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## 'Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince' Hits Theaters July 15

The long-awaited sixth Harry Potter movie, "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince," arrives in theaters July 15. But you'll have to wait until July 29 for the IMAX release, due to a contract IMAX signed with Paramount Pictures guaranteeing the movie production company a four-week exclusive window if they filmed parts of "Transformers 2: Revenge of the Fallen" with IMAX cameras onto IMAX film. This occurred when "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" was planned to release in November 2008.

Also, for you die-hard Harry Potter fans out there, the seventh and eighth movie



release dates have been set. "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part I" will be released Nov. 19, 2010, and "Deathly Hallows: Part II" is set for a July 15, 2011 release. Clearly, excitement for the final two movies is already building! Visit [harrypotter.warnerbros.com](http://harrypotter.warnerbros.com) to learn more.

## Raleigh Memorial Auditorium Will be Alive With 'The Sound of Music' July 25-Aug. 2

North Carolina Theatre celebrates the 50th anniversary of Rodgers and Hammerstein's classic story of the Von Trapp singers with its presentation of "The Sound of Music" July 25 through Aug. 2. This story focuses on Maria, a woman sent to serve as governess for the seven children of a widowed naval captain. It's set against a backdrop of World War II and Nazi Germany, which provides plenty of excitement and adventure for the storyline. Maria touches the Von Trapp children's hearts, and eventually, the captain's as well. Visit [www.nctheatre.com](http://www.nctheatre.com) for more information.



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## Movies This Month: Some New, Some Old, Some Dangerous, Some Cold!

In addition to the highly anticipated release of "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" July 15, the third "Ice Age" movie, PG-rated "Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs," arrives in theaters July 1. Scrat, Mannie, Ellie, Sid and Diego are all back, and while on a mission to rescue Sid, the gang ventures into a mysterious underground world, where they encounter dinosaurs and meet a relentless dino-hunting weasel named Buck. Learn more at [www.iceagemovie.com](http://www.iceagemovie.com).

Experience "G-Force" July 24. In his first 3-D film on the big screen, Producer Jerry Bruckheimer presents a comedy adventure about the latest evolution of a covert government program to train animals to work in espionage. This movie is rated PG and stars Nicolas Cage, Steve Buscemi, Tracy Morgan, Zach Galifianakis and Kelli Garner. Visit <http://disney.go.com/disneypictures/gforce> for more information.

"Aliens in the Attic," an adventure/comedy, comes out July 31 and features kids on a family vacation forced to fight off an attack by knee-high alien invaders out to destroy the world. Naturally, the kids' parents have no clue about the battle. Learn more at [www.aliensintheatticmovie.com](http://www.aliensintheatticmovie.com).

Visit our Movie TRACKS page at [www.triangletracks.com/notes/Movie\\_TRACKS](http://www.triangletracks.com/notes/Movie_TRACKS) for access to information on free summer movie showings throughout the region, as well as \$1.50 movies at Blue Ridge Theater in Raleigh and Kidtoons showings at Wakefield Theater 12 in Raleigh.

Movie TRACKS also links to Kids-in-Mind Movie Ratings for detailed reviews of children's movies. Since a somewhat controversial teen movie releases July 10—"I Love You Beth Cooper"—Kids-in-Mind Movie Ratings may come in handy for parents trying to decide if their kids should see it.

### Six Summer Movie Series Available to Families

What could be better than relaxing under the stars on a blanket with your kids while watching a movie. Several local theaters are offering outdoor movie series this summer. Some are free, but those that aren't, are quite cheap. Here's our list. (Get more information on our Movie TRACKS page.)

**Movies by Moonlight** at Koka Booth Amphitheatre in Cary: Thursday nights beginning at dusk now through Aug. 13. [www.boothamphitheatre.com/movies.htm](http://www.boothamphitheatre.com/movies.htm)

**Regal Entertainment Free Family Film Festival:** Various locations throughout the Triangle on Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. [www.regmovies.com](http://www.regmovies.com)

**Summer Kids Shows at the Lumina** in Chapel Hill: Showings on Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. through Aug. 4. [www.thelumina.com/summerseries.html](http://www.thelumina.com/summerseries.html)

**Six Forks Station and Mission Valley \$6 Summer Movies Season Pass** in Raleigh: showings on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m. through Aug. 19. [www.therialto.com](http://www.therialto.com)

**Raleigh Grande Summer Film Festival** on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. through Aug. 6. [www.raleighgrande.com/category/whats-new](http://www.raleighgrande.com/category/whats-new)

**Wakefield 12 Marquee Cinemas Kids Summer Movies Series** in North Raleigh: showings on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. through Aug. 12. [www.marqueecinemas.com](http://www.marqueecinemas.com)

### The July Tracks Linkzine Focuses on Dealing With Bullies

We've all been bullied at one time or another, but nothing hurts more than when it happens to your child. Read our linkzine articles, available July 1, for advice on how to identify and rectify bullying situations that may be affecting your child.

## Independence Day Celebrations Across the Triangle

Triangle families can celebrate our nation's birthday in one of several locations across the region. Here are just a few of the options.

The State Capitol's annual celebration is July 4 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Enjoy an "Old Fashioned 4<sup>th</sup>," a patriotic concert and picnic, musical performances, food and historic demonstrators. Learn more at [www.ncstatecapitol.org](http://www.ncstatecapitol.org).

The N.C. State Fairgrounds' July 4<sup>th</sup> event begins at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy games, inflatables, music and more until 8:30 p.m., then fireworks at 9:15 p.m. Visit [www.ncstatefair.org/events/7-09.htm](http://www.ncstatefair.org/events/7-09.htm) for details.

Carrboro's Community 4<sup>th</sup> of July takes place in downtown Carrboro and features live music by Trish Miller, Tim Stambaugh and Friends, and others; patriotic tattoos; hat making, bike and wagon decorating; a patriotic costume contest, a pie eating contest and more. Find more information at [www.carrboro.com/july4/july4schedule.html](http://www.carrboro.com/july4/july4schedule.html).

The Town of Cary begins celebrating Independence Day July 3 with an Independence Eve Celebration at Sertoma, featuring a performance by the Cary Town Band. Then, on July 4, begin the celebration with a parent-child fishing tournament, "Parade in the Park," games and competitions—from donut eating to watermelon seed spitting. Registration begins at



7:30 a.m. for the fishing tournament. Parade decorating begins at 9 a.m. This year's theme is "American Pride."

The 2009 Summerfest Series Independence Day Concert takes place July 4 at 7:30 p.m. at Koka Booth Amphitheatre at Regency Park in Cary. The Triangle's largest Independence Day festivity includes a performance by North Carolina Symphony, lead by Assistant Conductor Joan Landry. Free fireworks follow. Visit [www.ncsymphony.org](http://www.ncsymphony.org) to learn more.

The Festival for the Eno also begins July 3 and lasts till July 5. Events take place at West Point on the Eno at Durham City Park and include great food and a wide range of entertainment, from bee-keeping and backyard chickens to face painting and river activities. Visit [www.enoriver.org/festival](http://www.enoriver.org/festival) for details.

Apex's Old Fashioned 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in downtown Apex. Kids will enjoy carnival games, moon bounces, a climbing wall, a pirate obstacle course, a waterslide and more. They can also decorate their bikes and wagons for a parade through downtown Apex. The parade line-up will form on Salem Street beginning at the corner of Chatham St. and extending towards Highway 55. You must be in line by 11:50 to participate. Visit [www.apexnc.org](http://www.apexnc.org) to learn more.

### Read 8 Books, Get 1 Free at Barnes & Noble This Summer

Barnes & Noble stores have come up with a great way to keep kids reading this summer. The store's summer reading program features the popular "Percy Jackson & the Olympians" series by Rick Riordan. Kids in grades 1 through 6 can earn a free book by reading any eight books, then logging them into the Barnes & Noble Summer Reading Journal available at

[www.barnesandnoble.com/summerreading](http://www.barnesandnoble.com/summerreading) and turning in a completed journal sheet at the store.

This will also qualify participants for a chance to win an autographed copy of "The Last Olympian," the final title in Percy Jackson's series. Teacher kits are available too. Ask a Barnes & Noble bookseller for details or visit [www.barnesandnoble.com/summerreading](http://www.barnesandnoble.com/summerreading).

### Two Giveaways Coming Up!

In the next few days, Triangle TRACKS and the North Carolina Museum of Art will be giving away two four-packs of tickets to the museum's outdoor showing of "Kung Fu Panda" July 11, including fun family events at 7 p.m. before the movie starts at 9 p.m. We will also be giving away two four-packs of tickets to Dan Zanes and Friends in concert (plus a Dan Zanes CD), which takes place July 18 at 7 p.m., with family events preceding the concert at 5 p.m. Stay tuned to Triangle TRACKS for details!

If you have a login to Triangle TRACKS, you'll receive a message with information about these giveaways soon. If you're a newsletter subscriber but haven't yet registered for a free login to Triangle TRACKS and would like to, just visit [www.triangletracks.com](http://www.triangletracks.com) and click on "sign up."

## Triangle Museums' July Calendars Packed With Kids' Events

Local museums offer a variety of educational—and air-conditioned—experiences for children during the summer. Check these out during July!

### N.C. MUSEUM OF ART

**Family Movie Night: "Kung Fu Panda"** July 11 at 7:30 p.m. \$3 general admission (unless otherwise noted). Free to museum members and children age 6 and under.

**Dan Zanes and Friends in Concert** (outdoors): July 18, 7-9 p.m. Tickets available through the museum box office: (919) 715-5923 or online at [www.ncartmuseum.org](http://www.ncartmuseum.org). Cost: \$9 for children age 3–12 and \$18 for adults.

**Wonderful Wednesdays:** July 8, 15 and 22 at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$3 (and free for family-level members and above).

**Drop-In Crafts:** July 8, 15 and 22 at 1 p.m.

**Family Fun Saturday:** July 11 and 18 at 10 a.m.

**Preschool Playshop:** July 15 and 29 at 10 a.m.

Learn more about all of these events at [www.ncartmuseum.org](http://www.ncartmuseum.org).

### NASHER MUSEUM OF ART

**American Dance Festival Community Day** at the Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University: July 11 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Paperhand Puppet Intervention and the Scrap Exchange offer fun activities for children of all ages. Learn more at [www.nasher.duke.edu](http://www.nasher.duke.edu).

### N.C. MUSEUM OF HISTORY

**Honest Abe** July 2, 10-11 a.m. Discover how a farm boy grew up to become president and lead the nation through its most difficult period. For ages 5–9 with an adult. Call (919) 807-7992 to register.

**Time for Tots: Stars and Stripes:** July 2, 10:45 to 11:45 a.m.

**Make It, Take It: Mountain Fun:** July 11, 1 to 3 p.m.

**A Closer Look: Museum Sleuths:** July 18, 1 to 3 p.m. Become a museum detective!

**Pirates Ahoy!** July 25, 10 to 11:30 a.m. To register, call (919) 807-7992 by July 22. Visit <http://ncmuseumofhistory.org> to learn more about all of these events.

### MARBLES KIDS MUSEUM

**Music Day at Marbles Kids Museum:** July 11 all day. Bang, honk, blow or strum through a musical adventure with Brussels Chamber Orchestra, Raleigh Oratorio Society, Burrage Music, Ruggero Piano Service, North Carolina Symphony and Marbles Kids Museum.

**Preview NC Theatre's Production of "The Sound of Music" With Marbles Kids Museum:** July 12 at 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Experience a special preview of North Carolina Theatre's production of "The Sound of Music." Sing along to three of the production's most popular songs. Learn more at [www.marbleskidsmuseum.com](http://www.marbleskidsmuseum.com).

### MUSEUM OF LIFE AND SCIENCE

**Dinosaur Trail Grand Opening:** July 25, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Journey to the Late Cretaceous period, 77 million to 65 million years ago, along a half-mile path to see a pre-historic fight for survival. Come within reach of life-sized dinosaur models, like the 65-foot-long Alamosaurus. This is a permanent exhibit, free with museum admission.

**Fossil Dig Grand Opening:** July 25, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Grab a shovel, sieve or bucket and dig through dirt that once lived on the ocean floor millions of years ago and now contains 23-to-5-million year-old fossils. Visitors can keep what they find! Visit [www.lifeandscience.org](http://www.lifeandscience.org) to learn more.

## July 23 is Peach Day at the N.C. State Farmers Market

July 23 is the Peach Day at the N.C. State Farmers Market in Raleigh. Experience a peachy, fun-filled day



sampling peach-flavored treats. Learn more at [www.ncagr.gov/markets](http://www.ncagr.gov/markets).

## Help a Child in Need Through Project School Buddies

Triangle Town Center in North Raleigh has teamed up with Wake County Human Services to gather school supplies for children in need. You can help between July 21 and Aug. 12 by choosing a donation request card at the mall, purchasing the items listed on the back of the donation request card, then stuffing those items in a backpack and returning them to the mall's Customer Service Center by Aug. 12.