because there is a theme park there as well called **Worlds of Fun**. It is located at exit 54 of I-435 East. The most famous ride there is called "Mamba," which is one of the longest, tallest, and fastest roller coasters in the world. Another thrill is found in the "Detonator," which takes riders 200-feet into the air and then drops them back down faster than a free-fall! While at the park enjoy music, dance, and dog shows, and all kinds of food. Make sure to look for the Charlie Brown gang! Tickets are \$37.95 + tax and you can save \$5.00 if you purchase tickets online. For more information check out <http://www.worldsoffun.com/>.



For those who don't want to travel too far to find their thrills, go no further than Branson. There you will find both **Silver Dollar City** and **Celebration City**. **Silver Dollar City's** theme is designed to take you back to simpler times. There are many shows and some great rides, including "Fire in the Hole," an indoor roller coaster, and the "Giant Swing." There is also "Marvel Cave," which you can tour. Silver Dollar City also offers you the chance to watch master craftsmen create such things as lye soap, candy, and silver jewelry. A one day pass is \$50.51. Their website is: <http://www.bransonsilverdollarcity.com/>.

Celebration City is also located in the Branson area. This park contains such rides as "The Ozark WildCat," a wooden roller coaster, and "Fireball," which lets you fly through the air. There is also a Sea Lion show! Tickets cost \$26.78. If you want to try both parks, you can buy a pass for both for \$70.74. **Any of the parks will be a fun way to enjoy the rest of the summer!**

Activities This Week

Friday August 3rd First Friday Art Walk

The monthly event is always a good time! Stroll through downtown on a beautiful summer evening and check out some local art. This event is guaranteed to be a hit!

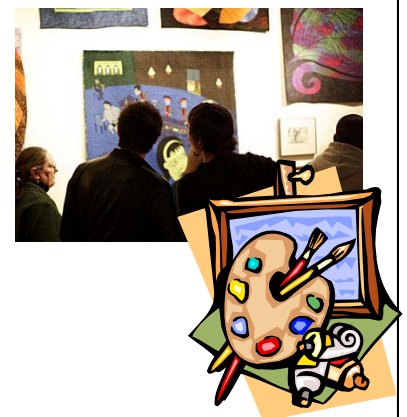
Where: Many downtown Springfield art galleries, shops, and restaurants.

What time: 6 PM – 10 PM

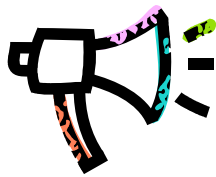
How much: FREE!!!

For more events and activities, visit: <http://calendar.missouristate.edu/>

**Also, ALWAYS check the Student Activities Board across from the 2nd floor
Computer Lab!**



Announcements



- **Special Announcement:** We will have a reception on Tues. (7/31) for 3 of our teachers that are leaving us: Carolyn, Kelly, and Sarah. We will have cake and punch on the 4th floor at 12:00 p.m. Students and staff, please come to say good-bye and wish these great teachers luck for the future!
- **ELI End of Semester Party**
Wed. August 1st at 6:00 PM
Kentwood Hall Crystal Room
- **Congratulations to all those who are completing the ELI!**
- If you plan to return to the ELI for the fall 2007 semester, you **MUST** be here to start classes on Wednesday, August 22.

Did You Know....

A few interesting facts about China:



The People's Republic of China covers 7% of the world's land.



1/5 of the world's population lives in China.

The Great Wall of China is more than 5,000 km (3,100 miles) long!

The ginkgo tree, which is used in Chinese medicine, is one of the oldest known tree species in the world. This tree has no living close relatives and at one time was thought to be extinct.



What's Showing at The Moxie?

The Moxie is downtown's cinema located at the corner of Walnut and Campbell.

This week:

- Paris Je T'aime
- Show Business: The Road to Broadway
- Severance
- Day Watch
- La Vie en Rose
- Special: Billy the Kid



See Schedule on the Student Activities Board

Weather Forecast

Degrees: High/Low Forecast for July 30-August 5

	<u>Fahrenheit</u>	<u>Celsius</u>
Monday:	85/68	29/20—chance of rain
Tuesday:	90/69	32/21
Wednesday:	90/71	32/22
Thursday:	91/70	33/21
Friday:	90/71	32/22
Saturday:	91/73	33/23
Sunday:	94/73	34/23



Weather forecasts are *always* changing, so for the most up-to-date forecast, go to: www.weather.com, or watch the local news or weather channel.