

Grade
3

2008 – 2009

School Visits



The Children's Museum
of Indianapolis

Welcome to the 2008 – 2009 School Year

At The Children’s Museum of Indianapolis, we provide enrichment learning experiences for students through programming and exhibits tied to Indiana State Standards. Professional educators design museum experiences around standards in science, social studies, language arts and the arts. With activities targeted toward every grade level from K to 8, there is something for everyone at the museum.

Presentations in SpaceQuest® Planetarium and Lilly Theater, guided experiences, select museum events and programs require advance registration for specific times and dates. All are free with the cost of museum admission.

Visit ChildrensMuseum.org to find printable online visit guides and Units of Study to help you prepare for your visit.



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Permanent Exhibits

The Children's Museum of Indianapolis has five floors of exciting, interactive exhibits ready for you and your students to explore! Go to ChildrensMuseum.org to download printable visit guides and/or units for each exhibit space.



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, rock climbing and a construction site. ([Online Unit](#))

Biotechnology Learning Center

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

SciencePort®: Gateway to Extraordinary Learning

Families and school groups work together to better understand scientific concepts. ChildrensMuseum.org/SciencePort

Health House

Visit Health House to learn important lessons about nutrition and active play. ([Online Unit](#))

Carousel Wishes and Dreams

Experience the wonder of the Carousel and the magic of imagination. Also visit a mirror maze, a tree house, a walk-in kaleidoscope, a pretend soda shop and a playhouse. The Carousel is wheelchair accessible.

Note: The Carousel will be closed for annual maintenance from Sept. 8 – 29. ([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 how children today can make a difference. ([Online Units](#))

The Power of Children is made possible by lead gifts from Deborah Simon, Efroymsen 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

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. ([Online Unit](#))

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.

infoZone

This unique library 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.

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. Includes the Paleo Prep Lab and a 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. ([Online Guide](#))

All Aboard!

In 1868, Reuben Wells designed a 35-foot-long, 55-ton steam engine to conquer Indiana's Madison Hill, the steepest railroad grade in the United States. ([Online Unit](#))

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](#))

Temporary Exhibits

The museum hosts nationally-recognized temporary exhibits throughout the year. Don't miss these exhibits!



Animation

Grades K – 5

Through Jan. 4, 2009

What child hasn't spent hours after school or on Saturday mornings watching their favorite cartoons? What adult doesn't have fond memories of watching them? In *Animation*, a new exhibit from the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry in collaboration with Cartoon Network, children and adults can explore the art, math, science and technology of animation from concept to finished product. Familiar characters from *Dexter's Laboratory*, *Foster's Home for Imaginary Friends* and other favorites will illustrate the process.

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**Comic Book
HEROES**
Featuring The Max Simon
Comic Book Collection

Comic Book Heroes: Featuring the Max Simon Comic Book Collection

Grades K – 5

Through May 3, 2009

Visit the new comic book exhibit at The Children's Museum! Find out about all kinds of comic books, the artists who create them and the amazing characters they feature ... then take a moment to create your own! Featuring selections from the Max Simon Comic Book Collection, an impressive collection of nearly 20,000 comics, *Comic Book Heroes* introduces students to the vast world of comic books and inspires them to read, collect and create! [\(Online Unit\)](#)

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**JOLLY DAYS
WINTER WONDERLAND**



Jolly Days Winter Wonderland

Grades K – 4

Nov. 28, 2008 – Jan. 4, 2009

Enjoy traditional holiday favorites such as the Yule Slide, Jingles the Jolly Bear and visits with Santa. A winter wonderland Snow Castle invites interactive play and provides a toddler-size version of the popular Yule Slide. Try your ice-fishing skills in the Fishing Shack, or visit the Cookie Café and warm up your imagination with lots of cookie fun!

LEGO® Castle Adventure

Grades K – 6

Jan. 31 – May 3, 2009

Builders of all ages are invited to explore, build and play in *LEGO® Castle Adventure!* In this exhibit, students are transported to a LEGO kingdom where they can become master castle builders, using one of the greatest building materials of all time — LEGO bricks. Visitors can construct castles, learn about real-world castles and their building secrets, and plan their ideal castle's defenses. [\(Online Unit\)](#)

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Museum Events

Pre-registration is required. Events and guided experiences must be specifically requested when making a reservation.

Weekday Presentations

Any day your school group chooses to visit, you are invited to participate — along with other museum visitors — in the following presentations throughout the museum. No reservations are required. Space may be limited.

Ask a Paleontologist Lower Level, Dinosphere Paleo Prep Lab

10 a.m. – noon, continuous interpretation

Science: 1.1.4, 2.1.2, 2.1.6, 3.1.3, 4.1.5, 5.1.3 (Online Guide)

Water Clock

Level 1, Welcome Center

12:45 p.m., 20 minutes

Math: K.5.2, 1.5.6, 2.5.9, 3.5.9

Science: 3.3.8, 5.3.13 (Online Guide)

The Power of Children Curator Cart

Level 3, The Power of Children

11 a.m. – noon

Social Studies: 3.1.5

Language Arts: 3.7.2, 3.7.3

(Online Guide)

Mad Scientist

Level 4, ScienceWorks

11 a.m., 10 minutes

Science: K.1.2, 1.1.1, 1.1.2, 2.1.1, 3.1.2 (Online Guide)

Active Play

Level 4, Health House in ScienceWorks

11:30 a.m., 15 minutes

Physical Education: K.3.1, 1.3.2, 2.3.1, 2.3.3 (Online Guide)

Comics Curator Cart

Level 2, Comic Book Heroes exhibit

11:30 a.m., 15 minutes

Visual Arts: K.12.2, 1.12.2, 2.12.2, 3.12.2 (Online Guide)



Discover Chihuly's Art

Grades 3 – 5

Wednesday – Thursday, Nov. 12 – 13

Ongoing 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Discover the art of Dale Chihuly through his Fireworks of Glass tower, ceiling and paintings. Interactive activities introduce students to sculpture and the Hot Shop. See the film, Chihuly's World of Glass to learn about glass blowing and the installation of the tower.

Visual Arts: 3.3.1, 4.3.1, 5.3.1
(Online Guide)

Chihuly's World of Glass

(Planetarium show to complement event)

Grades 3 – 5

Wednesday – Thursday, Nov. 12 – 13
11 a.m. and noon

25 minutes, 130 seats

Experience the sights and sounds of Dale Chihuly's hot shop! Take a virtual tour through a dramatic sound and light show, narrated by Chihuly himself. Watch as the glass changes form with heat, breath and force. You'll also see Chihuly's glass works, plus an exciting time-lapse video of the installation of Fireworks of Glass.

Social Studies: 3.5.3 (Online Guide)

Celebrations

Grade 3

Wednesday – Thursday, Dec. 3 – 4

Wednesday – Thursday, Dec. 10 – 11
Ongoing 9:30 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.

Social Studies: 3.5.4 (Online Guide)

Hot Shop

(Guided experience to complement event)

Grades 3 – 5

Wednesday – Thursday, Nov. 12 – 13
10, 10:30, 11 and 11:30 a.m.

Step into our "hot shop" to discover the art of glassblowing. What happens when heat is applied to a material that appears to be solid, such as glass? Learn about glassblowing tools, the properties of glass and what makes it a unique art form. Explore how a successful team uses heat, gravity, centrifugal force and breath to create a work of art.

Visual Art: 3.12.2 (Online Guide)

Guided Experiences

Pre-registration is required. Guided experiences must be specifically requested when making a reservation.



Keep the Rhythm

Grade 3

Tuesdays, October – May 10, 10:30, 11 and 11:30 a.m.

20 minutes, 30 students

Explore the world of rhythm with drumbeats! Students will discover various African drums and experiment with beats and rhythms. Working together, students will create and perform their own percussive music.

Music: 3.2.1 ([Online Guide](#))

Once Upon a Time

Grade 3

Tuesdays, February – May 10, 10:30, 11 and 11:30 a.m.

20 minutes, 30 students

Fairy tales and castles seem to go hand in hand. Explore the similarities and differences in fairy tales from around the world. Students will have an opportunity to create a fairy tale — will there be a castle in your story?

English/Language Arts: 3.3.2, 3.3.7 ([Online Guide](#))

Create a Comic

Grade 3

Wednesdays and Thursdays, October – April 10, 10:30, 11 and 11:30 a.m.

20 minutes, 30 students

Enter the amazing world of comic books by working with a team to create a comic. Using a conceptualized story line, students create their own characters, add word bubbles and decide what happens from panel to panel.

English/Language Arts: 3.2.8, 3.2.9, 3.5.4 ([Online Guide](#))

Dinosaurs: Where Art and Science Meet

Grade 3

Thursdays, September – May 10, 10:30, 11 and 11:30 a.m.

20 minutes, 30 students

Explore how Benjamin Waterhouse Hawkins, a historical character, became a well-known paleo artist in 1850s. Artists who create paleo art, like the dinosaurs busting out of a the side of the museum, use science as the basis for their art. Following the presentation, students will be guided on a tour of the Mann Properties Gallery of Dinosaur Imagery.

Visual Arts: 3.1.2, 3.11.1, 3.12.2
Science: 3.4.5, 3.6.3 ([Online Guide](#))

Wash Your Hands, Please!

Grade 3

Wednesdays, December – February 10, 10:30, 11 and 11:30 a.m.

20 minutes, 30 students

Explore the world of germs and discover the vital role hand washing plays in the prevention of disease. As we get ready for the flu season, students will be able to improve their hand washing skills by using a special ultraviolet light to detect areas of their skin that they may normally miss when they wash.

Health: 3.7.2, 3.7.3 ([Online Guide](#))

Planet Earth!

Grade 3

Tuesdays, October – November, January, March – May 10, 10:30, 11 and 11:30 a.m.

20 minutes, 30 students

Explore what makes Earth so special and find out why it's the only planet in our solar system (that we know of) that has life! Discover the special traits of our unique planet that support life, and look at other celestial bodies that might be able to support some sort of life.

Science: 3.3.3, 3.4.4, 3.4.6 ([Online Guide](#))



Jiggle Jelly

Grade 3

Wednesdays, Oct. 15, 29; Nov. 12, 19, April 15, 22
10 and 11:30 a.m.

60 minutes, 30 students

Explore the interesting world of polymers with professional scientists. Engage students in creating a polymer and identifying common materials that are polymers. 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.

Science: 3.1.2, 3.1.3, 3.2.2 ([Online Guide](#))

Dinosphere: The “Real” Story

Grade 3

Wednesdays – Friday, October – May 9:30 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 differences between cast, single animal and composite skeletons. Use fossil evidence to help you solve the three mysteries of Dinosphere and even touch an actual dinosaur bone!

Science: 3.6.3 ([Online Guide](#))

Flipping Out! Exploring Literacy Through Animation

Grade 3

Tuesdays, October – December 10, 10:30, 11 and 11:30 a.m.

20 minutes, 30 students

Learn about the animation process and use problem solving skills to create an animated cartoon! Literacy skills will be used to plan the animated sequence and tell a story with moving pictures.

Language Arts Writing: 3.4.1, 3.5.5 ([Online Guide](#))

Magnify It!

Grade 3

Wednesdays, October – November 10, 10:30, 11 and 11:30 a.m.

20 minutes, 30 students

Explore the world of magnifiers and find out what they do. Look at some natural objects from the Collections Department through a hand lens. What kinds of observations can you make? Students will have the opportunity to explore with a variety of magnifying lenses.

Science: 3.1.6, 3.1.7 ([Online Guide](#))

Packaged Experiences

Reservations Required.

These packages combine several of the programs the museum offers to make your planning a little easier and to give your students an extraordinary field trip experience.

Will You Make a Difference? Package

Wednesdays, Oct.

A perfect complement to each other — a live interpretation of the story of Ruby Bridges along with the Will You Make a Difference? program to build character. See page 8 for program description.

Fairy Tale Package

Tuesdays, March 10, 17; April 14

Students will enjoy the *LEGO® Castle Adventure* exhibit and *Sleeping Beauty* in Lilly Theater. Castles are a large part of the fairy tales we know. Reserve your seats in Lilly Theater to see a performance of *Sleeping Beauty* and schedule your students to participate in the *Once Upon a Time* guided experience. See page 6 for program description.

Planet Earth and Alien Adventure Package

Select Tuesdays, Oct. – May

Discover what makes our planet special during the Planet Earth class, and then explore our solar system in the Alien Adventure show. See page 6 for program description.



Teachers Credit Union

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on Your School Field Trip!**

As a special thank you for opening a new account with Teachers 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 their Web site at tcunet.com, stop by any office, or call a member services representative at (800) 552-4745.

The Power of Children Exhibit Guided and Self-Guided Experiences



The Power of Children: Making a Difference tells the stories of Anne Frank, Ruby Bridges and Ryan White, three children who made a positive difference in spite of hatred, racism and discrimination. Visit the Annex where the Franks lived in the 1940s. Walk into Ruby's first grade classroom from the 1960s. View Ryan's 1980s teenage bedroom. This powerful exhibit brings history to students in a personal way to encourage them to take positive action in their homes, schools and communities. (Online Units)

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Ruby's Story: A theatrical experience bringing her story to life
Registration required
Grade 3

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, October – May
10, 10:30, 11:30 a.m., noon and 1 p.m.
20 minutes, 30 students

As the first African American student at William Frantz Elementary School, Ruby Bridges was an inspiration to the children who followed in her footsteps. Escorted by Federal Marshals, Ruby walked through threatening, angry crowds to get to first grade. Hear Ruby's story from those she inspired, the Federal Marshal escorts or students who attended William Frantz years later. Through their eyes, we imagine Ruby's feelings and her inability at such a young age to understand what was happening.

Language Arts: 3.7.2, 3.7.3
Theater: 3.4.1, 3.10.1 (Online Unit)

Will You Make A Difference?

Registration required
Grade 3
Wednesdays, October
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 to determine if you can make a difference for someone like Anne, Ruby or Ryan.

Theater: 3.6.2 (Online Guide)

The Power of ... Anne, Ruby or Ryan

No reservation required
Space may be limited
Grade 3
Fridays, October – May
10 a.m. – noon
20 minutes, 30 students

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; Anne in October, November, April and May.

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

Language Arts: 3.7.2, 3.7.3
Theater: 3.4.1, 3.10.1 (Online Units)

The Power of Children Curator Cart

No reservations required

Daily

11 a.m. – noon

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 (specific artifacts subject to change).

Social Studies: 3.1.5

Language Arts: 3.7.2, 3.7.3
(Online Guide)



Anne/Ruby/Ryan Sound and Light Shows

No reservations required

Each Sound & Light show plays twice hourly, unless preempted by a live theater performance. 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 with lighting effects that showcase relevant aspects of the exhibit. Sound effects create the sense of being there. Each story creates a frame of reference for the rest of the exhibit. See gallery sign for specific times.

Language Arts: 3.7.2

Theater: 3.4.2

Lilly Theater

Reservations are required.



The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

Based on the book by C.S. Lewis

Grade 3

Dec. 2 – 5, 9 – 12, 16 – 18
10 and 11:30 a.m.

40 minutes, 350 seats

Four young children become the houseguests of an old professor who lives on the outskirts of London. Upon exploring the huge old house, they discover a magical other-world inside a wardrobe called Narnia. There the children discover the White Witch has declared that it will always be winter, but never Christmas. Her spell can only be broken upon the return of the lion King Aslan. The children, Father Christmas and a number of forest animals join together to defeat the White Witch, bring King Aslan back to power, and Spring back to Narnia.

English/Language Arts: 3.3.2

Theater: 3.10.1 (Online Guide)

Sleeping Beauty

By Charles Wray

Grade 3

March 10 – 13, 17 – 20, April 14 – 17
10 and 11:30 a.m.

March 24 – 27, April 7 – 10
11:30 a.m.

40 minutes, 350 seats

The Lilly Theater presents a bolder, funnier version of one of your favorite tales. Meet the independent, headstrong, in-your-face Princess Briar Rose (a.k.a. Sleeping Beauty). And Gryff, who's half-dragon and a total smart aleck. There's Branwen, the really nice witch who tries to outspell the evil Modron. And, of course, Prince Owain, who comes with the standard princely features, minus bravery, talent and competence. Within

the story you know are deliciously funny and amazing adventures, troublesome fairy folk and a riddle-challenging Spider King.

English/Language Arts: 3.3.2

Theater: 3.10.1 (Online Guide)

Levi Coffin and Madam C.J. Walker

Grade 3

Feb. 5, 6, 12 and 13

10 and 11:30 a.m.

40 minutes, 350 seats

Celebrate Black History Month 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 businesswoman and the first black female millionaire. A post-performance discussion will allow students to interact with the actors.

Social Studies: 3.1.2, 3.1.4, 3.1.6

(Online Guide)



SpaceQuest® Planetarium

Reservations are required.

Planetarium closed Sept. 2 – 12 and Jan. 5 – 9. No school shows March 23 – April 10.



Select-a-Show

To provide teachers with 50 or more participants more scheduling flexibility, the Planetarium has a Select-a-Show option. Choose any show you want from this brochure, the select-a-show list on the Web site or by calling (317) 334-4000. Schedule it on select Mondays from March 3 through May 22.

Alien Adventure

Grades 1 – 3

September – May

Tuesdays and Thursdays, noon;

Fridays, 10 and 11 a.m.

(Tuesdays and Fridays in November at noon only; Fridays in December and February at 10 a.m. only)

35 minutes, 130 seats

Take a spectacular flight with Zerbel, the alien tour guide, through our solar system in search of life on other planets. Find out about the different environmental conditions of Earth's planetary neighbors and the possibility of extraterrestrial life in our solar system.

Science: 1.4.4, 2.4.3, 3.3.2 ([Online Guide](#))

Cosmic Canopy

Grades 3 – 8

September – November, January,

March – May; Tuesdays and

Wednesdays at 11 a.m.

December and February; Wednesdays and Thursdays at noon

15 minutes, 130 seats

Every night, the stars form a glorious canopy over the Earth. Do you recognize the familiar star patterns called constellations? You'll learn how to find these star patterns and hear stories about some of them. Each student will receive a "sky map" to take home. Due to the apparent motion of the stars throughout the year, the show will feature different constellations and different stories for fall, winter and spring seasons.

Science 3.3.1, 3.3.4, 3.6.5, 4.3.1, 5.3.3, 6.3.2, 7.3.1, 8.2.1 ([Online Guide](#))

Seasons of Light

Grades 2 – 5

December, Tuesdays – Fridays, 11 a.m.

40 minutes, 130 seats

Enjoy this special journey through the winter holidays and the cultural traditions related to light. Find out about special seasonal celebrations and how they began.

Language Arts: 2.3.1, 3.3.2, 4.3.1, 5.3.6 ([Online Guide](#))

Follow the Drinking Gourd

Grades 2 – 5

February, Tuesdays – Fridays, 11 a.m.

25 minutes, 130 seats

Experience the plight of slaves as they begin a dangerous journey for freedom. Search for the winter constellations, learn a slave song and watch as a family follows the Big Dipper on their way to freedom.

Language Arts: 2.3.3, 3.3.4, 4.3.3, 5.3.2 ([Online Guide](#))

Basic Museum Information

Reservations are required.

Hours

The museum is open for school groups:

September – February,

Tuesday – Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

March – May,

Monday – Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

School reservations are not accepted for peak visitation dates, including school breaks.

(Note: Dinosphere® opens at 10 a.m.)

School Group Admission

Groups must have a minimum of 20 students and register in advance to receive reduced admission.

Youths: \$4

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

Additional adults: \$6.50

Museum members: Free with appropriate documentation

Reservations

Schedule a field trip at your convenience online at ChildrensMuseum.org, or let the museum's Customer Service Center help you plan at (317) 334-4000 or (800) 820-6214 (open 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. daily). We recommend scheduling your school visit at least one month in advance. Spring visits should be scheduled as early as possible. A limited number of school reservations are available each day. Registration closes two weeks prior to visit date.

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 visit 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.

Payment

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

Lunch Options for Field

Trip Groups

Sack Lunch

A Sack Lunch area is available for school groups bringing their own lunches.

Lunch reservations are required and seating is limited. Please pack lunches in large boxes labeled with the school name. Teachers will be responsible for transporting their own lunches to the Level 2 Sack Lunch area.

Hassle-Free Catered Lunch

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

Carousel

When making your reservations, please indicate if your group plans to ride the Carousel so we can prepare your tickets in advance. Carousel rides are \$1 per person and students must be accompanied by an adult. Carousel fees will be added to your admission charge. The Carousel will be closed for annual maintenance Sept. 8 through 29.

Classroom Resources

To help you plan for your field trip, visit guides and Units of Study are available for exhibits, Lilly Theater productions, Planetarium shows and most experiences. Visit the Teacher page at ChildrensMuseum.org.

Teacher Club

Upon registering for a field trip, you automatically become a member of our Teacher Club, giving you invitations to special teachers-only events, as well as museum discounts and information about professional development opportunities. Every teacher in Indiana is eligible to join.

For more information

Call the museum's Customer Service Center at (317) 334-4000 or (800) 820-6214.

Making a Reservation

To make placing your reservation as simple as possible, please follow this registration outline.

I. Planning your visit:

- Choose three dates or days of the week that work best for you.
- Make a list of the programs you want 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, address and district.
- Visit the museum in advance to plan your day. Teacher Club members receive two planning passes per year.

II. Setting up your field trip:

To make your reservation by phone, call the museum's Customer Service Center at (800) 820-6214 or (317) 334-4000. Record the name and direct line of the customer service representative who assists you with your reservation. Or, schedule your field trip at ChildrensMuseum.org. Record your confirmation number/Web order number. You will need to reference this number if you call back. Make sure you know the times and capacities of each of your programs before completing the transaction.

III. One to two weeks after placing reservation:

- 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 any questions or revisions.
- Share the information in the packet with other teachers.