

## Make the Most of Your Trip to a Children's Museum

### ➤ **Call Ahead or Visit a Children's Museum Web Site**

By checking-in ahead, you can learn about seasonal programs, permanent and traveling exhibits, admission days and costs, as well as if the museum has a café or allows visitors to bring their own snacks and beverages. The size, type of exhibits and operations differ greatly among children's museums, which means each children's museum offers a unique experience. When arriving at a museum, study the map of the gallery floor and check the daily performance and activity schedules.

### ➤ **Let Your Child Be the Guide**

While it may be tempting to nudge your child along so that the family can see every exhibit and participate in every activity in order to get the full "value" of the museum, your child may equate quality rather than quantity as the best indicator of time well spent. So go ahead and let your children explore just one or two exhibits.

### ➤ **Support Your Child's Learning and Play Styles**

One of the best ways to do this is by asking questions that don't require a yes or no response. Such as: What do you think will happen next? Why do you think the (object) works that way? After you leave the children's museum, you may find yourselves in a place that reminds you of an exhibit. Use these moments to reflect with your children about the museum experience and how it compares with the present environment. Be prepared for some surprising discoveries!



A family membership with your local community children's museum provides your family free admission, a great value for frequent visits. By upgrading to a family membership with Association of Children's Museums (ACM) Reciprocal Program benefits, your local membership card provides free admission — *for a minimum of four (4) visitors from the same household* — to more than 180 participating museums. Chances are, there is a children's museum near a vacation destination or close to a long-distance relative. Turn your local membership pass into a national passport!

### **Please Keep in Mind**

Most — but not all — children's museums are Reciprocal participants.

For admission, visitors must present a valid membership card with an ACM Reciprocal Program logo. Reciprocal admission privileges do extend to special exhibits, but do not extend to discounts for gift shop or café purchases, museum special events, programs, summer camps or birthday parties.

It is always a good idea to call a museum before visiting. Some museums expand the minimum admission policy. A few restrict free admission privileges. An asterisk symbol (\*) after a museum name in this brochure indicates a restriction, and an explanation follows.

During the year, the list of participating museums may change. Visit [www.ChildrensMuseums.org](http://www.ChildrensMuseums.org) to download an updated brochure or view the list online.

## **ACM RECIPROCAL PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS AS OF 2-01-2011**

### **Alabama**

- Children's Hands-On Museum, Tuscaloosa, 205-349-4235
- Children's Museum of the Shoals, Florence, 256-765-0500
- EarlyWorks, Huntsville, 256-564-8100

### **Arizona**

- Arizona Museum for Youth, Mesa, 480-644-2468

### **Arkansas**

- Museum of Discovery, Little Rock, 501-396-7050

### **California**

- Bay Area Discovery Museum\*, Sausalito, 415-339-3900  
*Bay Area Discovery Museum Reciprocal Members may use up to two free admission passes; afterward pay \$5 admission per visitor at the following museums: Chabot Space & Science Center, Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose, Habitot Children's Museum, Lawrence Hall of Science, Museum of Children's Art (MOCHA) and Palo Alto Junior Museum and Zoo.*
- Chabot Space & Science Center\*, Oakland, 510-336-7300  
*Chabot Space & Science Center Reciprocal Members may use up to two free admission passes; afterward pay \$5 admission per visitor at the following museums: Bay Area Discovery Museum, Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose, Habitot Children's Museum, Lawrence Hall of Science, Museum of Children's Art and Palo Alto Junior Museum and Zoo.*

*The ACM Reciprocal Program is administered  
by the Association of Children's Museums.*



P: 703.224.3100 F: 703.224.3099  
2711 Jefferson Davis Highway • Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202  
[ChildrensMuseums.org](http://ChildrensMuseums.org)

## California (continued)

- Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose\*, 408-298-5437  
*Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose Reciprocal Members may use up to two free admission passes; afterward pay \$5 admission per visitor at the following museums: Bay Area Discovery Museum, Chabot Space & Science Center, Habitot Children's Museum, Lawrence Hall of Science, Museum of Children's Art and Palo Alto Junior Museum and Zoo. Additionally, Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose will not extend Reciprocal benefits to Bay Area residents with Reciprocal memberships to museums outside the Greater San Francisco Bay Area (must present valid ID to confirm residency.)*
- Children's Discovery Museum of the Desert, Rancho Mirage, 760-321-0602
- Children's Museum at the Paso Robles Volunteer Firehouse, 805-238-7432
- Children's Museum of Stockton, 209-465-4386
- Discovery Museum, Eureka, 707-443-9694
- Fingerprints Youth Museum, Hemet, 951-765-1223
- Habitot Children's Museum\*, Berkeley, 510-647-1111  
*Habitot Children's Museum Reciprocal Members may use up to two free admission passes; afterward pay \$5 admission per visitor at the following museums: Bay Area Discovery Museum, Chabot Space & Science Center, Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose, Lawrence Hall of Science, Museum of Children's Art and Palo Alto Junior Museum and Zoo.*
- Imagination Workshop, Temecula, 951-308-6370
- Kern County Museum, Bakersfield, 661-852-5000
- Kidspace Children's Museum, Pasadena, 626-449-9144
- KidZone Museum, Truckee, 530-587-5437
- Lawrence Hall of Science\*, Berkeley, 510-642-5132  
*Lawrence Hall of Science Reciprocal Members may use up to two free admission passes; afterward pay \$5 admission per visitor at the following museums: Bay Area Discovery Museum, Chabot Space & Science Center, Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose, Habitot Children's Museum, Museum of Children's Art and Palo Alto Junior Museum and Zoo.*
- Monterey County Youth Museum, 831-649-6444
- Museum of Children's Art (MOCHA)\*, Oakland, 510-465-8770  
*MOCHA Reciprocal Members may use up to two free admission passes; afterward pay \$5 admission per visitor at the following museums: Bay Area Discovery Museum, Chabot Space & Science Center, Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose, Lawrence Hall of Science, Habitot Children's Museum) and Palo Alto Junior Museum and Zoo.*
- The New Children's Museum, San Diego, 619- 233- 8792
- Palo Alto Junior Museum and Zoo\*, 650-329-2111  
*Palo Alto Junior Museum and Zoo Reciprocal Members may use up to two free admission passes; afterward pay \$5 admission per visitor at the following museums: Bay Area Discovery Museum, Chabot Space & Science Center, Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose, Lawrence Hall of Science, Museum of Children's Art and Habitot Children's Museum.*
- San Diego Children's Discovery Museum, 760-233-7755
- San Luis Obispo Children's Museum, 805-544-5437
- Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum, 805-928-8414
- Skirball Cultural Center - Noah's Ark, Los Angeles, 310-440-4674
- Zimmer Children's Museum, Los Angeles, 323-761-8989

## Colorado

- The Children's Museum of Denver, 303-433-7444

## Connecticut

- The Children's Museum, West Hartford, 860-231-2830
- Children's Museum of Southeastern Connecticut, Niantic, 860-691-1111

## Texas (continued)

- Children's Museum of Brownsville, 956-548-9300
- The Children's Museum of the Brazos Valley, Bryan, 979-779-5437
- The Discovery Science Place, Tyler, 903-533-1066
- Don Harrington Discovery Center, Amarillo, 806- 355-9547
- Fort Worth Museum of Science & History, 817-255-9300
- The Imaginarium of South Texas, Laredo, 956-728-0404
- San Antonio Children's Museum, 210-212-4453
- The Woodlands Children's Museum, 281-465-0955

## Virginia

- Amazement Square, Lynchburg, 434-845-1888
- Children's Museum of Richmond, 804-474-2667
- Children's Museum of Virginia, Portsmouth, 757-393-8983
- Explore More, Harrisonburg Children's Museum, 540-442-8900
- Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum, Winchester, 540-722-2020
- Virginia Discovery Museum, Charlottesville, 434-977-1025

## Washington

- Children's Museum of Skagit County, Burlington, 360-757-8888
- Children's Museum of Tacoma, 253-627-6031
- The Hands On Children's Museum, Olympia, 360-956-0818
- Imagine Children's Museum, Everett, 425-258-1006
- KidsQuest Children's Museum, Bellevue, 425-637-8100
- Mobius Kids, Spokane, 509-624-5437

## West Virginia

- The Children's Museum of the Ohio Valley, Wheeling, 304-214-5437

## Wisconsin

- Above and Beyond Children's Museum, Sheboygan, 920-458-4263
- Betty Brinn Children's Museum, Milwaukee, 414-390-5437
- The Building for Kids\*, Appleton, 920-734-3226  
*The Building for Kids will provide Fond du Lac Reciprocal Members two free annual visits; afterward a 50 percent admission discount for four only.*
- Central Wisconsin Children's Museum, Stevens Point, 715-344-2003
- Children's Museum of Eau Claire, 715-832-5437
- Children's Museum of Fond du Lac\*, 920-929-0707  
*Children's Museum of Fond du Lac will provide The Building for Kids Reciprocal Members two free annual visits; afterward a 50 percent admission discount for four only.*
- Children's Museum of La Crosse, Inc., 608-784-2652
- Madison Children's Museum, 608-256-6445
- Northwoods Children's Museum, Eagle River, 715-479-4623

## Canada

- London Regional Children's Museum, Ontario 519-434-5726
- TELUS World of Science Calgary and Creative Kids Museum, Alberta, 403-268-8300

## North Carolina

- Children @ Play, Kitty Hawk, 252-261-0290
- The Children's Museum of Wilmington, 910-254-3534
- Children's Museum of Winston-Salem\*, 336-723-9111  
*Children's Museum of Winston-Salem does not extend benefits to Triad area residents with memberships in museums outside the Triad area.*
- The Children's Playhouse, Boone 828-263-0011
- Exploration Station, Children's Hands-On Learning Center, Lumberton, 910-738-1114
- Fascinate-U Children's Museum, Fayetteville, 910-829-9171
- Greensboro Children's Museum, 336-574-2898
- Iredell Museums - Children's Museum, Statesville, 704-873-4734
- Kidzu Children's Museum, Chapel Hill, 919-933-1455
- Marbles Kids Museum, Raleigh, 919-834-4040

## Ohio

- Boonshoft Museum of Discovery, Dayton, 937-275-7431
- COSI, Columbus, 888-819-2674
- Duke Energy Children's Museum, Cincinnati, 513-287-7000

## Oregon

- Portland Children's Museum\*, 503-223-6500  
*Portland Children's Museum does not extend benefits to Portland or SW Washington area residents with memberships in museums outside the area.*

## Pennsylvania

- Children's Museum of Pittsburgh, 412-322-5058
- expERIENCE Children's Museum, Erie 814-453-3743
- Hands-on House, Children's Museum of Lancaster, 717-569-5437
- Please Touch Museum®, Philadelphia, 215-581-3181  
*Benefits for Please Touch Museum Reciprocal Members do not extend to Delaware Children's Museum (Wilmington).*
- Quaint Corner Children's Museum and Discovery Center, Altoona, 814-944-6830
- Timmy's Town Center, Scranton, 570-585-2931

## Rhode Island

- Providence Children's Museum, 401-273-5437

## South Carolina

- Children's Museum of South Carolina, Myrtle Beach, 843-946-9469
- Children's Museum of the Lowcountry, Charleston, 843-853-8962
- EdVenture Children's Museum, Columbia, 803-779-3100

## South Dakota

- Children's Museum of South Dakota, 605-695-4249

## Tennessee

- The Children's Museum of Memphis\*, 901-458-2678  
*The Children's Museum of Memphis does not extend benefits to Memphis area residents with memberships in museums outside the area.*
- Children's Museum of Oak Ridge, 865-482-1074
- Cookeville Children's Museum, 931-520-3866
- Creative Discovery Museum, Chattanooga, 423-756-2738
- Customs House Museum & Cultural Center, 931-648-5780
- Discovery Center at Murfree Spring, Murfreesboro, 615-890-2300
- East Tennessee Discovery Center, Knoxville, 865-594-1494

## Texas

- Austin Children's Museum, 512-472-2499
- Children's Discovery Museum of the Golden Crescent, Victoria, 361-485-9140

## Connecticut (continued)

- Imagine Nation Museum, Bristol, 860-314-1400
- Kidcity Children's Museum, Middletown, 860-347-0495
- Lutz Children's Museum, Manchester, 860-643-0949
- Stepping Stones Museum for Children\*, Norwalk, 203-899-0606  
*Effective February 1, Stepping Stones members receive unlimited free visits for one adult and one child per visit at New York Hall of Science. Effective May 1, this "one adult and one child" free admission policy will be in effect at Brooklyn Children's Museum, Children's Museum of Manhattan, Staten Island Children's Museum and Stepping Stones Museum for Children. Additional visitors must pay the current admission price.*

## Delaware

- Delaware Children's Museum\*, Wilmington, 302-654-2340  
*Benefits for Reciprocal Members of Delaware Children's Museum do not extend to Please Touch Museum® (Philadelphia, PA).*

## District of Columbia

- Living Classrooms of the National Capital Region, 202-337-5111

## Florida

- The Children's Museum of the Treasure Coast, Jensen Beach, 772-225-7575
- Glazer Children's Museum, Tampa, 813-443-3861
- Great Explorations, the Children's Museum, St. Petersburg, 727-821-8992
- Miami Children's Museum\*, 305-373-5437  
*Benefits for Miami Children's Museum Reciprocal Members do not extend to Young at Art.*
- Schoolhouse Children's Museum, Boynton Beach, 561-742-6780
- Young At Art\*, Davie, 954-424-0085  
*Benefits for Young At Art Museum Reciprocal Members do not extend to Miami Children's Museum.*

## Georgia

- Imagine It! Children's Museum of Atlanta, 404-659-5437
- InterActive Neighborhood for Kids, Gainesville, 770-536-1900

## Illinois

- Chicago Children's Museum, Navy Pier, 312-527-1000
- Children's Discovery Museum, Normal, 309-433-3444
- The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn, 708-423-6709
- Children's Museum of Illinois, Decatur, 217-423-5437
- Discovery Center Museum, Rockford, 815-963-6769
- Discovery Depot Children's Museum, Galesburg, 309-344-8876
- DuPage Children's Museum, Naperville, 630-637-8000
- The Exploration Station...A Children's Museum, Bourbonnais, 815-933-9905
- KidsWork Children's Museum, Frankfort, 815-469-1199
- Kohl Children's Museum, Glenview, 847-832-6600
- Orpheum Children's Science Museum, Champaign, 217-352-5895
- Wonder Works, A Children's Museum in Oak Park, 708-383-4815

## Indiana

- Hannah Lindahl Children's Museum, Mishawaka, 574-254-4540
- Healthworks! Kids' Museum, South Bend, 574-647-2689
- Koch Family Children's Museum of Evansville, 812-477-4929

## Iowa

- Children's Discovery Center, Clinton, 563-243-3600
- Family Museum, Bettendorf, 563-344-4106
- The Iowa Children's Museum, Coralville, 319-625-6255
- Phelps Youth Pavilion, Waterloo, 319-291-4490

## Kansas

- Exploration Place, Wichita, 316-263-3373
- Wonderscope Children's Museum, Shawnee, 913-268-4176

## Kentucky

- Explorium of Lexington, 859-258-3253

## Louisiana

- Children's Museum of Acadiana, Lafayette, 337-232-8500
- Louisiana Children's Discovery Museum, Hammond, 985-340-9150
- Louisiana Children's Museum, New Orleans, 504-586-0725
- T.R.E.E. House Children's Museum, Alexandria, 318-619-9394

## Maine

- Children's Discovery Museum, Augusta 207-623-9212
- Children's Museum & Theatre of Maine, Portland, 207-828-1234
- Coastal Children's Museum, Rockland, 207-975-2530
- Maine Discovery Museum, Bangor, 207-262-7200

## Maryland

- Chesapeake Children's Museum, Annapolis, 410-990-1993
- Port Discovery Children's Museum, Baltimore, 410-727-8120

## Massachusetts

- Amelia Park Children's Museum, Westfield, 413-572-4014
- Boston Children's Museum, 617-426-6500
- Cape Cod Children's Museum, Mashpee, 508-539-8788
- The Children's Museum in Easton, 508-230-3789
- The Discovery Museums, Acton, 978-264-4200
- Our World, Children's Global Discovery Museum, 781-383-3198

## Michigan

- Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, 734-995-5439
- Curious Kids' Museum, St. Joseph, 269-983-2543
- Grand Rapids Children's Museum, 616-235-4726
- Impression 5 Science Center, Lansing, 517-485-8116
- Kids 'N' Stuff: An Interactive Experience for Kids, Albion, 517-629-8023
- Shalom Street, West Bloomfield, 877-742-5663

## Minnesota

- Duluth Children's Museum, Duluth, 218-733-7543
- Minnesota Children's Museum, St. Paul, 651-225-6000

## Mississippi

- HealthWorks! North Mississippi, Tupelo, 662-377-3613
- Lynn Meadows Discovery Center, Gulfport, 228-897-6039

## Missouri

- Bootheel Youth Museum, Malden, 573-276-3600
- The Magic House, St. Louis Children's Museum, 314-822-8900

## Montana

- Children's Museum, Missoula, 406-541-7529
- Children's Museum of Bozeman, 406-522-9087

## Nebraska

- Children's Museum of Central Nebraska, Hastings, 402-463-3300
- KidZone - Kearney Area Children's Museum, 308-698-2228
- Lincoln Children's Museum, 402-477-0128
- North Platte Area Children's Museum, 308-532-3512
- Omaha Children's Museum, 402-342-6164

## Nevada

- The Children's Museum of Northern Nevada, Carson City, 775-884-2226
- Lied Discovery Children's Museum, Las Vegas, 702-382-3445

## New Hampshire

- The Children's Museum of New Hampshire, Dover, 603-742-2002

## New Jersey

- Children's History Center of the Burlington County Historical Society, 609-386-4773
- Community Children's Museum, Dover, 973-366-9060
- Garden State Discovery Museum, Cherry Hill, 856-424-1233

## New York

- Brooklyn Children's Museum\*, 718-735-4400  
*Effective February 1, BCM members receive unlimited free visits for one adult and one child per visit at New York Hall of Science. Effective May 1, this "one adult and one child" free admission policy will be in effect at Brooklyn Children's Museum, Children's Museum of Manhattan, Staten Island Children's Museum and Stepping Stones Museum for Children. Additional visitors must pay the current admission price.*
- The Children's Museum at Saratoga, Saratoga Springs, 518-584-5540
- Children's Museum of Manhattan\*, 212-721-1234  
*Effective February 1, CMOM members receive unlimited free visits for one adult and one child per visit at New York Hall of Science. Additional visitors must pay the current admission price.*
- The Discovery Center of the Southern Tier, Binghamton, 607-773-8661
- Explore & More...A Children's Museum, East Aurora, 716-655-5131
- Long Island Children's Museum\*, Garden City, 516-224-5800  
*Effective February 1, LICM members receive unlimited free visits for one adult and one child per visit at New York Hall of Science. Effective May 1, this "one adult and one child" free admission policy will be in effect at Brooklyn Children's Museum, Children's Museum of Manhattan, Staten Island Children's Museum and Stepping Stones Museum for Children. Additional visitors must pay the current admission price.*
- Mid-Hudson Children's Museum, Poughkeepsie, 845-471-0589
- National Museum of Play®\*, Rochester, 585-263-2700  
*The National Museum of Play® does not accept membership cards that Greater Rochester residents hold in museums outside the area. The National Museum of Play® will provide free general admission to ACM Reciprocal Program Members from Explore & More Children's Museum (East Aurora) and Sciencenter (Ithaca) regardless of residency. Must present valid ID to confirm residency.*
- New York Hall of Science\*, Queens, 718-699-0005  
*Effective February 1, New York Hall of Science Reciprocal members receive unlimited free visits for one adult and one child per visit at Brooklyn Children's Museum, Children's Museum of Manhattan, Long Island Children's Museum, Staten Island Children's Museum and Stepping Stones Museum for Children. Additional visitors must pay the current admission price.*
- Sciencenter, Ithaca, 607-272-0600
- Staten Island Children's Museum, 718-273-2060  
*Effective February 1, SICM members receive unlimited free visits for one adult and one child per visit at New York Hall of Science. Effective May 1, this "one adult and one child" free admission policy will be in effect at Brooklyn Children's Museum, Children's Museum of Manhattan, Staten Island Children's Museum and Stepping Stones Museum for Children. Additional visitors must pay the current admission price.*