



Don't miss ParentGuide's  
**12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ULTIMATE CAMP GUIDE**  
and the **LARGEST** CAMP EXPO in the Tampa Bay region!



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## Saturday: Ultimate Camp Expo!



Don't miss Tampa Bay's largest Camp Expo this **Saturday May 2nd at George Steinbrenner Field** during a Tampa Yankees game. Enjoy games and activities for kids, plus a meet and greet with the team! More information about the camp expo can be found on our [Camp Guide](#).

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## Special Camp for Special Kids



With all the talk about summer camps and the ParentGuide Camp Expo, we want to be sure local parents know about Camp Sunshine, a year-round retreat

which provides respite, support and hope for parents who have a child with a life-threatening illness. This is the only program in the nation that supports every member of the immediate family - the ill child, parents and siblings. Nestled on Sebago Lake in Maine, Camp Sunshine is a national non-profit program that provides a free week of fun so families can forget about the illness and focus on the family unit. Camp Sunshine has activities for all ages of children and for parents. Each family is provided a suite and three meals a day. Read about the camp, submit an application or find out how you can support their good work by going to their website at [www.campsunshine.org](http://www.campsunshine.org).



[Read](#) the full version of the print magazine!

## Read Our New Blog!

Oh no! Don't pull that...

(picture mom's mortified face) ...alarm. It was too late. The blaring siren pulsed through, of all buildings, the city hall building, and I stood there staring at my son - mentally flipping through all the parenting book pages in my head, trying to figure out what to do at that exact moment..."

[Read more](#)

Parent Talk  
**BLOG**

## Don't Miss This Important TV Program



Local experts chatted with concerned parents at a Town Hall Meeting on Underage Drinking earlier this month at Gibbs High School in St. Petersburg. The program airs **Thursday, April 30 at 9 p.m. on WEDU** and is a must see for all parents. Check their schedule at [www.wedu.com](http://www.wedu.com) for repeats and information about the webcast.

## Pinellas Living Green Expo



If Earth Day gets you motivated to make a commitment to do more, then plan to stroll through the

Harborview Center in Clearwater to learn about products and activities that can help you live a greener, cleaner life. The event is **May 2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and May 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** This popular event is getting bigger every year and it's a great educational outing for parents and children. [Read more.](#)

## Keeping Kids Safe

As members of the [Florida Suncoast Safe Kids Coalition](#), ParentGuide urges all parents and caregivers to brush up on their child safety knowledge. This week is Safe Kids Week 2009: "Raising Safe Kids: One Stage at a Time" and the coalition is participating in community education activities. An easy way to see this information is to go to the CBS, Ch 10 website for their Studio 10 Show. This year's focus areas for prevention are being highlighted on the show and available for viewing on their [website](#).



## Event Spotlights This Week

For more family events visit [parentguide.com](http://parentguide.com)

May 1: [Relay for Life](#)  
The Long Center, Clearwater

May 2: **ParentGuide's 12th Annual Summer Camp Expo ParentGuide Event**  
[George M. Steinbrenner Field](#)  
Family Fun ~ Entertainment  
Endless Ideas for Summer Camps!  
[More Info](#)

May 2&3: [Suncoast Arts Fest](#)  
The Shops At Wiregrass,  
Wesley Chapel  
Visit the **ParentGuide** Interactive  
Kid's Arts Area!

May 2&3: [Pinellas Living Green Expo](#)  
The Harborview Center, Clearwater



Learn about Fire and Burns Prevention, Child Passenger Seat Safety, Bike and other Wheeled Sports Safety, Poison Prevention and Drowning Prevention from local experts and members of the Florida Suncoast Safe Kids Coalition.

## Safe Kids USA Releases Safety Recommendations



After extensive research on the developmental stages of children, Safe Kids USA has released a list of specific safety recommendations that are based on a child's age. These

recommendations are part of a full study that was released this week as part of National Safe Kids Week that runs from April 26 to May 3. [Read the Safe Kids Tip Sheets.](#)

According to Martin Eichelberger, M.D., founder of [Safe Kids Worldwide](#), the key is understanding abilities and limitations at the various stages to foresee and prevent serious injuries. The CDC underscores the importance of prevention. They report that in the US in 2007, there were 12 preventable injuries per minute in children ages 0 to 14 that required a trip to the ER.

The report covers four different stages and includes a description of a child's development at that age, and easy-to-follow safety tips for the five leading injury risks to children: falls, bicycle-related injuries, motor vehicle occupancy injuries, fire and burns and poisonings. For a copy of the Raising Safe Kids: One Stage at a Time report please visit [www.safekids.org/stages](http://www.safekids.org/stages).

## Spoil Mom On Mother's Day at MOSI

MOSI Mothers' Day Tea includes high tea service in the BioWorks Butterfly Garden and a gift she will always cherish. Seatings are at **11 a.m., and 1 p.m. on May 9 and 10** - \$24.95 for adults, \$19.95 for children 12 and under. Members enjoy special discounted pricing- --\$19.95 for adults, \$14.95 for children 12 and under. Call (813)987-6000 to make your reservation. Seating is limited.



Does your Mom make your heart flutter? MOSI's Adopt-A-Butterfly program offers symbolic butterfly adoptions for mom or that special someone starting at just \$25! Honorees receive an official adoption notice, a personalized butterfly certificate and butterfly photo. Visit [www.mosigiving.org](http://www.mosigiving.org) or call (813) 987-6077 for details.

## Moms Taking Action

### MomsRising.org

A national organization called Moms Rising is calling for paid sick leave

for all workers. A recent notice went out stating that nearly half of workers aren't allowed to earn paid sick days and more than half do not have or cannot use paid sick days to care for sick children. Two fields that really suffer: 92% of waiters and waitresses, and 79% of child care workers. With the swine flu situation, Moms Rising says that officials can encourage workers to stay home when sick, but for many, it's just not financially possible and so they go to work sick or not. If you want to learn more about their advocacy, go to [www.momsrising.org](http://www.momsrising.org)

## Unique Mother's Day Gift Idea

Personalize your gift to mom or grandma this Mother's Day with a one-of-a-kind custom t-shirt that shows off a beautiful child/grandchild, a colorful drawing or a special message. You can do it local and do it within a day at Big Frog Custom T-Shirts and More in Clearwater or South Tampa. They take your photos or art and using a special process put it on a shirt with no set up fees and no minimum orders. For less than \$20 you can have a gift mom will really love. Check out [www.bigfrog.com](http://www.bigfrog.com).



ParentGuide and Big Frog want to give our readers a chance to win a free custom t-shirt just in time for Mother's Day. [Enter Contest](#)