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Monthly newsletter of The Children's Museum of History, Natural History, Science & Technology July 2004

2004 Summer Program Schedule at Children's Museum Open 9:45am-3:45pm Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., Sat.



Monday's: Crafty Creations - Love fun arts & crafts? This class lets you create crafts you can give as a gift or keep for your room! **& Cultural Kettle** - learn about other cultures through story & song! Listen to a folktale, make a cultural project.

Tuesday's: Cute Critters - Discover the mysterious life of bees, butterflies, insects. Learn how we care for and feed our animals in our Living Science Center **& Dino Digs** - Learn about the mighty dinosaurs who roamed this earth, pre-historic life & fossil digs.

Wednesday's: Museum closed. Train Tours outside in early afternoon.

Thursday's: Musical Mayhem - a fun-filled class of music and movement. If you can sing, dance, play an in-

strument, enjoy karaoke, jump or jam, you'll enjoy these musical activities **& Sculpture Pots** - Using self-drying ceramic clay, children learn how to construct a pinch pot and learn to create design methods such as finger impression.

Friday's: Puppet Theatre - Take part in puppet plays and stories, helping to act out parts and join in with the puppets! Featuring our new Dinosaur Puppet Stage; **& Rocket Building** - Parents and caregivers join children in building rockets they can take with them and enjoy learning to fly! Includes rocket structure/use.

Saturday's: Science Explorers - Designed to allow girls and boys to explore the sciences through hands-on experimentation and scientific observation, using microscopes

and other means; **& Space Place** - Discover secrets of the stars, moons, planets, and outer space. Learn how space travel has influenced what we do here on earth; **& Lego Challenge** - parents or caregivers join children to develop the most creative design to add to the museum's lego contest; **& Weather Phenomenon** - Participate in hands-on experiments and techniques meteorologists use. Visit our weather room! **& Train Trivia** - Learn how railroad transportation and travel made a difference in our community's past, present, and future. Includes tour of our trains outside.

Updated information can be found on our website www.museum4kids.net

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Visit us on the web:
www.museum4kids.net

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Children's Museum Special Summer Events



June 28, 2004 - CM Golf Tournament to benefit our Planetarium. (12pm on at Valley View)

June 2004 - we began a collaborative relationship with Sculpture Space.

July 23 & 24, 2004 - Erie Folk Canal Festival (at CM) Featuring representatives of our local cul-

tures, and Mohawk Valley settlers, with their crafts, food, and music.

Aug. 6, 2004 - Int'l Halls of Fame Induction (11am to 1pm at CM) Featuring 2004 inductions into our Bicycling, Rowing, Canoeing & Kayaking International Halls of Fame.

Aug. 27, 2004 - Vino, Ale

& Art (6:30-9:30pm next to CM at Baggs Sq. Park)

Coming soon: Rotary Cyber Club Charter Celebration and Space Science Education Event for Students/Scouts/Families, and Hot Wheels collection!

View further info on our websites at museum4kids.net & rotaryclubny1.com

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. Come see why.



Director's Report: Wrapup of Spring Events & Intro of Summer Programs

Artist Alba Scott is hand painting an original dinosaur design on our new Puppet Theatre. We began a collaborative venture with Sculpture Space artist Jeff deCastro installing a bamboo spaceship in the museum. WKTV's Rich Lupia, GE Elfun's, Matt Chmielewski & Advantage Technology Solutions & Quadsimia are updating our Weather Station.

(View pictures on our website) New exhibit on Hot Wheels coming soon!

Come take part in our Summer programs & events. We're proud of

our 1,000's of exhibits designed for an educationally enjoyable experience for kids from 1 to 101 at the only children's museum adopted by NASA & DOE!

Our NYS Curriculum Enrichment Programs are offered to educators from Pre-K & Daycare to School groups & Scout troops.

Our educational programs include: Moccasins & Sneakers, Dinosaurs & Fossils, Bug Hunt, Erie Canal History, Archeological Dig, Space Exploration, Mars Mission. (View more on website's Program page)

Groups gain admission to the museum's 4 floors of interactive exhibits, and may opt for a program presented by our educators. Bag lunches can be eaten at the museum & pre-ordered food is available in our Cafe.

Along with Saturday Birthday Parties, we offer meeting space and tours of our historic Main Street Square building, trains on our property, and Baggs Square Park. Call us at 315-724-6129 or fill out our easy online form.

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

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Staff and Volunteers: Marlene Brown, Don Zyga, Dan Kazmierski, Paul Perry, Earl Lewis, Mary Jane Wegrzyn, Amy Rutkowski, local junior & senior high school students.

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



There's no greater reward than helping children. How can you help? You can volunteer, offer a program in your area of talent or interest, help keep the museum shipshape, donate to the Children's Museum and give yourself a break on taxes -donate stock, or help by donating to our wish list: toys in good shape, ex-

hibit 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 Tri-

ceratops, a \$5,000 Diplodocus, & a \$10,000 Oviraptor. We value, and welcome your donations & support as



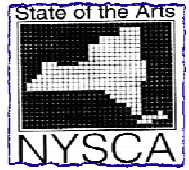
we continue to renovate our building and grow!

Our Anniversary Campaign is underway to gain new & renewed sponsors as CM Heroes (check back page).

Please show your thanks by purchasing their products/services.

July '04 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

				1 Musical Mayhem & Sculpture Pots	2 Puppet Theatre Fun & Rocket Building	3 Science Explorers, Space Place, Weather Fun, Legos, Train Trivia
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Join the many families, tourists & groups who book *birthday parties, educational field trips, group visits, meetings, and tours* at the Children's Museum! Check our website, call us at 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* - Science Room, Animals, Legos, Computers, Arts & Crafts, Weather Room, Halls of Fame.

Our *4th floor* features exciting exhibits including: our Airplane, Fire & Police Dept., NASA & Office of Science exhibits. This floor open 11:30am-12:00pm, 1:00-1:30 & 2:30pm-3:00pm.

Mark your calendars: 6/11/04 Sculpture Space artist Jeff deCastro installs bamboo Spaceship in CM's foyer; 6/28/04 - CM Golf Tournament (12pm on at Valley View); 7/23-24/04 - CM Erie Canal Folk Festival; 8/6/04 - Int'l Halls of Fame Induction; 8/27/04 - Vino/Ale/Art in Baggs Square; 10/30/04 - Halloween Boo Bash; 11/27/04 - Holiday on Main Street; 12/3/04 - Great Friends to Kids Award (12:00pm-1:00pm); 12/4/04 - Annual 5th Day Gala (6:30pm-11:00pm)

Check out our website for updated info on all our 2004 events & programs!

Contact Info:

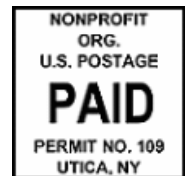
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July Museum Hours:

Open Mon, Tues., Thurs. Fri., Saturday
9:45am to 3:45pm; Closed Wed. & 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 pictures, programs, hours, events!

Ways to help: * Become a sponsor
* Purchase toys at our Gift Shop
* Buy gift memberships * Volunteer

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

- * Congressman Sherry Boehlert * NASA's Sean O'Keefe * Office of Science Dr. Ray Orbach
- * Senator Ray Meier * Assemblywoman RoAnn Destito * County Executive Joe Griffo * advantechcny.com
- * Mayor Tim Julian * Councilwoman Teresa Wojnas * Fire Chief Russ Brooks * D.A. Mike Arcuri * Nimo
- * Fire Marshall Dan Trevisani * Met Life Foundation * Gannett Foundation * Connie Grube * Rich Lupia
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- * NY Power Authority * MVCC's Carpentry Class * Smiley the Clown * Big Apple Music * H. R. Beebe
- * WKTV * Herkimer Telegram * Joe Kelly * Regent Broadcasting * MV Business Journal * Utica O.D.
- * College & School volunteers * Earl Lewis * The Staff & our Interns * The Board of Directors

