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Family Nights Options

- ◇ All options are available on both nights (6/24, 6/25) unless otherwise noted.
- ◇ Events marked with an asterisk (*) are not affiliated with the 2026 USA Games and will not have transportation provided/onsite support from the USA Games staff.
- ◇ **Families may attend these events with or without their athlete depending upon approval and plans from their Program. As a reminder, family members must work with their Head of Delegations directly to request any time off via a checkout process with their athletes throughout the week of the Games.**

Lions Clubs Family Movie Nights

- Dates/Time: Wednesday and Thursday, Jun 24 & 25; Doors open at 6:00 p.m., event runs from 7:00–9:00 p.m. Each delegation has been designated one night and allocated a limited number of tickets based on fair algorithm with the registrations as of our Priority Deadline of January 31, 2026.
- Split:
 - Wednesday, June 24: Alabama–Montana (not including Minnesota)
 - Thursday, June 25: Nebraska–Wyoming (including Minnesota)
- Location: 3M Arena at Mariucci, University of Minnesota campus
- Details: Fun Family Night, first-run movie in a fun atmosphere. Concessions will be available for purchase.
- Tickets: Required; availability is limited due to venue capacity
- Cost: Free to attend
- Getting there: 3M Arena at Mariucci is located at 1901 4th St SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455 and is on the UMN campus.
- Notes: Contact your Family Services Coordinator for more information on how tickets will be distributed for this event. Capacity is very limited and you may want to consider other options by working with your Program.
- Security/Policy: Small bags/backpacks are okay and subject to search.



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Thrivent Fan Fest

- Dates/Times: Open daily from 11:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.
- Location: Maroon Lot next to Huntington Bank Stadium, UMN Campus: 2010 6th Street SE Minneapolis, MN 55455
- Details: Musical performances daily at 2:00 p.m./4:00 p.m./7:00 p.m., activity tents, food and beverage for purchase, and more
- Tickets: Not required
- Cost: Free to attend
- Getting there: On-campus parking options near this area include the University Avenue Ramp, Victory Lot, and the Washington Avenue Ramp or the best light rail stop for the Maroon Lot at the University of Minnesota (2010 6th St SE) is the Stadium Village Station on the METRO Green Line. It is a short, 5-minute walk from the station to the Maroon Lot located near the corner of 6th St. SE and Oak St. SE.
- Notes: This option may be especially well-suited for those who prefer a flexible gathering format or larger group sizes.
- [Click here to learn more about Thrivent Fan Fest.](#)

Mall of America (MOA) *

- Dates/Times: Open daily from 10:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m.
- Location: E Broadway, Bloomington, MN 55425
- Details: Registered and approved Family Experience members receive a 30% digital discount on the following attractions:
 - Nickelodeon Universe
 - Moose Mountain
 - Rock of Ages
 - Matrix 5D
 - Crayola Experience
- Tickets: Discounts can be accessed via the USA Games Champions App and by showing your digital Family credential. Families must be officially registered and approved by May 1 for their digital credential to appear in the Games App.
- Cost: Visiting the mall is free, however the rides and attractions have a cost.
- Getting there: Visitors can drive to the mall (free parking) or take the METRO Blue line to the MOA stop. MOA is very close to MSP Airport. USA Games does not provide transportation to or from MOA.
- Notes: You can visit the MOA website [here](#).



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Major League Baseball Game – Twins vs. Dodgers *

- Dates/Time: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday; 6:40 p.m. first pitch
- Location: Target Field, downtown Minneapolis: 1 Twins Way, Minneapolis, MN 55403
- Details: Tickets available for purchase for three games during the week of USA Games
- Tickets: Discounted tickets available via the following link:
<https://www.gofevo.com/group/Specialolympicstwins2026>
- Cost: Varies
- Getting there: Visitors can use the light rail ([see here for help](#)) or park at a variety of lots / garages near Target Field. USA Games does not provide transportation to or from Target Field.
- Notes: This link can be shared with anyone attending Games.

Minnesota Zoo *

- About: As one of the nation's premier zoos and the fifth-largest zoo in the country, the Minnesota Zoo offers unforgettable wildlife experiences and a connection to nature like no other Zoo. Located just 25 minutes from downtown Minneapolis, and 7 minutes from the Mall of America.
- Dates/Times: Open daily from 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. Wanderlight Trail is open daily 7:30 - 11:00 pm and a special Zoo + Wanderlight combo pass is only Wednesday, June 24.
- Location: 13000 Zoo Boulevard Apple Valley, MN 55124 – (952) 431-9200
- 2026 Special Olympics USA Games Discount Details:
 - Athletes / coaches eligible for Complimentary admission (\$25.95 value)
 - Registered / approved Family Experience Members:
 - \$3 discounted daytime admission (Tickets range from \$19.95 - \$25.95)
 - \$2 discounted admission off Wanderlight Trail, the Zoo's new evening illuminated lantern event – exclusively offered athlete friends and family members. (Tickets range from \$23 - \$57)
 - \$5 discounted off June 24 Wanderlight Trail specialty night, Zoo + Wanderlight. (Tickets range from \$42 - \$52)
- Tickets: [See offer here.](#)
- Getting there: Visitors can drive to the MN Zoo or take the Metro Transit Light Rail to the MOA and then the MVRTA bus to the zoo. USA Games does not provide transportation to or from MOA.
- Notes: You can [visit the MN ZOO website here.](#)