

www.californiasciencecenter.org. Hands-on activities top parents' list of reasons for loving this science museum. Family programs, IMAX movies, summer camp, and the great exhibits and reasonable prices all make this an attractive family destination.

Discovery Science Center, Santa Ana, www.discoverycube.org. The ever-changing hands-on exhibits make this an amazing place for children to learn about our world, according to readers.

LACMA, Los Angeles, www.lacma.org. Parents love this educational museum, which offers plenty of family and kids' activities. The Page Museum is nearby, along with grassy areas for outdoor play.

Petersen Automotive Museum, Los Angeles, www.petersen.org. Parents love the cars, and the fact that this museum never seems to be crowded. Kids love the play area.

Skirball Cultural Center, Los Angeles, www.skirball.org. The interactive Noah's Ark exhibit – with animals to play with, make music with, learn about and explore – is a favorite here. And parents say they have excellent storytelling and crafts too! On Thursdays you can get free tickets (limited quantities available, so think ahead!)

Zimmer Children's Museum, Los Angeles, www.zimmermuseum.org. Parents call this interactive kids' museum a great place to play store, ambulance, pilot or stage actor. The reading room and art projects add to the fun in this small and manageable venue.

Our readers also recommend ...

Craft & Folk Art Museum, Los Angeles, www.cafam.org.

The Grammy Museum, Downtown Los Angeles, www.grammymuseum.org.

Japanese American National Museum, Los Angeles, www.janm.org.

Norton Simon, Pasadena, www.norton-simon.org.



Aquarium of the Pacific offers up-close encounters

Sports Museum of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, www.sportsmuseumla.com.

Places to Pamper Mom or Dad

Burke Williams, www.burke-williamsspa.com. Their massages are pretty good, but their pedicures are fabulous. Paying for a pedicure will give you access to the spa facilities too. So worth it!

– Tiffany Schrandt, Sherman Oaks

P3 Fitness, Santa Monica, www.p3-fitness.com. I would like to nominate Autumn Calabrese as an amazing personal trainer especially for moms. Autumn specializes in pre- and post-natal fitness and is so knowledgeable about getting back in shape after becoming a mom. She does private in-home training and also has a great group workout on Saturdays for women only.

– Kent Guzman, Studio City

The Tree House Social Club, Los Angeles, www.thetreehousesocialclub.com. Gotta love a mani/pedi while the kids are playing safely.

– Cindy Abrams, Marina Del Ray

Getty Center, Los Angeles, www.getty.edu. Moms and dads call the museum and grounds “very relaxing.”

GreenBliss ecospa, www.green

blissecospa.com. This mobile spa service brings locally made organic and fair-trade pampering products, plus massage, mani's and pedicures, and even kids' birthday parties, right to you.

Hands On Boutique Spa, Beverly Hills, www.handsonspa.com. Moms say this spa offers “awesome” pedicures.

Paint Shop nail salon, Beverly Hills, http://paintshopbeverlyhills.com. No harsh chemical smell at this no-acrylics salon.

Skin Spa, Encino, www.skinspa.com. Readers say you can get a great massage here, and it's not too pricey.

Wilshire Spa, Los Angeles, 213-387-9956. Readers tell us it only costs \$15 to get in, and they are open 24 hours.

Our readers also recommend ...

Four Seasons Westlake Village, Westlake Village, www.fourseasons.com/westlakevillage.

Glen Ivy Hot Springs Spa, Corona, www.glenivy.com.

Massage Envy, www.massageenvy.com.

Olympic Spa, Los Angeles, www.olympic-spala.com.

Royal Dance Party, Glendale, www.royal-danceparty.com.

Places to Pamper Your Pet

Bow Wow Boutique, Hermosa Beach, 310-318-0015.

Camp Happy Dog, Sherman Oaks, www.camphappydog.com.

Chow Bella Pet Spa, Studio City, www.chowbellapetspa.com.

Chris' K-9 Clippery, Canyon Country, http://chrisK9clippery.powersites.net.

Doggie Central, Culver City, www.doggiecentral.com.

A Doggies Doggy's Tail, Simi Valley, 805-522-8245.

The Dogromat, Los Angeles, www.thedogromat.com.

Eco-Pet, Los Angeles, www.ecopet