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Sand-tastic Summer

Your kids will dig the amazing creations at these super-neat sand-castle competitions.

Belmar, New Jersey

Check out "the situation" at this Jersey Shore annual event on July 14. Along with the sand sculptures, you'll find free giveaways, snacks, music, and more fun.
njsandcastle.com

Long Beach, Washington

Get your hands dirty with sand-sculpting lessons on July 16, and test out your new skills at the contest on the 17th. Take a break to view the Sand Flea Pet Parade.
funbeach.com/events/sandsations

Imperial Beach, California

Sign up your little beach bum for the U.S. Open Sandcastle Competition's children's contest on August 7, then gawk at the professionals' cool carvings with your family the next day.
usopensandcastle.com

Virginia Beach, Virginia

One of the largest of its kind on the East Coast, this competition on September 24 attracts sand masters from all around the world.
neptunefestival.com

South Padre Island, Texas

Spend the summer practicing in the sand before entering into the amateur division on October 23. And feel good knowing that your entry fee is going to help preserve the coastal environment.
sandcastledays.com