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Cheaper by the Dozen

12 Cheap tricks for the Class of 2012

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Incoming freshmen walk into their residence halls wide eyed and ready to take it all in but never really know where to start. Although surviving on a college budget can be tricky, Kirksville supplies cheap entertainment, high-quality food and a variety of outdoor activities.

The Great Outdoors
As cool as it is to hang out in your first residence hall room with a sea of fresh, new faces around you, make sure not to neglect the beautiful outdoors. Kirksville has great weather in the fall, and there are many places to go to enjoy it.

Just south of campus, four miles west of Kirksville on Highway 11 and 1/4 mile south on Route N is the Sugar Creek Conservation Area. The facility has two streams flowing through its open fields and forests, Elm Creek and Sugar Creek, both of which are easily accessible. Camping, hiking and horse trails also are offered but no amenities are provided, according to the Missouri Department of Conservation's Web site.

Another common camping spot is Thousand Hills State Park. Thousand Hills offers swimming, camping with basic (\$9) and electric (\$16) campsites, a restaurant, lodging, fishing, bicycling and picnicking. It is located six miles west of Kirksville off Highway 6, which can be accessed across from the Wal-Mart on North Baltimore.

Good, Cheap Fun
Downtown Kirksville is a great starting place to find something to do in Kirksville. The Square offers a variety of stores, restaurants and entertainment options.

Downtown Cinema 8 offers a student discount of \$5.50 a ticket Sunday through Thursday nights. Be careful, though — the theater only accepts cash, but there is an ATM across the street. Popcorn and soda prices can be a little steep, but you can get a

small soda (\$2.22) and small popcorn (\$2.64) for less than \$5. The theater is located just off the Square on North Elson Street.

If you are tired of the theater or have seen all eight of the movies playing, then Leisure World is a three-in-one building full of low-cost fun. The Family Bowling Center has 27 lanes at \$3.25 a game and \$1.75 for shoe rental. The Oasis Skate Center, which opens this fall, will offer three games and shoes for \$10.

Bang for your buck
Hungry yet? Kirksville has plenty of local treats and popular chains to keep the college student happy.

Washington Street Java Co. is a Kirksville hot spot. Much like your favorite Starbucks, you can find a delicious mocha or chocolate chip cookie. Java Co. also offers organic coffee products and can accommodate vegans and vegetarians.

Jenny Hudson, a barista at Java Co., said the coffee shop is a great environment.

"We feel free to have funky décor," she said. "We enjoy not actually having matching items. I think that all of that makes you feel more at home."

Hudson said one interesting aspect of Java Co. is that all of its meat and cheese products are from local farmers, and its bread is made fresh every day.

Java Co. is a great place to hang out and study in a friendly environment. Hudson said a lot of students stop in daily from the University and A.T. Still University, and that the baristas make an effort to get to know each customer.

"We're very much a blend of locals, and we know all of them by name and, actually, we'll usually get to know most of the students by name or if not by drink," she said. "So that's part of what makes it cool — that even though it's kind of a trendy place, it's kind of family too."

During Truman Week, students will receive a 10-percent-off coupon

in their welcome packs, and baristas will offer tours of the coffee shop and students are encouraged to stop by, she said.

Freshman year just wouldn't be the same without a trip to Pancake City. Located north of campus on Baltimore, Pancake City is open 24 hours a day except Sunday night through Monday morning.

Sophomore and waitress Jenny Schwend said college students come to Pancake City all the time. She said she likes working in a college town.

"It's a close-knit environment, and everybody knows everybody," she said.

Schwend said the most popular plate among college students is the I'm a Starvin' Man plate (\$6.99) and that Cheddar Nuggets (\$4.29) are a popular late-night treat.

Senior and waitress Jayne Fields said that coming to Pancake City is an experience.

"The first time I came here was when I started working here in October of my sophomore year," she said. "I got here, and I was like, 'I've been missing out on this for, like, a year?' I think it's something that freshmen don't exactly hear about right away, you know, depending on what circles they travel in."

She said that bringing freshmen to Pancake City is a staple for upperclassmen. It's a way to show them that there is a place where they can go to study and be comfortable, she said.

"This is a college hangout," she said. "They bring their laptops, and they study, ... and I think it might kind of help ease that transition."

She said students sometimes stay for hours because they feel no pressure to leave.

"If you can get the freshmen comfortable with different places around the town, I think it will make them feel more connected to the town in general," she said.

Rosie's

Popular Steaks
Hot Roast Beef Sandwich...\$4.25
Rosie's Special...\$4.75
Farmer's Breakfast...\$3.25

Leisure World

27 Bowling Lanes
\$3.25 per game, \$1.75 shoe rental
Oasis Skate Center

Pool \$6.00 per hour/table
Mon-Tues Closed
Wed-Sun opens at 5 p.m.

DOWNTOWN CINEMA 8

Student	\$5.50 w/ID Sun-Thurs nights
CASH ONLY.....	ATM across the street
Popcorn.....sm	\$2.64...Md \$3.85...Lg \$4.96
Soda.....sm	\$2.22...Md \$3.06...Lg \$3.34

Aquatic Center

Summer Pool Hours:
Mon-Fri 6 a.m.-9 p.m. Indoor
Mon-Sat 12 p.m.-7 p.m. Indoor & Outdoor
Sun 1 p.m.-6 p.m.

General Admission Adults: \$3.50
Under 18 and Over 55: \$3.00
10 Punch Pass Card: \$30.00

FREE!

Train Bridge

Gaze at the stars and feel the vibrations of the passing trains underneath

- Bridge 1 (Popular): Hwy 63 heading South Exit KK to Titan
- Bridge 2 (More secluded): Hwy 63 heading South Exit E to Banner Road, left, Continue to Titan Road

Washington Street Java Co.

Sun 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Mon-Sun 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Welcoming Pack
10% discount

Get your caffeine fix!

Coffee
Snacks
Lunch

Quiet place to study 660-627-4777

Chen's Palace 660-627-8888	Great Wall 660-665-9029
New Super China Buffet 660-665-9999 10% student discount	
China Palace 660-627-7400	King's Buffet 660-665-6622

Thousand Hills

20431 State Hwy 157
660.665.6995
3,079.70 acres

Restaurant Thousand Hills Dining Lodge
Boating, Camping, Canoeing, Dining, Fishing, Lodging, Marina, Picnicking, Swimming, Hiking, Bicycling, Mountain Biking, Backpacking trails

Sugar Creek Conservation Area

Four miles west of Kirksville on Hwy 11 and 1/4 miles South on Route N
Facilities: Camping (no amenities provided), Hiking trail, Horse trail, Intermittent Streams (Sugar Creek & Elm Creek)
660-785-2420

Nine Public Parks

Brashear Park Cottage Grove St. East of Hwy 63 60 ft x 30 ft wading pool Open Until Labor Day 12 p.m. - 7 p.m. Mon-Sat	Jaycee Park N. Osteopathy St Rotary Park Along Hwy 63 Newly constructed Rotary Centennial Amphitheater
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Pancake City

Popular Starving Man's plate...\$6.99

Breakfast 24 hours a day!
"Big portions on a small budget!"

Kirksville Arts Association

Summer on the Square Concerts
Fridays at 7 p.m.
Chris Koza Band (singer/songwriter) Aug 22
FREE!
The Rocky Horror Show
Oct 23-25 & Oct 28-Nov 1
Sponsored by: Curtain Call Theatre, Red Barn Arts & Crafts Festival
Summer on the Square Community Chorus

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<h3 style="margin: 0;">Around the 'Ville</h3>	<h3 style="margin: 0;">August 20</h3>	<h3 style="margin: 0;">August 23</h3>
<p>Today 1 p.m. Skate Park Jam Beverages, popcorn, music and skating to raise funds for the park Wood Pushers (behind Goody's) \$3 admission</p>	<p>5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Game Night Baptist Student Union offers free dinner and team relay competition BSU building, on Normal Street across from the Rec</p>	<p>7 p.m. Trivia Finals Top hall teams compete for the inter-house trivia championship Baldwin Auditorium Free</p>