



WELCOME TO BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND



Belfast has been a sister city with Nashville since 1995. That means we have been friends for 25 years! Belfast is a vibrant part of the culture of Northern Ireland with a big variety of attractions from music and food to museums and sporting activities. In this week's camp kit, we will explore some of the things that the Belfast community and culture offers its own citizens, including some great resources for learning and entertainment. Please feel free to explore Belfast as much as or as little as you want!

To get our fun week started, here's a
[Luck O The Irish Coloring Page!](#)

from Doodle Art Alley.

~ACTIVITY SHEETS AND ANIMAL VIDEOS~



Photo credit: Belfast Zoo

THE BELFAST ZOO

Belfast is home to a spectacular zoo that works hard to preserve and protect animals from Ireland and all over the world. Preserving and protecting animals and the environment is called **CONSERVATION**.

The Belfast Zoo developed a Native Species Program in 2004 to help teach the public about species native to their region, many of which are endangered. In order to preserve these species the Zoo has aided in the breeding of these animals to help increase their numbers.

[You can read more about their breeding program here.](#)

Like many public places, The Belfast Zoo has been unable to remain open during the current threat of illness. Luckily for us, their Facebook page has been full of fun activities, like making your own sloth, and zookeeper chats where you can see all the different animals. [Check out all the fun here!](#) or keep reading for some highlighted activities. We particularly loved the animal matching game and that is our animal activity this week! Print out this [animal sheet](#) and [answer page](#) and see if you can match the parts of the animal picture to the animals that are in the Belfast Zoo!

More activities from Belfast Zoo's Facebook Page!

[Animal Anagrams!](#)

[Keeper Update: Sandy the Zebra!](#)

[Create an owl puppet!](#)

~RECIPIES & THINGS TO MAKE YOUR MOUTH WATER~



Photo credit: Aunt Sandra's Homemade Candies

THE CUISINE OF BELFAST

One of the great joys of travel is getting to try new foods and exploring new ways of eating. Even though we are enjoying our travel from home these days, we can still explore the great food of Belfast by cooking it ourselves! Belfast is home to a great deal of fine dining and there is a bit of history behind some of their best foods, including recipes that honor the faith and culture of the region. One of the great Belfast restaurants, [Avoca Restaurant](#), has been sharing some of their delicious recipes with the public and this [Hot Cross Buns recipe](#) is mouth wateringly good!

Northern Ireland is a GREAT place to grow potatoes!

Have you ever tried these Irish recipes made with potatoes?

[Boxty](#) - an Irish potato pancake

[Champ](#) - an Irish twist on mashed potatoes with scallions

[Pasties](#) - an Irish pastry filled with meat and - you guessed it - potatoes!

Another great food attraction in Belfast is [Aunt Sandra's Homemade Candies](#), a shop full of a child's greatest sugar dreams. The shop boasts walls and walls of homemade candy, candy shows, and do it yourself kits. Let's make our own candy this week! How about this easy recipe for [chocolate covered pretzels](#) from TasteofHome.com that you can decorate and customize to suit your taste!

[Hot Cross Buns](#)

[Chocolate Covered Pretzels](#)

[Boxty](#)

~LET'S PLAY! SPORTS & MORE~



IRISH (GAELIC) FOOTBALL

Sports is one of the great past-times of Northern Ireland and among those sports Football ranks supreme. Irish Football is not like American Football and more closely resembles soccer. Belfast is the founding home of the Irish Football Association (founded in 1880) and is still a home to a great many Irish Football Fans.

Read more about the [Irish Football Association here](#) and more specifically about [Northern Ireland Football here](#).

Now it's your turn!

Watch this video to learn the rules, then grab a ball and head outside to practice your Irish Football skills!



BELFAST TITANIC MUSEUM

Did you know that Belfast is where the famous Titanic was built?? The original [Harland and Wolff](#) shipyard in Belfast was the building site and departure port of the historical but ill-fated ship.

Today, Belfast is home to the Titanic Museum, where visitors can experience an immersive tour of the Titanic, a reconstruction of the original ship, as well as other White Star Line vessels in nine interactive galleries. You can [learn more about the Titanic here](#) and complete this [Titanic coloring page!](#)

[Take a tour of the Titanic Museum](#)

[Titanic Coloring Page](#)

BELFAST ADVENTURE

The final activity in our Belfast Camp this week is an exploration of the fun and adventure that Belfast has to offer for families and kids. Belfast has no shortage of fun to offer and one of the great sources of entertainment is [We Are Vertigo](#), an indoor adventure park full of inflatables, indoor skydiving, and [ninja courses!](#) Another



great source of adventure and entertainment is the [Giants Causeway](#), with an amusing history of the awe inspiring rock formation found there. Our final activity this week is to take those cardboard boxes that we know are lying around your house and create a Giants themed ninja course! See how many different challenges you can create and how fast you can run it! Do you have siblings? Let them run it, too, and see if you can compete for better times!

****Don't forget to ask your parents for permission!****

Photo credit: We are Vertigo

[Ninja Course](#)

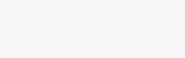
[Read the Legend of the Giants Causeway.](#)

JOIN US NEXT WEEK!

We hope you enjoyed this week's activities! Be sure and post pictures of your camp activities and tag us on Facebook (Sister Cities of Nashville) and Instagram (@SCNashville)! We can't wait to see all the fun you get up to!

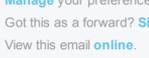
Next week we will venture to our sister city Caen, France in Normandy!

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