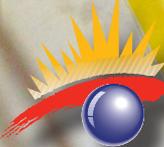
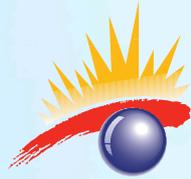


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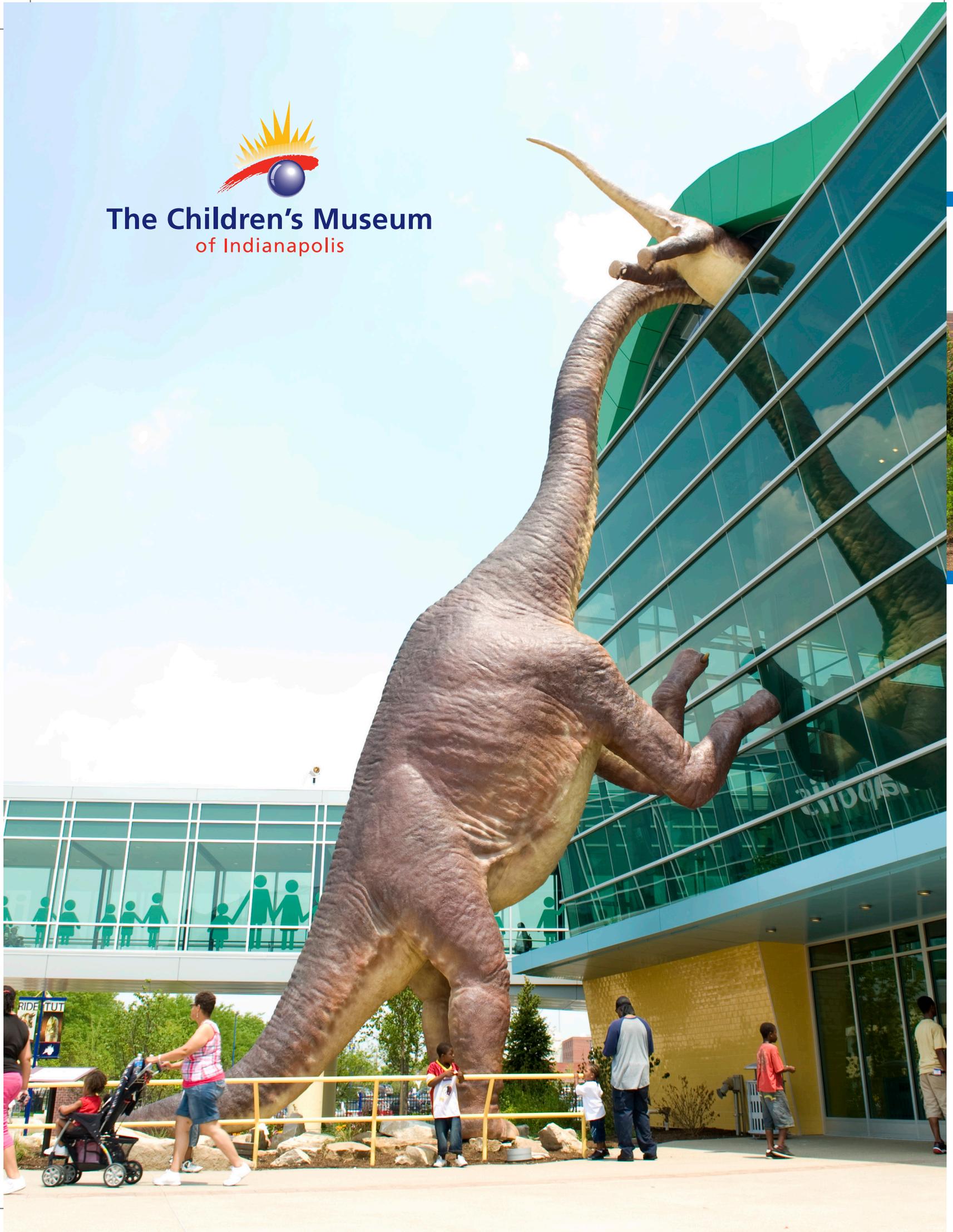
School Visits




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New in 2009–2010



Additions and Improvements

Our exciting new changes include:

- The exhibit *Take Me There: Egypt*
- A safer, easier entrance just for school groups
- Improved infoZone library
- State-of-the-art theater equipment in the SpaceQuest® Planetarium
- A sack lunch area for school groups

And as always, all programs are tied to Indiana Academic Standards.

Custom Field Trips

Incorporating programs into a field trip can be a challenge. Let us help by customizing your schedule. Contact the Customer Service Center at (800) 820-6214 or (317) 334-4000 and ask about having your field trip customized.



Get Bus Money for Your Field Trip

We will reimburse schools up to \$50 per bus depending on the distance from the museum. Mention this special offer when you register for a field trip from November through May. Thanks for choosing us as your off-site learning destination!

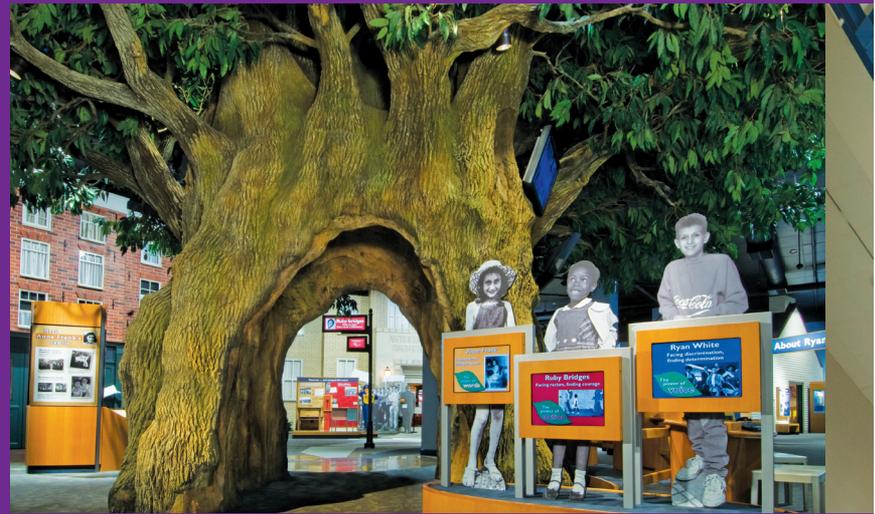
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Permanent Exhibits

The Children's Museum of Indianapolis has five floors of exciting, interactive exhibits ready for your students to explore. Visit the Teachers page at childrensmuseum.org to download printable visit guides or units of study for exhibits.



Level 4

ScienceWorks in the Dow Science Center

Dedicated to the natural and physical sciences, ScienceWorks features a real freshwater pond, an interactive watershed table, and a construction site. The Dock Shop, Dock Shop Creek and ball machine will be closed for maintenance Feb. 21 – 26. ([Online Unit](#))

Biotechnology Learning Center

Discover the history and science behind plant biotechnology through hands-on demonstrations and activities. ([Online Unit](#))

Health House

A visit to Health House encourages children and parents to learn important lessons about nutrition and active play. ([Online Unit](#))

SciencePort®: Gateway to Extraordinary Learning

Families and school groups work together to better understand scientific concepts using new technology and online interactives. Visit childrensmuseum.org/scienceport.

Carousel Wishes and Dreams

Experience the Carousel and the magic of imagination. Visit a mirror maze, a tree house, a walk-in kaleidoscope, a pretend soda shop and a playhouse. The Carousel is wheelchair accessible. Rides are \$1 per person. An adult must accompany children under 44 inches tall. Inform our staff at check-in if you wish to purchase Carousel tickets for your group. Carousel fees can be added to your bill. The Carousel will be closed for maintenance Sept. 8 – 25. ([Online Guide](#))

Level 3

Story Avenue

Eavesdrop on a family's Sunday dinner conversation or bedtime story, or hear the latest stories at the local barbershop. ([Online Guide](#))

The Power of Children: Making a Difference

Anne Frank, Ruby Bridges and Ryan White were typical children who found themselves in extraordinary circumstances. Travel through each child's life to discover what made them heroes of the 20th century, and see how children today can make a difference. ([Online Units](#))

The Power of Children: Making a Difference is made possible by lead gifts from Deborah Simon, Etroymsom Family Fund, Chase, National Endowment for the Humanities, Duke Energy Foundation, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome P. Martin, U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, The Cummins Foundation and The Anne Frank House in Amsterdam.

Level 2

Take Me There: Egypt

In this immersive exhibit, visitors are transported to modern-day Egypt to learn about cultural differences as well as the commonalities we share. Touch down in Cairo aboard EgyptAir, visit an urban and rural home, see the marketplace, and learn about the historical importance of the Nile River and its current environmental challenges. ([Online Unit](#))

Take Me There: Egypt is made possible by lead gifts from Lilly Endowment Inc., Eli Lilly and Company Foundation, The Lilly Family, Boris and Marian Meditch, Mrs. Yvonne Shaheen, Sarah and John Lechleiter, the U.S. Institute for Museum and Library Services, Jane and Steve Marmon, Susan and Jim Naus, and Polly Hix.

infoZone

This unique experience combines the best of a museum and library. infoZone is the result of a partnership between the museum and the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library.

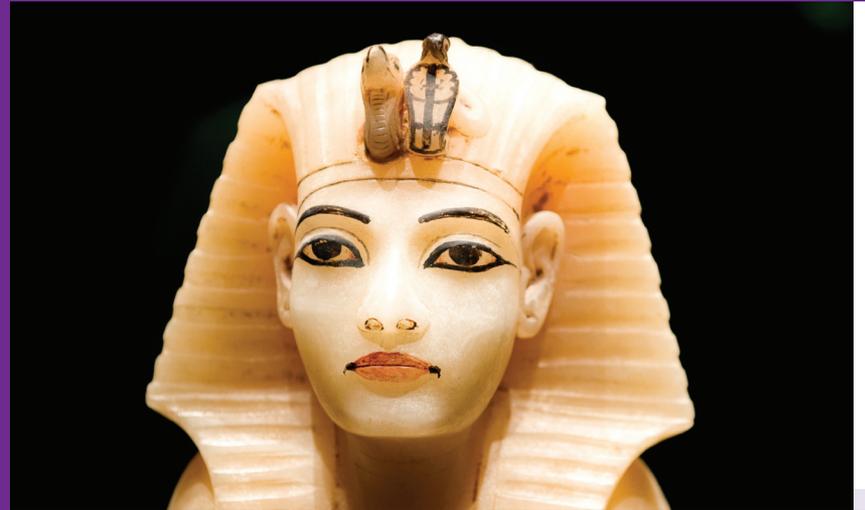
Dinosaur Art Gallery

(Mann Properties Gallery of Dinosaur Imagery)

This gallery features the John Lanzendorf Collection — the finest collection of dinosaur art in the nation — and *Dragons Unearthed*, an exhibit about the historical relationship between dragon myths and dinosaur fossils, featuring *Dracorex hogwartsia*. ([Online Unit](#))

Temporary Exhibits

The museum hosts nationally recognized temporary exhibits throughout the year.



Level 1

Water Clock

Built by French physicist-turned-artist Bernard Gitton, it's the largest water clock in North America. More than 40 glass pieces comprise the 26-foot-tall clock.

Dinosphere: Now You're in Their World®

Children and families are immersed in the sights, sounds and smells of the Cretaceous period, 65 million years ago, when dinosaurs last roamed the Earth. Experience the Paleo Prep Lab and the Dino Dig area. ([Online Units](#))

Lower Level

What if ... ?

If you could explore anything, what would it be? Discover an Egyptian tomb with a replica of a 2,500-year-old mummy and swim in a coral reef with living creatures. *What if ... ?* will close permanently on Nov. 1, to make room for a new exhibit. ([Online Guide](#))

Fireworks of Glass

This installation by renowned artist Dale Chihuly includes a 43-foot-tall tower constructed of 3,200 pieces of blown glass, a "floating" ceiling filled with 1,600 pieces of glass and a hands-on exhibit. ([Online Unit](#))

All Aboard!

This is as close as kids can get to the real experience of riding on a train pushed by the 55-ton Reuben Wells steam engine, which operated in Madison, Indiana in the 1860s. Toy train displays nearby hold additional fascination for children. ([Online Unit](#))

Tutankhamun: The Golden King and the Great Pharaohs

June 27 – Oct. 25, 2009

Over 100 treasures from the tomb of the King Tut and other important rulers spanning 2,000 years of ancient Egyptian history are on exhibit. This blockbuster show features the largest image of King Tut ever found and focuses on the splendor of the Egyptian pharaohs, their function in the earthly and divine worlds, and what kingship meant to the Egyptian people. Registration is required to see the exhibit. ([Online Unit](#))

100,000 Students to See Tut

Thanks to a gift from the Lilly Endowment, Inc., more than 100,000 students will visit the Tut exhibit. Free tickets were distributed on a first-come, first-served basis to Indiana school groups beginning in April 2009 and school-group visitation capacity has been reached. Scheduled groups will receive confirmation packets by the first week of September. To be placed on a waiting list for tickets in the event of a cancellation, call the Customer Service Center.

The exhibition is organized by National Geographic, Arts and Exhibitions International and AEG Exhibitions, with cooperation from the Egyptian Supreme Council of Antiquities. Northern Trust is the proud cultural partner of the tour, and American Airlines is the official airline.

Funding in support of field trips is made possible in part by a grant from Lilly Endowment Inc.

Barbie™: The Fashion Experience

Dec. 19, 2009 – Feb. 2011

The world's most popular doll is also everyone's favorite fashionista, inspiring young designers and professionals alike to create the fashions of their dreams. Take your designs from the workroom to the runway, go backstage with Barbie™, and see some of her most famous looks from the past 50 years as well as designs by some of the world's most renowned designers!

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Jolly Days Winter Wonderland

November 27, 2009 – January 10, 2010

Enjoy the Yule Slide, Jingles the Jolly Bear and visits with Santa. Have fun with Jingles and his friends! Explore "outdoor" fun at the Snow Castle and Ice Fishing holes. Warm up your imagination with cookie fun in the kitchen, and help Santa's reindeer prepare for flight!

Museum Events

Preregistration is required. Events and guided experiences must be specifically requested when making a reservation. Online guides can be found on the Teachers page at childrensmuseum.org.



Celebrations

Grade 3

Wednesday – Thursday, Dec. 2 – 3

Wednesday – Thursday, Dec. 9 – 10

Ongoing, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Celebrate an array of winter holidays with special activities. Students learn about Hanukkah, Las Posadas, Kwanzaa, Chinese New Year, St. Nicholas Day, Eid al-Adha and other celebrations as they visit the museum. ([Online Guide](#))

Social Studies: 3.5.4

Space Day

Grades 3 – 5

Thursday – Friday, May 6 – 7

Ongoing, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Voyage into space! Discover constellations visible in our night sky and test your knowledge of the solar system. Learn important skills needed to work in space. Register for a planetarium show to complement this event. ([Online Guide](#))

Science: 4.1.3, 5.1.1, 5.1.7, 5.2.7

Earth Day Celebration

Grades 3 – 5

Monday, April 19

Ongoing, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Begin your Earth Day celebrations with the museum. Discover new technologies that can provide us with cleaner energy. Learn about products made from recycled materials. Visit the museum's new rain garden and discover how this green space helps our environment. ([Online Guide](#))

Science: 3.1.8, 3.2.5, 3.4.5, 4.1.9, 4.3.4, 5.1.5, 5.1.6



Guided and Self-Guided Experiences

Preregistration is required. Guided experiences must be specifically requested when making a reservation.



Take Me There: Egypt

Play a Part: The Sebou

Grades 3 – 5

Wednesdays and Fridays, Sept. – May

Thursdays, Sept. – Dec.

9:45, 10:45 and 11:45 a.m.

40 minutes, 36 students

Experience an exciting new kind of program in our newest exhibit, *Take Me There: Egypt*. This cultural immersion program focuses on a traditional Egyptian ceremony, the *sebou*.

This joyous celebration, which welcomes a new baby to the community seven days after its birth, began centuries ago and is still practiced today. Students will be invited into the happy home where a child has just been born, and will take part in the preparations, the music and activities of this exciting Egyptian ceremony. Registration is required. ([Online Guide](#))

Language Arts: 3.7.2, 3.7.5, 4.7.1, 4.7.5, 5.7.1, 5.7.2

Visual Arts: 3.1.1, 3.1.3, 3.1.6, 4.1.6, 5.1.7

Music: 3.1.3, 3.1.4, 4.1.4, 4.2.1, 5.1.3, 5.2.2

Theatre: 3.4.2, 3.6.2, 3.10.1, 4.4.2, 4.6.2, 5.4.2, 5.6.4, 5.8.1

Water, Water Everywhere

Grades 4 – 5

Fridays, Sept. – May

Ongoing, 10 a.m. – noon

No reservations required

People in Egypt and all over the world need fresh, clean water. Discover environmental issues surrounding water and learn how to preserve this valuable resource. ([Online Guide](#))

Science: 4.3.3, 5.1.6

Take Me There → Egypt

Guided and Self-Guided Experiences

Preregistration is required. Events and guided experiences must be specifically requested when making a reservation. Online guides can be found on the Teachers page at childrensmuseum.org.



The Power of Children

Ruby's Story: A Theatrical Experience Bringing Her Story to Life

Grades 3 – 5

Tuesdays, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15 and 11:45 a.m.

Wednesdays, 10, 10:30, 11 and 11:30 a.m.

Sept. – May

20 minutes, 35 students

Escorted by Federal Marshals, Ruby Bridges walked through threatening, angry crowds to get to first grade. Hear her story from those she inspired and imagine Ruby's inability at such a young age to understand what was happening. ([Online Unit](#))

Language Arts: 3.7.2, 3.7.3, 4.7.1, 4.7.5, 5.7.1, 5.7.2

Theater: 3.4.1, 3.10.0, 4.4.2, 5.4.2

Will You Make a Difference?

Grades 3 – 5

Wednesdays, Nov. – May

10, 10:30, 11 and 11:30 a.m.

20 minutes, 30 students

It takes courage to stand up for what's right, especially when you stand alone. Explore various scenarios that deal with bullying, respect, responsibility and cheating. How will you choose to make a difference? This program complements your character education curriculum. ([Online Guide](#))

Guidance: 3 – 5.3.16, 3 – 5.3.23

Language Arts: 4.7.1, 4.7.9, 5.7.6

Theater: 3.6.2, 4.6.2, 5.8.2

The Power of Anne, Ruby or Ryan*

Grades 3 – 5

Fridays, Sept. – May

10 a.m. – noon

No reservations required; space may be limited

Meet an actor portraying the story of one of the three children featured in *The Power of Children: Making a Difference*. Ruby is featured in January and February; Ryan in December and March; and Anne in October, November, April and May. ([Online Units](#))

*The featured child may vary and is not subject to advance notice.

Language Arts: 3.7.2, 3.7.3, 4.7.1, 4.7.5, 5.7.1, 5.7.2

Theater: 3.4.1, 3.10.1, 4.4.2, 5.4.2

The Power of Children Curator Cart

Daily, Sept. – May

11 a.m. – noon

No reservations required

Examine artifacts from *The Power of Children* up close!

The Curator Cart features items related to the lives and times of Anne Frank, Ruby Bridges and Ryan White. Included are an authentic Nazi Reichsadler, a Purple Heart, original pins from the Civil Rights Era, letters and cards sent to Ryan White, and more. ([Online Guide](#))

Social Studies: 3.1.5, 4.1.5, 5.4.2

Language Arts: 3.7.2, 3.7.3, 4.7.1, 5.7.1



Anne, Ruby and Ryan Sound and Light Shows

No reservations required

Anne, Ruby and Ryan experienced things that most of us can hardly imagine. Each Sound and Light Show includes a five-minute film on one of the featured children showcasing relevant aspects of the exhibit. Each story creates a frame of reference for the rest of the exhibit. Sound and Light Shows play twice hourly, unless preempted by a live theater performance. See the gallery sign for specific times. ([Online Units](#))

Language Arts: 3.7.2, 4.4.2, 5.4.2

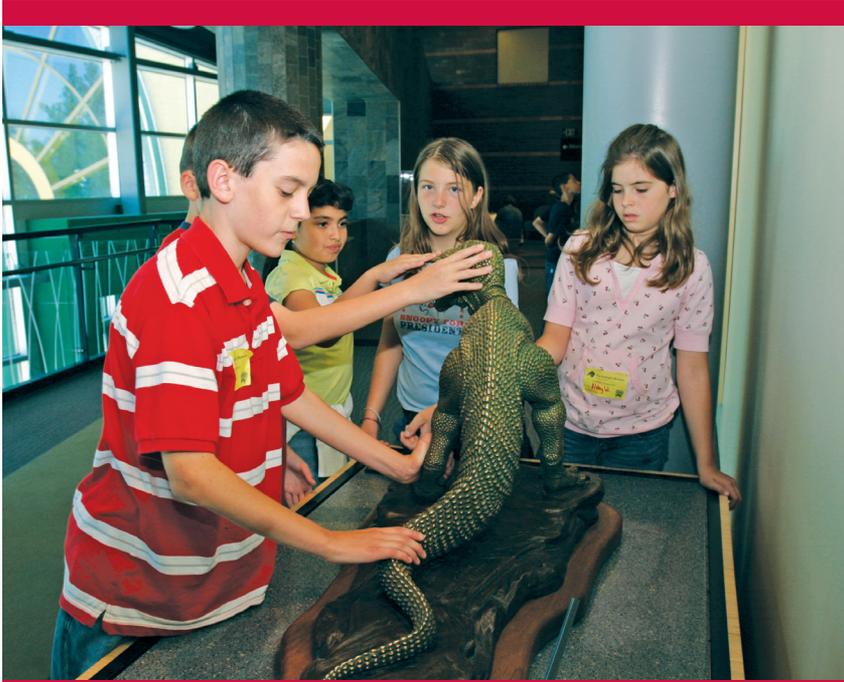
Theater: 3.4.2, 4.7.15, 5.7.2

The Power of Children: Making a Difference



Guided Experiences

Preregistration is required. Guided experiences must be specifically requested when making a reservation. Online guides can be found on the Teachers page at childrensmuseum.org.



Dinosphere: The “Real” Story

Grades 3 – 5

Wednesdays – Fridays, Nov. – May

9:30 and 10 a.m.

20 minutes, 120 students

“Are the Dinosphere skeletons real?” The answer to this question is more complex than you might think! Learn the difference between cast, single-animal and composite skeletons. Use fossil evidence to solve the three mysteries of Dinosphere and even touch an actual dinosaur bone! [\(Online Guide\)](#)

Science: 3.1.3, 4.1.5, 5.1.3

Jiggle Jelly

Grades 3 – 5

Wednesdays, Nov. 18, Jan. 13, 27, Feb 3, 17, April 14, May 12
10 and 11:30 a.m.

60 minutes, 30 students

Explore the interesting world of polymers with professional scientists. Students will note observations in a student lab booklet. These workshops are sponsored by the Indiana Section of the American Chemical Society through financial and volunteer support. [\(Online Guide\)](#)

Science: 3.1.2, 3.1.3, 3.2.2, 4.1.3, 5.1.1, 5.1.7, 5.2.7

Cells, DNA and Life

Grades 4 – 5

Thursdays, Nov. – May

9:30, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

80 minutes, 40 students

Explore plant and animal cells using models, then extract and examine DNA from a plant. Learn about scientists who paved the way for biotechnology and discover where this new science will lead us in the future. [\(Online Guide\)](#)

Science: 4.1.4, 4.4.1, 4.1.7, 5.1.4, 5.1.5, 5.4.1

The Vault: Interpreting a Collection

Grade 3

Wednesdays, Jan. – May

10, 10:30, 11 and 11:30 a.m.

25 minutes, 30 students

People collect all sorts of things — Barbie® dolls, rocks, toys, Star Wars figures, matchbox cars. Museums also collect these types of toys and much, much more. Discover the history behind a few items in The Children’s Museum’s collection. Then, try your hand at creating a label and a display for a collections object. [\(Online Guide\)](#)

English/Language Arts: 3.2.7, 3.7.8



Sketch the Unknown

Grades 3 – 5

**Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Nov. – May
10, 10:30, 11 and 11:30 a.m.**

20 minutes, 30 students

People have been discovering fossil evidence for centuries. Learn how fossil evidence and imagination have led to myths about dragons. Participate in an investigation to understand the importance of communication and how art and science are connected. ([Online Guide](#))

Science: 3.2.6, 4.1.3, 4.1.4, 4.4.8, 5.1.3, 5.4.8

May the Force Be with You

Grades 4 – 5

**Wednesdays, Nov. – Jan.
10, 10:30, 11 and 11:30 a.m.**

20 minutes, 30 students

In the worlds of Star Wars, Obi-Wan and Yoda use the Force to defend the empire. What forces do we find on earth? Discover two forces — magnetism and gravity — that affect how we work and play. ([Online Guide](#))

Science: 4.3.15, 4.3.16, 5.3.11, 5.3.13

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George Washington Carver

Grades 3 – 5

**Feb. 4, 5, 11, 12
10, 10:30, 11 and 11:30 a.m.**

20 minutes, 30 students

George Washington Carver was an innovative African American scientist who created new uses for common agricultural products. Learn about some of his many inventions and current innovations for common plants. This program is a great companion to Ruby's Story or Levi Coffin and Madame C. J. Walker. ([Online Guide](#))

Science: 3.1.2, 3.2.2, 4.1.8, 5.1.3, 5.1.7

Scope It Out

Grades 4 – 5

**Wednesdays, Feb. – May
10, 10:30, 11 and 11:30 a.m.**

20 minutes, 30 students

Find out how the telescope changed the way we observe the sky. See how a telescope works and look through one to find an object you can't see with your naked eye. ([Online Guide](#))

Science: 4.1.5, 4.1.8, 5.1.4, 5.3.1

In-Depth Experiences

In-Depth Experiences offer a multipart investigation into a topic of study, combining a museum experience with pre- and post-visit classroom units. Preregistration is required. Teacher orientations are recommended.



SciencePort®: Biotech Cool Green Tool

Grades 4 – 5

Wednesday – Friday, Nov. – May

9:45, 10:45, 11:45 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.

45 minutes, 18 students per session, 2 sessions per class; classes may need to be split into 2 sessions

Use the scientific method to solve The Case of the Mystery Plants by conducting an investigation on *Brassica rapa*, the amazing fast-growing plant. Students will begin the investigation in the classroom, then visit SciencePort to create multimedia projects that include videos and animations to share investigation results. All classroom materials are provided through teacher professional development at no additional cost. Questions? Call our SciencePort Coordinator at (317) 334-3251 or visit childrensmuseum.org/scienceport. ([Online Guide](#))

Science: 4.1.2, 4.1.3, 4.1.5, 4.2.4, 4.2.5, 4.4.5, 4.4.6, 5.1.1, 5.1.4, 5.2.4, 5.2.8, 5.4.1, 5.4.7

Curious Scientific Investigators: The Case of the Mysterious Stain

Grades 3 – 5

Fridays, Nov. – May

9:30, 10, 11 and 11:30 a.m.

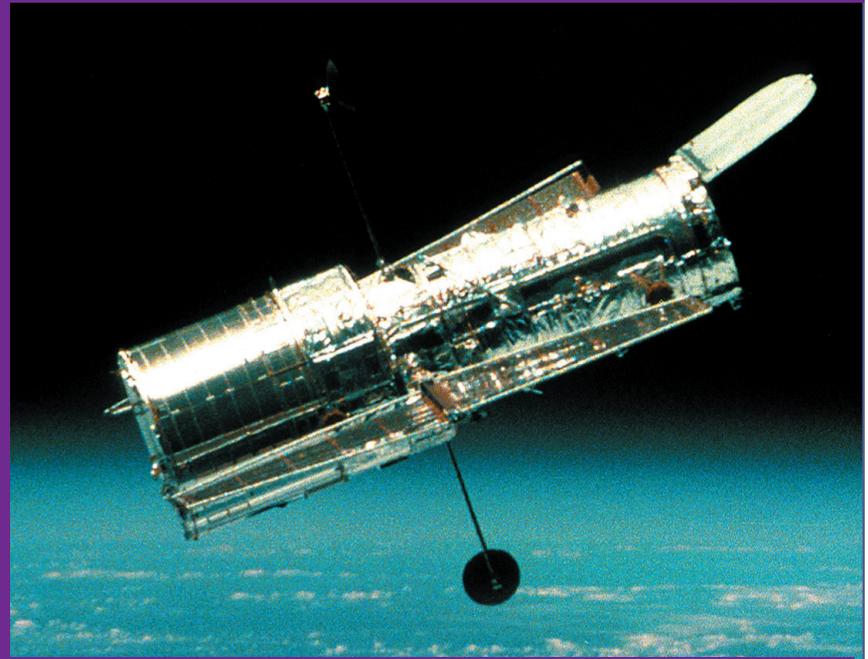
60 minutes, 30 students

There is a leak at The Children's Museum and we need the help of Curious Scientific Investigators! Use the scientific method to solve The Case of the Mysterious Stain. Collect data from one of five sites using a handheld computer and discuss the results back in the classroom. Prior to the visit, students will examine physical evidence, view interviews to learn about the mystery and write a hypothesis. As a post-visit activity, students will share their results and solve the mystery. A minimum of five chaperones are needed per class and teachers are encouraged to attend an orientation session. Questions? Contact Becky Wolfe at (317) 334-4618 or beckyw@childrensmuseum.org. ([Online Guide](#))

Science: 3.1.2, 3.1.3, 3.1.4, 3.1.5, 3.5.1, 3.5.2, 4.1.4, 4.1.2, 4.1.3, 4.1.5, 4.2.4, 4.2.5, 4.2.7, 5.1.1, 5.1.2, 5.2.4, 5.2.7, 5.2.8, 5.5.1

Packaged Experiences

Reservations are required. Packages combine several museum programs to make your planning easier and give your students an extraordinary experience.



Will You Make a Difference? Package

Grades 3 – 5

Wednesdays, Nov. – May

A live interpretation of the story of Ruby Bridges is combined with the character-building program Will You Make a Difference? See page 6 for program descriptions.

Telescope Package

Grades 4 – 5

Tuesdays, Feb. – May

Learn about Galileo in our *Two Small Pieces of Glass* planetarium show and take part in a demonstration using a real telescope in Scope It Out. See page 9 and 13 for program descriptions.

Black History Month Package

Grades 4 – 5

Feb, 4, 5, 11 and 12

Enhance your visit during Black History month by combining the George Washington Carver guided experience with the Levi Coffin and Madame C.J. Walker theater program and a Sound and Light Show in Ruby Bridges's classroom. See pages 7, 9 and 12 for program descriptions.

Lilly Theater

Reservations are required.



The Marvelous Land of Oz

Based on the story by L. Frank Baum
Adapted for the stage by Tessa Bridal

Grades 3 – 4

Dec. 1 – 4, 8 – 11, 15 – 17

10 and 11:30 a.m.

ASL-interpreted performance Dec. 9, 10 a.m.

40 minutes, 350 seats

Join us in the Lilly Theater as we present the sequel to *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz!* Set two years after the events of the first book, *The Marvelous Land of Oz* features familiar characters, such as the Scarecrow, the Tin Woodman and the Good Witch Glinda, along with a host of new characters — the Woggle Bug, Jack Pumpkinhead and his creator Tip, and Princess Ozma.

When the Scarecrow, now ruler of the Emerald City, is driven out by General Jinjur and her all-girl army, his friends — the Tin Woodman, Tip and Jack Pumpkinhead — try to restore peace. This is a wonderful, continuing adventure of the characters you fell in love with in *The Wizard of Oz*. ([Online Guide](#))

English/Language Arts: 3.3.2

Theater: 3.10.1, 4.8.1



Levi Coffin and Madam C. J. Walker

Grades 3 – 5

Feb. 4 – 5, 11 – 12

10 and 11:30 a.m.

40 minutes, 350 seats

Celebrate Black History Month in the Lilly Theater with vignettes exploring the lives of two historical legends who played a significant part in American history during the 1880s and 1900s. Meet Levi Coffin, the “president” of the Underground Railroad, and Madam C. J. Walker, an astute business woman and the first black female millionaire. A post-performance discussion will give students an opportunity to interact with the actors. ([Online Guide](#))

Social Studies: 3.1.2, 3.1.4, 3.1.6, 4.1.7, 4.1.11, 4.1.13, 5.2.9

Jack

By Mike Kenny

Grades 3 – 4

March 9 – 12, 16 – 19, April 13 – 16

10 and 11:30 a.m.

March 23 – 26, April 6 – 9

11:30 a.m. only

ASL-interpreted performance April 15, 10 a.m.

40 minutes, 350 seats

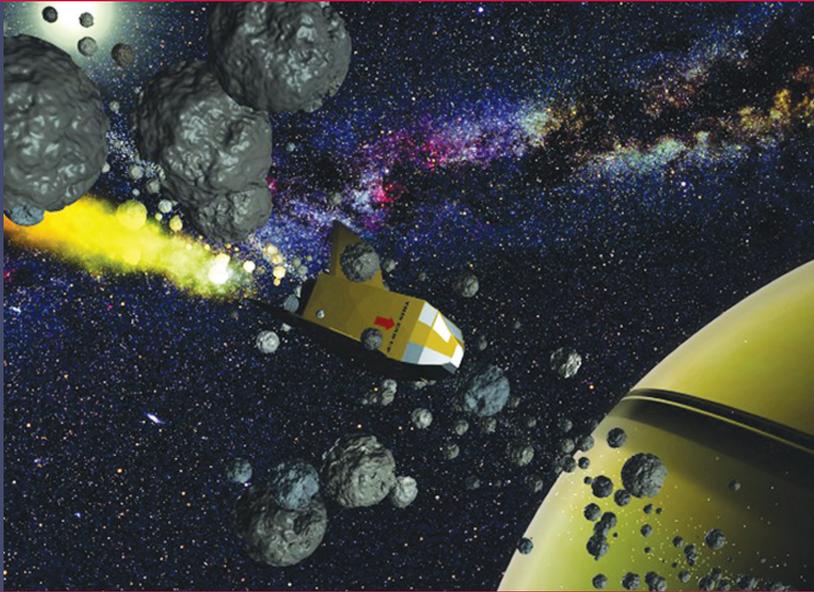
The Lilly Theater presents a creative and updated telling of the classic story of a boy and a beanstalk. *Jack* takes us on that well-known journey into the clouds where our hero encounters a new world inhabited by a hungry giant and his wife. As the story unfolds, we learn about growing up around a bully without becoming one, about parenting, and about a boy’s dreams. ([Online Guide](#))

English/Language Arts: 3.3.2

Theater: 3.10.1, 4.8.1

SpaceQuest Planetarium

Reservations are required. The Planetarium will be closed Jan. 4 – 8. There are no school shows March 22 – April 19.



Secret of the Cardboard Rocket

Grade 3

Tuesday – Friday, Nov. – May

11 a.m.

40 minutes, 130 seats

This is the story of two children who build a rocket out of a refrigerator box. The rocket takes them on a fantastic journey through the solar system, with the help of a magical book and their own imaginations. ([Online Guide](#))

Science: 3.3.2

Cosmic Canopy

Grades 3 – 5

Tuesdays and Thursdays, Nov. – May

10 a.m.

15 minutes, 130 seats

Every night the stars form their canopy over the earth. Can you find the familiar star patterns called constellations? See the jewels of our Indiana night sky. ([Online Guide](#))

Science: 3.3.1, 3.3.4, 3.6.5, 4.3.1, 5.3.3

Select-a-Show Option

School groups with more than 50 participants have greater scheduling flexibility when they use the Select-a-Show option. SpaceQuest Planetarium offers the Select-a-Show option on selected Mondays from March through May. Choose any Planetarium show on this page and call (317) 334-4000 to schedule, or see the Select-a-Show list available through the Teachers page at childrensmuseum.org.

Two Small Pieces of Glass: The Amazing Telescope

Grades 4 – 5

Tuesdays and Thursdays, Nov. – May

Noon

25 minutes, 130 seats

Two Small Pieces of Glass traces the history of the telescope from Galileo's modifications to a child's spyglass — using two small pieces of glass — to the launch of NASA's Hubble Space Telescope and the future of astronomy. ([Online Guide](#))

Science: 4.4.7, 5.3.1, 5.1.4, 5.1.5

Stars of the Pharaohs

Grade 5

Wednesdays and Fridays, Nov. – May

10 a.m.

32 minutes, 130 students

Travel to ancient Egypt to see how science was used to tell time, make a workable calendar and align huge buildings. Learn about the connection the ancient Egyptians felt with the stars and various astronomical phenomena. In this show, you'll see some of the most spectacular temples and tombs of the ancient world recreated in their original splendor. ([Online Guide](#))

Science: 5.3.3

Wonders of the Universe

Grade 5

Wednesdays and Fridays, Nov. – May

Noon

20 minutes, 130 seats

Look through the eyes of the Hubble Space Telescope and travel back in time to see the birth of the universe. You'll see the formation of galaxies and explore some of the most wondrous nebulae and astronomical structures yet discovered. Fly deep into our own Milky Way galaxy and return home to Earth on a spectacular tour through the solar system. ([Online Guide](#))

Science: 5.3.1, 5.3.2, 5.3.3

General Museum Information



Hours

The museum is open for school groups during these times.

September through February

Tuesday – Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

March through May

Monday – Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Dinosphere opens at 10 a.m.

School reservations are not accepted for peak visitation dates, which include school breaks, holidays and weekends.

Group Admission

Groups must have a minimum of 20 students to receive reduced admission.

Youths: \$5

Required adults: Free (one adult is required for every 10 students)

Additional adults: \$7.50

Museum members: Free with member card and ID.

Museum programs, shows and events are all included in the price of admission.

NEW! Online Reservations

Teachers from schools that have sent groups on field trips to the museum before are encouraged to schedule field trips online at childrensmuseum.org. Your online username is your school's phone number. Your online password is your school's street address. You can view open dates and times, descriptions of programs for specified grade levels, and recommendations on programs that complement Planetarium and Lilly Theater shows. The museum's Customer Service Center is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to assist first-time visitors and those who prefer personal assistance. Call (317) 334-4000 or (800) 820-6214.

Your reservation should be made for the maximum number of youths and adults expected. Some programs may be sold out and unable to accommodate additional guests on the day of your visit. Actual attendance will be noted upon arrival, and fees will be charged accordingly. Members of The Children's Museum are admitted free of charge when appropriate information is provided on the check-in form.

Schedule in Advance

We recommend scheduling school visits at least one month in advance. Spring visits should be scheduled as early as possible because dates fill quickly. A limited number of school reservations are available each day. Registration closes two weeks prior to the visit date.



Get Bus Money for Your Field Trip

We will reimburse schools up to \$50 per bus depending on the distance from the museum. Mention this special offer when you register for a field trip from November through May. Thanks for choosing us as your off-site learning destination!



NEW! Group-Only Entrance

School groups can now access the museum through a group-only entrance on the north side of the museum. New amenities include a dedicated group check-in desk (no more waiting in the box office lines), improved lunch storage, an open orientation/sack lunch area, and a secure student drop-off area away from the flow of visitor traffic. We designed this space for our group visitors based on teacher input received over the past year.

Payment

The museum can bill your school (the preferred option for quickest check-in) or you may pay at check-in on the day of your visit. We accept checks, credit cards and cash. Please make checks payable to The Children's Museum. Catered lunch payments must be paid separately to Sodexo Services.

Save \$30 on Your School Field Trip

As a special thank-you for opening a new account with Teacher's Credit Union, you will receive a coupon to save \$30 toward museum admission for your class or any professional development opportunity. If you are already a member, be sure to ask a TCU representative how to qualify for the coupon. For more information on this program and other financial educational resources available at TCU, visit tcunet.com, stop by any TCU office, or call a member services representative at (800) 552-4745.



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NEW! School Group Lunch Area

An improved sack lunch area is available for school groups. Reservations are required and seating is limited. Please pack lunches in large boxes labeled with the school name. The sack lunch area is near the school group entrance on Level 1. Adult leaders are responsible for transporting lunches a short distance from the bus to the storage area. Refrigeration is not available.

Hassle-Free Catered Lunch

You can preorder a lunch from several options in our food court. For details on catered school lunches, visit the Teachers page at childrensmuseum.org. A 50-percent deposit is due two weeks in advance to hold your order, and a final count is needed two business days in advance. The balance must be paid on the day of your visit. To place your order, call (317) 334-3213, or e-mail the catering department directly at catering-manager@childrensmuseum.org.

Carousel

When making your reservation, please indicate if your group plans to ride the Carousel so that we may prepare your tickets in advance. Carousel rides are \$1. Students must be accompanied by an adult. Members ride free. Carousel fees will be added to your admission. The Carousel will be closed for maintenance from Sept. 8 to 25.

Making a Reservation



1. Planning Your Visit

- Choose three dates or days of the week that work best for you.
- Make a list of programs you wish to attend. Note capacities and grade levels.
- Invite other classes from your school, and get a complete count of teachers and students.
 - Know your school's fax number, phone number, address and district.
 - Visit the museum in advance to plan your day. Teacher Club members receive two planning passes per year.

2. Setting Up Your Field Trip

- Schedule online at www.childrensmuseum.org or register by phone at (800) 820-6214 or (317) 334-4000.
- You'll need your school's phone number (for your username) and your school's address (for your password).
- Make sure you know the times and capacities of each of your scheduled programs before completing the transaction.
- Record your confirmation number/Web order number. You will need to reference this number if you call back with changes.

3. Reviewing Your Confirmation

- Watch for your confirmation packet to arrive. Call the Customer Service Center if you do not receive your packet, and a reprint will be faxed to you.
- Carefully review your confirmation letter and call us immediately with questions or revisions.
- Share the information in the packet with other teachers.

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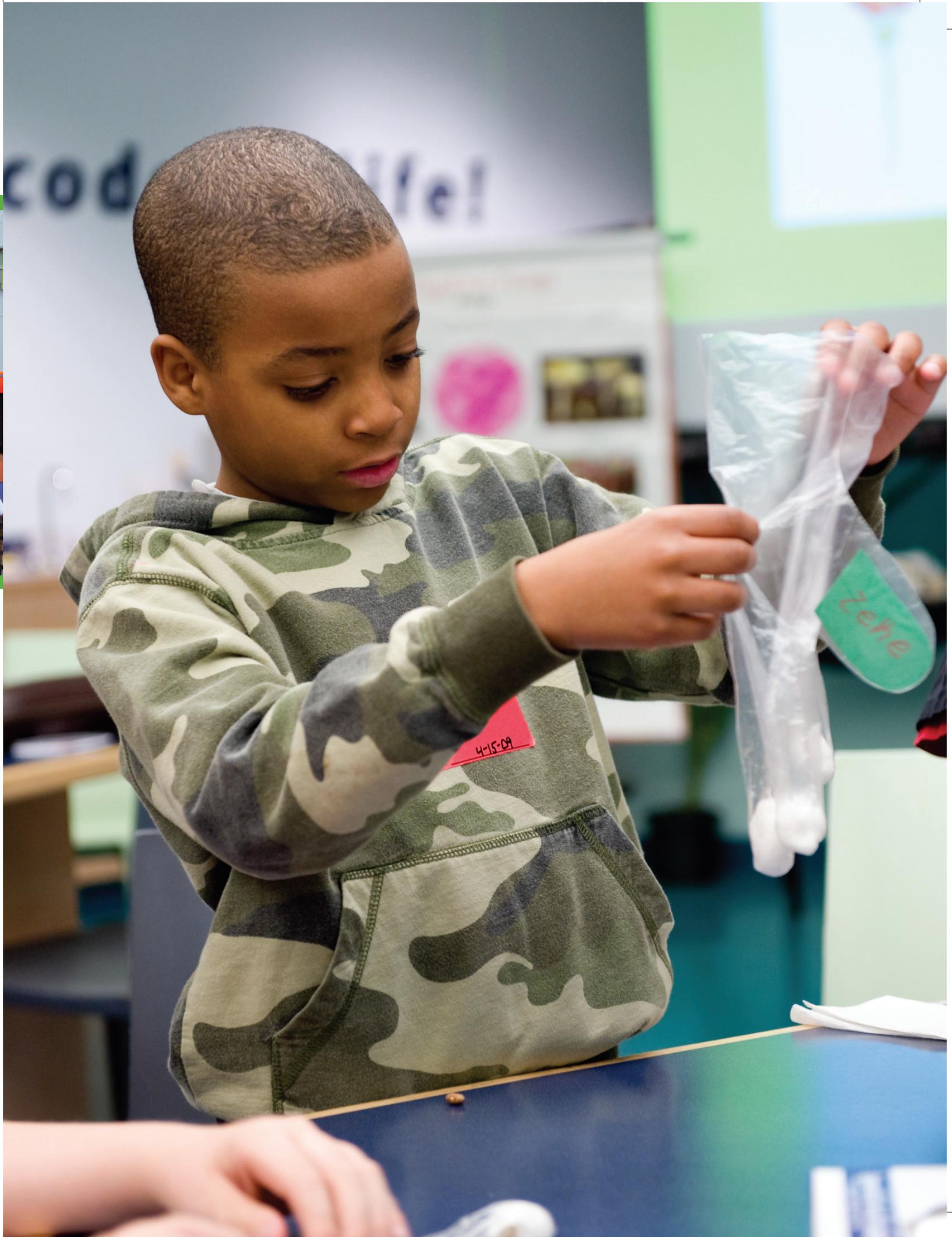
Take the fun of The Children's Museum back to the classroom and address Indiana Academic Standards using units of study and ideas from the museum's workshops and summer institutes. Whether you need credit (available from local universities) or are looking for new ideas to incorporate into the curriculum, you will find what you need at The Children's Museum. All workshops are designed around museum exhibits and include investigation of a multidisciplinary, inquiry-based unit of study and hands-on experiences. Each participant receives a unit of study and suggestions for lessons and classroom activities. Check childrensmuseum.org for current offerings and registration information.

Teacher Club

Upon registering for a field trip, you automatically become a member of our Teacher Club. All Indiana in-service and pre-service teachers are eligible to join. Members receive a free monthly e-newsletter, invitations to special educator events, museum and store discounts, and two free admissions to the museum per year. Visit childrensmuseum.org and click on Teachers for more information or to register for the Teacher Club.

Classroom Resources

Units of study and visit guides are online resources that help teachers make the most of the museum experience. These guides can be used to prepare students for their experience and continue the learning in the classroom. Visit the Teachers page at childrensmuseum.org to download these resources.





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