



Fingerprints

Monthly newsletter of The Children's Museum of History, Natural History, Science & Technology October 2003



Come celebrate Oct 4-13 World Space Week at Children's Museum!

The United Nations declared World Space Week as October 4-10, Celebrated in nearly 50 nations, it is an international celebration of the contribution that space science and technology makes in the betterment of humans. Space has changed the world of today's youth and offers even greater excitement for their future.

As the only museum in the country to be adopted by NASA, the Children's Museum is of-

fering several activities all week which we will enter into competition. Children of all ages can take part in these projects, designed to be fun while teaching math, science, art, reading skills.

Following this year's theme of "Space: Horizon Beyond Earth" children can participate on teams in the following activities: *Zero-G Game*: invent a game or sport people in space can play at Zero-G; *Make A Critter*: design an animal to live on the imaginary planet of

Betelgoose; *Space Art*: develop a mural or flip book related to the 2003 theme; *Lance's Lab*: design a space station module where pop star Lance Bass would live & record music on the Int'l Space Station.

Also, Sat. Oct. 11th & Mon. Oct. 13th, children can view films about space & participate in an *Imagine Mars* workshop & mural painting, to be displayed on our 4th floor. Come join in!

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Visit us on the web:
www.museum4kids.net

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Several new programs at CM: each month, our weekly 11am **Arts & Crafts** program will follow the themes of that month (note the calendar); our weekly popular **Music for Munchkins** & **Puppet Story Time** programs are enhanced by our karaoke machine & puppet theatre; our

New programs at CM & Hamilton College help

Care & Feeding of our Animals delights visitors as they meet animals & insects in our Living Science area.

Educational Enrichment Field Trip Programs have been increased to include (in addition to our popular programs on Indian culture, Dinosaurs & Insects) more space and science programs designed for youngsters

from Pre-K to Grade 6 (note page 2 Director's Report). Call us or view our website for more info.

Hamilton College Habitat for Humanity group spent a Saturday at our Museum sprucing up & painting our 4th floor's Main St. & Meeting Room areas. It's help from groups like this that make a difference.

VOLUNTEER: Donate your services & exhibits, offer your talents, volunteer your time, bring your kids, family, your group to the only Children's Museum in Central NY, Help make a difference in your community by becoming part of a wonderful legacy that will live on long after we're gone! We're proud to be an important asset to our community.



Director's Report: Museum's Continued Renovations & New Fall Programs

The Children's Museum forward movement focuses this month on: our fall programs, our NASA exhibits, our 4th floor Space Science Education Center, new visitor & education programs, continued renovations & an Erie Canal working exhibit for kids to interact with.



Our NYS Curriculum Enrichment Programs are offered to educators and children from Preschools & Daycare Centers to Elementary & Middle Schools &

Scout troops. Our lineup of educational programs includes: Moccasins & Sneakers, Dinosaurs & Fossils, Going on A Bug Hunt, All Powered Up, Harvest Festival, Erie Canal History, Weather Exploration, Dance of Honeybee, CNY Trivia, Candle Chemistry, Erie Canal History, Space Science Exploration.

Groups gain admission to the museum's four floors of interactive exhibits, and may opt for a program presented by one of our educators. Bag lunches can be eaten

in our park, our kitchen, or on our 3rd floor. Pre-ordered food is available in our Museum Cafe.

Along with our ever-popular weekend Birthday Parties, we also offer meeting space and tours of our historic Main Street Square building, our trains, and of historic Baggs Square Park.

Call us at 315-724-6129 or fill out our easy online form to book your field trip program, visit, birthday, meeting, special event. www.museum4kids.net/



There's Always a Fun Rainbow at CM

Happy children grow up to be happy adults, who are more likely to stay & support the community they grew up in. CNY's only Children's Museum – a safe, fun, learning environment– is a definite asset to the Mohawk Valley, one all residents can be proud of and utilize to its highest capacity. One of the oldest Children's Museum's in the country, we're continuing renovations and new exhibits.

What better place to bring * your students on a field trip? * your scouts to earn a badge? * your family for a great day out? * your children for a fun time? * your grandchildren to enjoy? * your group for a tour? * your association for a meeting? 1st floor, children under 5 years of age enjoy our life-size wooden train & Thomas music in PlaySpace while older children enjoy Main Street Exploration Space. 2nd floor enjoy karaoke, Diorama, Erie Canal & Dinorama exhibits. 3rd floor, Thomas the Train & Lego exhibits, our Animals, Halls of Fame. 4th floor, Fire & Police artifacts/exhibits, our airplane, intriguing NASA & Science exhibits.

CM Board of Directors

Chair: Dave Pendergast; *Vice Chairs:* Dan Trevisani & John Stephenson; *Secretary:* Sharon Hieber; *Treasurer:* Scott Madonia
Members: Jeff Daniels, Katherine Drake, Anna Giacobbe, Jennifer Herzog, Sarah Kilian, Terri Palmiero, Patrick Quinn, Jen Rota, Joe Ruggerio, Margaret Splain, Gail Scalise.

Staff & Volunteers:

Marlene B. Brown, Melissa Britton, Sally Buyea, Colleen Martin, Don Zyga, Earl Lewis.

Become A CM Hero: Corporate Sponsor; Volunteer; Wish List Donor



We welcome volunteers. There's no greater reward than helping the children.

How can you help? You can assist with regularly scheduled programs, offer a program in your area of talent or interest, help keep the museum shipshape, or help by donating to our wish list: toys in good shape, exhibit items, art supplies,

educational items of value. These will give you a renewed sense of pride as *we continue to serve the children, our future.*

A Corporate Membership is a positive way to impact the community. Our *levels of corporate sponsors* include a \$250 T-Rex, a \$500 Velociraptor, a \$1,000 Brontosaurus, a \$2,000 Triceratops, a \$5,000 Diplodocus,

& a \$10,000 Oviraptor. We value, and welcome your donations & support as we continue to grow!












Our 5th Day Anniversary Campaign is underway to gain new & renewed sponsors as *CM Heroes (check back page)*. Please show your thanks by investing in their products/services.

Oct. '03 Calendar

This service is made possible with funds from the New York State Council on the Arts, a state agency. Thank you also to the NYS Office of Children and Family Services for funds provided through the Oneida & Herkimer County Youth Bureaus to support the Museum's Youth Education Enrichment Programs.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	9-29 11am Arts & Crafts Handprint Poem 3pm Create a Family Tree	9-30 11am & 3pm Care & Feeding of our Animals - meet Rocky the Turtle	10-1 11am Music for Munchkins 3pm Karaoke Fun in stage area	2 11am Arts & Crafts Handprint Poem fun; 3pm create your Family Tree	3 11am Space Creatures Puppet Story 3pm SciFi Stories	4 <i>Space Week</i> : design Zero-G Game; Make a space critter; create Lance's Lab	
5 Traintour outside museum 12-2p	6 Arts&Crafts 11am Yom Kipper cards 3pm Space Wk Project	7 11am Care Feeding Animals meet bunnies 3p SpaceWk projects	8 11am Music for Munchkins; 3pm do Space Week projects	9 11am Arts & Crafts Play Safe craft; 3pm Space Week activities	10 11am Fire Safety Puppet Story 3pm Space Wk	11 Firefighters & truck at CM * Imagine Mars mural creation	
12 Train tour outside museum 12-2p	13 11am Imagine Mars Videos 1pm Make Mars mural & stories	14 11am & 3pm Care & Feeding Animals - Meet Hank the Snake	15 11am Music for Munchkins; 3pm Karaoke Fun stage area	16 11am Arts & Crafts Statue of Liberty 3pm Create ColumbusBoat	17 11am Global Puppet Storytime 3pm SciFi Stories	18 Feeding Our Animals; Lego Contest; Thomas Train Fun & Tour	
19 Train tour outside museum 12-2pm	20 11am Arts & Crafts Dinosaurs 3pm Dinosaurs & Fossils creations	21 11am & 3pm Care & Feeding Animals -meet Gerby the Gerbil	22 11am Music for Munchkins; 3pm Karaoke Fun stage area	23 11am Arts & Crafts Dino-saurs; 3pm Dinosaurs/Fossils	24 11am Dinosaur Puppet Stories 3pm Dinosaur Tales	25 11am-3pm <i>Boo Halloween Bash</i> ; Lego Contest; Train Tour	
26 Train tour outside museum 12-2pm	27 11am Arts & Crafts Halloween Masks 3pm Halloween Collage	28 11am & 3pm Care & Feeding Animals -meet honeybees	29 11am Music Munchkins; 3pm Karaoke Fun in stage area	30 11am Arts & Crafts Halloween Masks 3pm Halloween Collage	31 11am Halloween Puppets 3pm Ghost Stories	11-1 11am- Feeding Animals; Make Spyglasses; Thomas Train Fun	
							

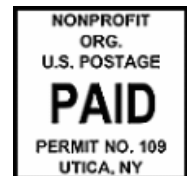
Join the many families & groups who book *birthday parties, educational field trips & meetings* at the Children's Museum! Check our website, call us 315-724-6129, visit us in person. Here's some of what you'll find: *1st floor* - Play Space, Exploration Space, Saturn, MusicFun, Tea Room, Dentist Office, Grocery Store, Trains; *2nd floor* - Longhouse, Diorama, Fossils, Dinosaurs; *3rd floor* - Living Science, Animals, Legos, Computers, Arts & Crafts, Weather Room, Halls of Fame.

Our *4th floor*, entitled "Transportation Yesterday, Today, & Tomorrow" features exciting new exhibits, including: our Airplane, Fire & Police Dept., NASA & Dept. of Energy Office of Science exhibits. This floor is open 11:30am-12:30pm & again from 1:30pm-2:30pm Monday-Saturday.

October 4th- 13th, children & visitors will be taking part in The Children's Museum World Space Week programs. *Saturday, November 29th*, Holiday on Main Street; *Saturday, December 6th*, mark your calendars for our annual gala 5th Day Holiday Event to be held at the Children's Museum. *Volunteer your services* to help with special events! *Check our website* for updated info!

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October Museum Hours:

Monday-Friday 10:00am to 4:00pm;
Saturday 10:30am to 4:00pm (Closed Sun)

Admission:

\$4.00 per person, Members + children 12 months & under Free (*except for special events*). Special group rates available.



Check our website for up to date info, pictures, programs, hours, special events!

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CM's Heroes & Heroines: they make a difference.



- * NASA's Sean O'Keefe * Office of Science Dr. Ray Orbach * Congressman Sherry Boehlert
- * NYS Senator Ray Meier * Ralph Eannace * Met Life Foundation * The Gannett Foundation
- * Assemblywoman RoAnn Destito * County Executive Joe Griffo * Mayor Tim Julian * Roger Sinnott
- * Princeton Plasma Lab * Fermi Lab * Dan Trevisani * Oneida/Herkimer Co's Community Foundation
- * Fleet Bank * Affordable Computers * Adelphia * Ted Kibick * Big Apple Music * Carbone Auto
- * Utica Fire & Police Dept's * Chuck Fougner, Oneida Indian Nation * RigAll's Patty & Rusty Williams
- * Frank Gruenewald * Sen. Donovan Memorial Fund * Dr. Ted & Malva Max * Alice Pender O'Shea
- * Oxford Medical Imaging * Pacemaker Millar * Paulette Desimone * Con Med * Fred Collis & Sons
- * Gauthier Fabricating * Mauro's Glass * Madonia Electric * I.B.E.W. #43 * Genesis Young Professionals
- * Zangrilli Engineering * Jay-K Lumber * Sheriff Dan Middaugh * Marlene Letner * Smiley the Clown
- * Drs. Anthony Furino & John Hamlin * New Hartford Hannaford's * Judge Anthony Garramone
- * Earle Reed, ECR * Evergreen * The Beeches * Wilcor Int'l * Brandeles Corp. * Ed Waskiewicz
- * Piano Lab * SCI Plywood * Fountainhead Group * Dr. Joel Amidon * CNY LegoUsers * GE Elfun's
- * Lincoln-Davies * Indium Corp * Roger Sinnott * Burns Agency * Amendolare Magic * Pat Putrello
- * SnowGrass * Bronson Construction * Joseph Flihan Co * Metzler Printing * Valley View Country Club
- * Scalzo, Zogby, Wittig * H.R. Beebe * Joe Fraccola/U.S.P.S. * Dave Boardman * Hartford Ins
- * MVCC's Carpentry Class & Escoffier * OC Work Release * MV Business Journal * SBU
- * NY Power Authority * Herkimer Telegram * WKTV * Joe Kelly * Regent Bdcstg * Utica O.D.
- * College & School volunteers * Earl Lewis * The Staff & our Interns * The Board of Directors