

Bouncing Off the Walls

Antsy, overly animated, running in circles, using beds as trampolines

Are you willing to drive?

NOT IN THIS WEATHER!

I'LL DO ANYTHING!

Think you can brave the backyard?

How about outdoor fun indoors?

BRAVE IT? I'LL CONQUER IT.

UH, I'LL BRAVE THE BASEMENT.

PERFECT

OK ... BUT THEY'RE LITERALLY BOUNCING OFF THE WALLS.

Scavenge. Hunt for animal tracks, berries, acorns and pine needles – or hide some wintry items in advance for kids to find.

Fire up YouTube. Try some breathing/relaxation with Cosmic Kids Yoga – or other kid-activity YouTube channels. Or use it to make a playlist, blast the tunes and have a family dance party.

Roller rinks. Middle schoolers, pop on those wheels and get in free during ID Night on Jan. 13 at The New Rink in Shelby Township.

Sky Zone Trampoline Park. Leap over to Shelby Township for after-dark glow jumps for teens and adults, open jumps and sensory-friendly jumps.

Snowball fiiiight!

Fort it. Go classic with couch cushion walls, a fitted-sheet top and piles of pillows inside – or build two forts and have a pillow war.

FaceTime-go-seek. Got iPhones? Pull up FaceTime and play hide-and-go-seek with it (kids get hints from the background).

Cannonball! Warren Community Center has a fine indoor waterpark featuring a 300-gallon tipping bucket, waterslide and lazy river.

Urban Air Indoor Trampoline Park. This Oxford spot also has indoor skydiving, an indoor roller coaster, climbing walls and ropes course.

Slice the ice. There are plenty of indoor ice rinks, like Royal Oak's John Lindell Ice Arena, which has open skates and Sk8 Jamz on Saturdays.

Airtime Trampoline Park. It hosts open jumps, dodgeball and jam sessions in Westland, Novi, Sterling Heights and Troy.

UGH, MY TEEN'S CRYING "LAME."

Planet Rock Climbing Gym. Take your day to a whole new level in Ann Arbor and Madison Heights.

MY TYKE IS TOO TINY.

Zap Zone. With six locations, this local chain's got the laser tag works.

Tiny Town Play Lounge. Toddlers get a mini town, complete with library, supermarket and house, to explore in Northville. Socks a must.

C.J. Barrymore's Entertainment. Bumper cars, a mini bowling alley, laser tag and a fully stocked arcade are on tap in Clinton Township.

Jungle Java. This play date fave offers indoor play structures in Ann Arbor, Canton, Clinton Township, Farmington Hills. Open daily.



Hint: Check with venues for hours, costs and winter specials.