Things to do in NYC

SWS Summer Meeting 2019

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## Restaurants

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- **Woorijip**  
  Korean cafeteria-style restaurant, Popular, no-frills staple with buffet-style hot & cold dishes plus prepared foods for a quick lunch.  
  12 W 32nd St, New York, NY 10001  
  [http://www.woorijipnyc.net/](http://www.woorijipnyc.net/)

- **Food Gallery 32**  
  Korean and Asian food court: Asian eats from noodles to spicy fried chicken can be had at this multi-level food court.  
  11 W 32nd St, New York, NY 10001  
  [https://foodgallery32nyc.com/](https://foodgallery32nyc.com/)

- **Xi’an Famous Foods**  
  Local, immigrant-owned chain. Xi’an Chinese food. Local counter-serve chain offering Xi’an-style Chinese fare, including noodles, soups & sandwiches.  
  24 W 45th St, New York, NY 10036  
  [https://www.xianfoods.com/](https://www.xianfoods.com/)

- **The Halal Guys Food Cart**  
  Local, immigrant-owned chain. Started as a food truck at this location.  
  Corner of W 53rd St & 6th Ave  
  https://thehalalguy.com/

- **Shake Shack**  
  Gourmet fast food. The original shack is in Madison Square Park. Hip, counter-serve chain for gourmet takes on fast-food classics like burgers & frozen custard.  
  691 8th Ave, New York, NY 10036

- **Amy’s Bread**  
  Local, woman-owned bakery and cafe. Bakery/cafe offering artisanal breads, sandwiches, pastries & beverages to eat in or take home.  
  672 9th Ave, New York, NY 10036  

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- **Westway Diner**  
  Classic NYC diner, 24/7 Breakfast, dinner & anything in between including Greek & Italian dishes is available here anytime.  
  614 9th Ave, New York, NY 10036  
  [https://www.westwaydiner.com/](https://www.westwaydiner.com/)
• Bryant Park Grill
  American restaurant in Bryant Park and behind the New York Public Library. Great place to have a delicious cocktail on its roof!
  25 W 40th St, New York, NY 10018
  http://bryantparkgrillnyc.com/

• Chelsea Market
  Chelsea Market is a food hall, shopping mall, office building and television production facility located in the Chelsea neighborhood of the borough of Manhattan, in New York City.
  75 9th Ave, New York, NY 10011
  http://chelseamarket.com/

• For participants willing to travel, NY Times column “Hungry City” highlights local culinary treasures across the city (usually immigrant, family-owned, women-owned). Many great gems to find here!
  https://www.nytimes.com/column/hungry-city (paywall)

• Gotham West Market
  Gotham West Market is a first-of-its-kind, day and night market in Hell’s Kitchen. The spacious destination offers cuisine from eight unique and critically-acclaimed culinary purveyors including Ivan Ramen, Seamore’s, Corner Slice, Choza Taqueria, Genuine Roadside, Jianbing Company, Waffle De Lys, and Ample Hills Creamery. The market also houses NYC Velo, a full-service bike shop and rental destination, and provides customer amenities including free WiFi, an interactive photo booth and a postcard station. Gotham West Market is the perfect place for group outings, family dinners and foodies.
  600 11th Ave, New York, NY 10036
  http://gothamwestmarket.com/food-drink/

Places to visit

Field Trip Ideas

• Stonewall
  Gay bar & National Historic Landmark, site of the 1969 riots that launched the gay rights movement.
  53 Christopher St, New York, NY 10014
  https://thestonewallinnyc.com/
  o Special Events
    o RIOT: SAT AUG 10, 11PM
- Every 2nd Saturday of the month we Riot! 2 Drag shows and an all night dance party, 2nd floor.
- Hosted by Ari Kiki with special guest performers
  - SLAYER-FEST 98 LIVE!: SUN AUG 11, 2PM
    - It's all about a certain musical episode of Buffy the Vampire Slayer.
    - Performances by Megami D Vil and Avant Garbage
  - Close the Camps!: SUN AUG 11, 7:30PM
    - FREE THE KIDS
    - A drag show raising awareness and providing legal services to reunite children with their families.
    - The Stonewall Gives Back will match dollar for dollar donations raised at the doors.
    - Hosted by Flower Tortilla, Featuring Very Special Guests
- Tenement Museum
  *The museum's exhibits and programs include restored apartments and shops open daily for public tours, depicting the lives of immigrants who lived at 97 Orchard Street between 1869 and 1935 and 103 Orchard Street from the 1950s to the 1980s.*

  103 Orchard St, New York, NY 10002
  [https://www.tenement.org/](https://www.tenement.org/)
- The National Jazz Museum in Harlem
  *The National Jazz Museum in Harlem is a museum dedicated to preservation and celebration of the jazz history of Harlem, Manhattan, New York City.*

  Ground Floor, 2203, 58 W 129th St, New York, NY 10027
  [http://jazzmuseuminharlem.org/](http://jazzmuseuminharlem.org/)
- The Studio Museum in Harlem
  *The Studio Museum in Harlem is the nexus for artists of African descent locally, nationally, and internationally and for work that has been inspired and influenced by black culture. It is a site for the dynamic exchange of ideas about art and society.*

  The Studio Museum’s building at 144 W. 125th Street is closed for construction of their new museum. Studio Museum 127, our temporary programming space, is located at 429 West 127th Street between Amsterdam and Convent Avenues.

  Opening hours are Thursday through Sunday, 12 to 6 pm.
  [https://www.studiomuseum.org/](https://www.studiomuseum.org/)
- Museum of Sex
  *Intimate museum chronicling the evolution of human sexuality in ever-changing exhibits.*

  *The Mission of the Museum of Sex is to preserve and present the history, evolution and cultural significance of human sexuality*

  233 5th Ave, New York, NY 10016
  [https://www.museumofsex.com/museum/about/](https://www.museumofsex.com/museum/about/)
- The High Line
  *The High Line is a public park built on a historic freight rail line elevated above the*
streets on Manhattan’s West Side. Saved from demolition by neighborhood residents and the City of New York, the High Line opened in 2009 as a hybrid public space where visitors experience nature, art, and design.
https://www.thehighline.org/visit/
https://www.nycgovparks.org/parks/the-high-line

- Central Park
  Central Park is an urban park in Manhattan, New York City. It is located between the Upper West Side and Upper East Side, roughly bounded by Fifth Avenue on the east, Central Park West on the west, Central Park South on the south, and Central Park North on the north.
  Guide available here: http://www.centralparknyc.org/
  View events here: http://www.centralparknyc.org/events/

- Birding in Central Park info:

- Brooklyn Museum to see the Center for Feminist Art
  The Elizabeth A. Sackler Center for Feminist Art is an exhibition and education environment dedicated to feminist art—its past, present, and future. The Center’s mission is to raise awareness of feminism’s cultural contributions, to educate new generations about the meaning of feminist art, and to maintain a dynamic and welcoming learning environment.
  200 Eastern Pkwy, Brooklyn, NY 11238
  https://www.brooklynmuseum.org/eascfa/

- Bryant Park (also kid-friendly)
  Bryant Park is a public park located in the New York City borough of Manhattan. It is located between Fifth and Sixth Avenues and between 40th and 42nd Streets in Midtown Manhattan.
  https://bryantpark.org/

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  http://chelseamarket.com/

- Hell’s Kitchen
  Hell’s Kitchen is a place to do it up. There’s cuisine from around the globe: Argentinean empanadas, Japanese ramen, Druze bourekas, Thai street food. There’s all kinds of nightlife: jazz haunts, LGBTQ+ clubs, dive bars, rooftop lounges. Theater and dance thrive a stone’s throw from Broadway. The High Line’s northern entrance is at the rail yards on this neighborhood’s southern tip. And by the glorious Hudson River Park, there’s the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum and the Circle Line Sightseeing Cruises departure point, so you can tour a ship or set sail on one.
  https://www.nycgo.com/boroughs-neighborhoods/manhattan/hells-kitchen
Places to visit for those with kids

Thank you to ASA for sharing this document on Family Friendly Activities in NYC.

- Battery Park has a cute seaglass fish carousel that doesn’t just go in circles but goes sideways and spins. It’s still tame enough for small children. There are usually sprinklers on in the park, so bring a suit and change of clothes for the kids. The Museum of the American Indian (1 Bowling Green) is close to the park as is the Museum of Jewish Heritage (36 Battery Pl). You can ride the Staten Island Ferry from there, it’s free and runs every 15-30 minutes. To return to Manhattan, you simply get off at the Staten Island terminal and walk around to the next ferry to Manhattan.

- Koreatown: Paris Baguette bakery located at 6 West Manhattan, W 32nd St and Tous Les Jours bakery, at 31 W 32nd St, both have delicious desserts and coffee. There is also a food court across the street from Paris Baguette called Food Gallery 32 that is usually very busy, but you might want to visit just for the red bean and/or crème filled fish shaped desserts (bungeo-ppang) that you can see being made as soon as you walk in [http://foodgallery32nyc.com](http://foodgallery32nyc.com/). Woorijip, located on 2 W 32nd St, is a very reasonably priced, cafeteria-style eatery. There are many other interesting restaurants on this street, such as Miss Korea, that offer Korean barbecue and traditional cooking, but are much more expensive.

- Highline: The Highline is a free outdoor park. The Highline was once an elevated rail line, which opened to trains in 1934. After it closed, the Highline was abandoned and became overgrown. It was transformed into a linear park in 2009. When you walk the highline, you are walking over NYC. There are small exhibits on the highline, plenty of benches, a theater-like seating area, where you can view the street from above, art for sale, food, coffee, and ice cream. We usually get on the Highline from Chelsea after we have played at Waterside Park. There is elevator access to the Highline from Chelsea after we have played at Waterside Park. There is elevator access to the Highline from 10th avenue near 14th street.

- Chelsea Waterside Park, located at 557 W 23rd St., has undergone some renovations, so it is probably much improved. It has slides, structures to climb, and sand. It is near Chelsea Piers.

- Chelsea Piers Sports and Entertainment Complex, located at 62 Chelsea Piers, has loads of fun things for kids to do, including rock climbing, batting cages, bowling, a toddler gym, and ice skating.

- Children’s Museum of the Arts is located at 103 Charleton Street. It’s a very cute place with a big messy room for painting, fashion, making magnets, and other projects. It has interesting art pieces for kids to look at and a play dough/clay bar, where staff members work with children on projects. The staff is very friendly. [http://cmany.org/](http://cmany.org/)

- Ripley’s Believe it or Not: This one is a lot of fun for the kids. Lots of strange things to look at including a black hole that you walk through. It’s in Times Square at 234 W 42nd St. [https://ripleysnewyork.com/experience/](https://ripleysnewyork.com/experience/)
National Geographic currently has an exhibit called Encounter Ocean Odyssey, where I believe you are virtually immersed into the ocean. We haven’t visited yet, but plan to! It’s also in Times Square: 226 West 44th Street between 7th Avenue and 8th Avenue. [https://natgeoencounter.com/](https://natgeoencounter.com/)

Places for a Drink

- The Ginger Man
  
  *Spacious pub whose ever-changing beer selection includes 70 drafts & more than 150 bottles.*
  
  11 E 36th St, New York, NY 10016
  

- Rattle N Hum West
  
  *This cool, laid-back hangout with a long bar offers American eats & many rotating craft beer taps.*
  
  306 W 39th St, New York, NY 10018
  

- Beer Authority
  
  *90 draft & 100 bottled beers poured in a sprawling, bi-level space with TVs & a roof deck.*
  
  300 W 40th St, New York, NY 10018
  
  [www.beerauthoritynyc.com](http://www.beerauthoritynyc.com)

For the Shoppers

- The Shops at Columbus Circle
  
  *The Shops at Columbus Circle is an urban shopping mall in the Time Warner Center in Manhattan, New York City — a complex of skyscrapers that was completed in 2003. It is located at Columbus Circle, next to the southwestern corner of Central Park.*
  
  10 Columbus Cir, New York, NY 10019
  
  [https://www.theshopsatcolumbuscircle.com](https://www.theshopsatcolumbuscircle.com)

- Manhattan Mall
  
  *1/2 block from the Empire State Building, this indoor mall houses a wide range of retailers.*
  
  100 West 33rd Street, New York, NY 10001

- The Shops and Restaurants at Hudson Yards
  
  *Sprawling retail space featuring more than 100 shops & 25 restaurants, many from celebrity chefs.*
  
  The Shops and Restaurants at Hudson Yards, New York, NY 10001
  
  [hudsonyardsnewyork.com](http://hudsonyardsnewyork.com)