



# HARVARD COLLEGE

Dean of Students Office

FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE

## Resources for Student or Entryway Outings on a Limited Budget:

### Harvard Events

- [Harvard Box Office free events](#)
- Harvard sporting events: free admission to all undergrad Harvard students to home varsity athletic events: [Athletics tickets](#)
- Harvard Outings & Innings for discounted tickets: <https://outingsandinings.harvard.edu/>
- Harvard Observatory – Observatory Nights, held three times per academic semester on the third Thursday of the month. Admission is free and seating is first-come, first-served: <https://www.cfa.harvard.edu/events/public-events>
- Harvard Rec free events: <https://recreation.gocrimson.com/sports/2020/5/5/fitness-Free-Rec-Events.aspx>
- First-Year FUNds: <https://dso.college.harvard.edu/social-activities>

### Museums

- USS Constitution Museum (free, suggested donation of \$5-10 for adults): <https://usconstitutionmuseum.org/>
- Paul Revere House (admission for college students is \$4.50): <https://www.paulreverehouse.org/hours-prices/>
- Tour the Mapparium at the Mary Baker Eddy Library (admission for college students is \$4.00): [https://www.marybakereddylibrary.org/plan-your-visit/?utm\\_source=mapparium-page&utm\\_medium=visit-weblink&utm\\_campaign=weblink-connections](https://www.marybakereddylibrary.org/plan-your-visit/?utm_source=mapparium-page&utm_medium=visit-weblink&utm_campaign=weblink-connections)
- Institute of Contemporary Art, suggested donation admission from 5-9 pm on Thursdays: <https://www.icaboston.org/visit>
- Visit the Bunker Hill Monument and climb to the top!: <https://www.nps.gov/bost/planyourvisit/bhm.htm>
- Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum (free with Harvard ID): <https://www.gardnermuseum.org/visit>
- Boston University Coit Observatory – public open nights – free, but tickets must be reserved ahead of time: <https://www.bu.edu/astronomy/community/open-night-observatory/>



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## Tours

- Walking tour of the Boston Freedom Trail
- Free tour of Boston Symphony Hall (during orchestra season, October-May): <https://www.bso.org/brands/bso/plan-your-visit/explore-the-music/free-symphony-hall-tours-and-private-tours.aspx>
- Free tour of Massachusetts State House, weekdays, 10 am – 3:30 pm (free of charge): <https://www.thefreedomtrail.org/trail-sites/massachusetts-state-house>

## Outdoor Activities

- Arnold Arboretum, Jamaica Plain (accessible by T): <https://www.arboretum.harvard.edu/visit/>
- Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway: <https://www.rosekennedygreenway.org/visit/>
- Boston Public Garden (free, swan boats \$4.50): <https://swanboats.com/>
- Farmers markets: <http://www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/parks/farmersmarkets>
- Kendall Square ice skating rink: open mid-December to mid-March, weather permitting (\$3 admission for students, plus \$8 skate rental): <https://www.skatekendall.com/admissionandrates>
- Boston Common Frog Pond Ice Skating Rink (\$6 admission, plus \$12 skate rental, half-price admission for college students every Tuesday, 6-9 pm): <https://bostonfrogpond.com/winter-programs/pricing-season-passes/>
- The Lawn on D Community Activities: <https://www.signatureboston.com/lawn-on-d/community-activities>

## Performing Arts/Entertainment

- The People's Show at Improv Boston – Every Sunday night, 9:30-10:30 pm (pay as you wish tickets): <https://improvboston.com/>
- AMC Theatres – Thursday night student discounts, \$5 movies on Tuesdays for AMC Stubs members



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## Seasonal

- Ben & Jerry's Free Cone Day (usually in April)
- Cambridge Science Festival (April): <https://cambridgesciencefestival.org/>
- Annual Christmas tree lighting, Boston Common
- Annual Chinese New Year parade, Chinatown (January or February): <https://www.newyarsevelive.net/chinese-new-year/boston-cny.html>

## Other Resources

- DAPA grants for on-campus events: <https://harvarddapa.org/grants/apply>
- Boston Free Events calendar: <https://www.thebostoncalendar.com/?tags%5B%5D=FREE>
- Check Groupon for group deals

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