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Cheap Fun Things to Do in St. Pete

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Mike Claypool, a USF alumni and Troy Zaal, a USFSP student are the Safari Helicopter pilots.

I want to have fun on the cheap!

One of my favorite things about living in St Petersburg is the fun events available for free or inexpensive.

Let's start with some cool things on campus.

We have a 100 foot pool on campus located at what is known as the Waterfront that is free to use.

Students can play volleyball in the pool, layout or swim laps and hang out with friends. And some of us prefer to spend study time by the pool.

Kayaks and canoes are available for free to students and can be rented from the Waterfront office. The fun doesn't stop there. Paddleboard lessons, sailing and other watersports are located on our watercraft side.

Fun places near campus

Have you ever flown in a helicopter or thought to yourself, "I'd like to fly in one but it probably costs a lot"?

The Albert Whitted Airport is located across the street from USF St. Pete and they offer helicopter rides through Safari Choppers.

I recommend the experience because the view is gorgeous and you can take pictures with your camera or cell phone and show all your friends. And of course you'll want to Facebook or Tweet them!

Starting cost is \$39 per person for a fun flight. Watching the helicopters and airplanes take off is a lot of fun and we don't have to leave campus for that.

American Stage Theatre, located in downtown St. Pete has a "Pay What You Can" night offered for one show during each show's run.

And, if you like comedy at an inexpensive price, check out "News of the Weird" featuring two of Tampa Bay's local actors, Ricky Wayne and Gavin Hawk, who perform on the first Sunday of every month at American Stage's Cabaret, and it's "Pay What You Can". Check out the theatre's website for scheduled shows, prices and "Pay What You Can" nights.

Totally free

The Salvador Dali Museum is in walking distance from our campus and best of all, it's free to students with a USF St. Pete ID.

Every Friday night from 7-11 p.m., play shuffleboard for free at St. Petersburg Shuffleboard Club located at 559 Mirror Lake Dr. North in St. Pete and a short distance from the USF St. Pete campus. For more details visit their website at www.stpeteshuffle.com.

During October to May, the Saturday Morning Market is every Saturday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Al Lang Field parking lot on the corner of 1st St S and 1st Ave S in downtown St. Pete.

Check out live music with around 200 vendors that provide a multicultural experience of food, crafts and music.

The 600 Block of Central Ave located in downtown St. Pete, known as The 600 Block has a diverse collection of shops and businesses such as fine art and craft galleries, boutiques, body art shops, music shops, graphic design and branding centers as well as performance venues, eateries and a world class audio and visual recording studio.

About the blogger



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