2015–2016
PRESCHOOL VISITS

CHILDREN’S MUSEUM
INDIANAPOLIS
Hands-On Learning for Preschoolers
The Children’s Museum of Indianapolis offers a host of learning opportunities just for preschool groups. Bring your 3-, 4-, and 5-year-olds on a trip to the world’s largest children’s museum and enjoy interactive and enriching programs created especially for preschoolers.

A MUSEUM DESIGNED WITH SCHOOL GROUPS IN MIND
• Safe and convenient entrance just for school groups
• Sack lunch area for school groups
• All programs and shows free with museum admission

GENERAL MUSEUM INFORMATION
HOURS
The museum is open for school groups during these times:
August 2015 through February 2016
Tuesday–Friday, 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m.
March through May 2016
Monday–Friday, 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m.
Dinosphere opens at 10 a.m.

CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTER
Open daily from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. School reservations are not accepted for peak visitation dates, which include school breaks, holidays, and weekends.
Phone: 800-820-6214 or 317-334-4000

SCHOOL GROUP ADMISSION
Preschool groups (students ages 3 to 5) must have a minimum of 15 students and register at least two weeks in advance to receive reduced admission.
Students: $5
Required adults: Free (one adult is required for every five preschool students). If your group requires additional chaperones or one-on-one care, you will be required to show your school identification name badge.
Additional adults: $7.50
Museum members: Free; member number required at check-in.
Detailed reservation instructions found on pages 8 and 9.
See childrensmuseum.org/content/field-trips for more information.
Get UNLIMITED visits for an entire year with the purchase of a 2015–16 School Membership!

SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP
Now every classroom in your school can enjoy unlimited access to extraordinary learning experiences at The Children’s Museum of Indianapolis! This unprecedented access and flexibility is available when your school purchases a School Membership. It’s easy to join, and membership costs are based on total school enrollment.

AS A MEMBER, YOUR SCHOOL WILL RECEIVE THESE EXCLUSIVE BENEFITS:
• Unlimited museum visits for an entire school year for one low price (Aug. 17, 2015–June 10, 2016, excluding all school breaks and holidays)

• One 50% off coupon for a professional development workshop for each teacher at your school (excludes Open Houses, Educator Nights, and Dino Digs)

• Opportunity to register early for fall school programs starting July 27, 2015

• Invitation for one representative from your school to serve on the museum’s Education Council

NEW for 2015–16!
Option to purchase the Chaperone Membership:
For an additional $150, ten adult chaperones per day will be admitted free for each field trip during your membership period.

Without the Chaperone Membership, one adult chaperone (teacher, parent, other adults that accompany school groups) will be admitted free of charge with every ten K–12 grade students and every five preschool students.

SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP COST BASED ON ENROLLMENT
Less than 100 students—$250 annually
101–300 students—$500 annually
301–500 students—$1,000 annually
501–1,000 students—$1,500 annually
More than 1,001 students—$2,000 annually

Visit childrensmuseum.org/content/school-memberships or email schoolmembership@childrensmuseum.org for more information.

“Having a school membership takes all the worries and stress out of the field trip. It is wonderful to be able to not worry about cost for the children.”
PERMANENT EXHIBITS

The Children’s Museum of Indianapolis has five floors of exciting interactive exhibits ready to engage your students in learning.

LEVEL 4
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 ice cream 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 from Sept. 14 to 29, 2015.

LEVEL 3
PLAYSCAPE
Playscape is a place for preschoolers—ages 3 through 5—and the adults in their lives to learn and play together! Students can experience the Art Studio, Music Studio, and the Reggio Emilia-inspired interactive elements in this state-of-the-art gallery. Specific reservations must be made to visit Playscape. Please see more info under Playscape Reservations on page 5.

Playscape is made possible through lead gift support of PNC Foundation, with major support provided by The Efroymson Family Fund, a CICF Fund; W.B. Fortune; The Joseph and Marylyne Sexton Family; The Children’s Museum Guild; the Harlan Family Foundation; the Ruth Lilly Philanthropic Foundation; Jane and Steve Marmore; Jerry and Elsie Martin; Randall and Deborah Tobias; and Peyton Manning Children’s Hospital at St.Vincent.

LEVEL 2
TAKE ME THERE:® CHINA
“Fly” over the Great Wall of China, “touch down” in Beijing, and embark on a journey through modern China. Visitors to Take Me There: China experience ancient traditions and modern activities through art, music, food, tea culture, and ancient Chinese medicine. (Online Units of Study)

Take Me There: China is made possible by lead gifts from Lilly Endowment Inc., Eli Lilly and Company Foundation, Inc., The Lilly Family, Mrs. Yvonne Shaheen, Sarah and John Lechleiter, the U.S. Institute for Museum and Library Services, Jane and Steve Marmore, Susan and Jim Naus, and Polly Hix. Additional support provided by Randy and Janet Belden, the China National Tourism Office, and the Confucius Institute.

INFOZONE
A unique partnership between the museum and the Indianapolis Public Library, infoZone combines the best of a museum and a library.

STORIES FROM OUR COMMUNITY
Learn about our community by listening to intergenerational and multicultural stories.
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 30-foot-tall clock.

DINOSPHERE:
NOW YOU’RE IN THEIR WORLD®
Students 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 of Study)
Dinosphere was made possible through lead gifts from Lilly Endowment Inc., The Scott A. Jones Foundation, The Enid Goodrich Educational Initiatives Fund of The Children’s Museum, and Polly H. Hix, Yvonne H. Shaheen, and the Sogard Family.

LEONARDO: THE MUMMIFIED DINOSAUR
Located in Dinosphere
Leonardo, arguably the most scientifically important dinosaur discovery, is at the world’s largest children’s museum. When this fossilized Brachylophosaurus mummy was carefully unearthed from the Montana Badlands in 2002, researchers had their first look at the skin, scales, foot pads, and even the stomach contents of the behemoths that roamed the earth 77 million years ago. (Online Units of Study)
Leonardo: The Mummified Dinosaur is made possible by The Scott A. Jones Foundation.

LOWER LEVEL

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC TREASURES OF THE EARTH
Students and teachers are transported to world-renowned archaeological sites for hands-on adventures! Immense yourself in recreations of the tomb of Egyptian pharaoh Seti I, the burial site of China’s Terra Cotta Warriors, and the Caribbean shipwreck of the Cara Merchant, commandeered by Captain Kidd. Piece together clues to human history using archaeological tools, and see what goes on in our real working Archaeology Lab. (Online Units of Study)
National Geographic Treasures of the Earth is a partnership between The Children’s Museum of Indianapolis and the National Geographic Society, Dr. Zahi Hawass and Egypt’s Supreme Council of Antiquities, China’s Shanxi Provincial Institute for Archaeological Research and X’ian Municipal Museum, and Indiana University Bloomington and its Department of Underwater Science.
The exhibit is made possible through generous support from the Eli Lilly and Company Foundation, The Enid Goodrich Fund for Educational Initiatives, R.B. Annis Educational Foundation, Marilyn and Jim Bartlett Family, and Virginia Tutterow.

FIREWORKS OF GLASS
This installation by renowned artist Dale Chihuly includes a 43-foot-tall tower constructed of blown glass, a “floating” glass ceiling, and a hands-on exhibit. (Online Unit of Study)

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 of Study)

FLIGHT ADVENTURES
Explore the science of flight through models. Design and test a model in a virtual world, explore wing shapes, see real historic models from NASA, and be inspired to become an aviator. (Online Unit of Study)
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TEMPORARY EXHIBITS

The museum hosts nationally recognized temporary exhibits throughout the year.

**NICKELODEON’S TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES: SECRETS OF THE SEWER™**
Sept. 26, 2015–April 10, 2016
Experience the first-ever museum exhibit featuring the four heroic ninjas-in-training—Nickelodeon’s Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles™! Leap to the rescue and learn teamwork, collaboration, and problem-solving as you work your way through puzzles, mazes, and obstacles.

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**FABLES ACROSS TIME: KALILA AND DIMNA**
Opens March 2016
Animal myths and stories capture the imaginations of children around the world. The moral lessons they convey are often handed down from generation to generation and shape who we become as adults. Hands-on activities, opportunities for role play, and digital e-books will provide an in-depth look at the moral lessons our cultures share and our unique methods for sharing those ideals across time and place.

This exhibit is created in collaboration with Islamic Art Expert and Artist Dr. Sabiha Al Khemir and the Bahrain National Museum in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain.

**JOLLY DAYS WINTER WONDERLAND**
Enjoy traditional holiday favorites such as the Yule Slide, Jingles the Jolly Bear, and visits with Santa. 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.

Presented by Pepsi.

**GO ON AN ADVENTURE! PIRATES AND PRINCESSES**
Jan. 30–November 2016
Princesses, pirates, knights, and other adventurers play an important part in countless stories, movies, TV programs, and childhood imaginations. In this new exhibit, children and their families go on adventures as royals and rebels, role-playing in environments that inspire imaginations.

**HOT WHEELS™: RACE TO WIN™!**
Buckle up and race with the most famous toy vehicles on the planet—Hot Wheels! Be part of a dynamic race team working together to build and test the world’s fastest (and safest) speed machines, using Hot Wheels diecast cars to experiment and play.

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Presented by Teachers Credit Union.
**REGISTERED PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS**

Hands-on learning opportunities specifically designed for Preschool students. Preregistration is required.

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**GUIDED EXPERIENCES**

Units of Study can be found at childrensmuseum.org/content/classroom-resources.

**PLAYSCAPE®: EXPLORING OUR WORLD WITH ART**

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, September–December 2015
Session times vary from 9:30 a.m.–noon.
Please call for available session times.
45 minutes, 20 students, 4 adults

This program consists of a guided experience in the Art Studio followed by free exploration time in Playscape. Students will participate in a visual literacy lesson making observations about a piece of real artwork. Next, students will use that work of art as inspiration to create their own masterpiece using a variety of artist's tools and mediums. Following the art program, classes will be given 30 minutes of free play time to explore the other areas of Playscape with their grown-ups.

**PLAYSCAPE®: EXPLORING OUR WORLD WITH MUSIC**

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, January–February 2016
Monday–Wednesday, March–May 2016
Session times vary from 9:30 a.m.–noon.
Please call for available session times.
45 minutes, 20 students, 4 adults

This program consists of a guided experience in the Music Studio followed by free exploration time in the Playscape gallery. A facilitator will lead students in musical activities that incorporate tune, beat, and movement: three key areas of musical development for young children. Students will observe and play authentic instruments from another world culture. Following the music program, classes will be given 30 minutes of free play time to explore the other areas of Playscape with their grown-ups.

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**ALL ABOARD!**

**Tuesdays, September 2015–May 2016**
10, 10:30, 11, and 11:30 a.m.
20 minutes, 30 students

Stand face-to-face with the mighty Reuben Wells and find out what makes this steam engine so special! Students will meet a train conductor and learn how our museum’s steam engine works through an interactive version of a much-loved story.

**JUNIOR DINO HUNTERS**

**Thursdays, August 2015–May 2016**
9:30 and 10 a.m.
20 minutes, 60 students

Pretend to be a paleontologist and learn more about a T. rex. Discover how fossils help us understand dinosaurs and the way they lived and moved. (Online Unit of Study)

**PLANTS ALIVE!**

**Mondays and Fridays, March–May 2016**
10, 10:30, 11, and 11:30 a.m.
20 minutes, 30 students

Are plants alive? Where do they come from? Examine a seed to learn what makes it so special, and then test your green thumb by getting seeds ready to germinate. Take these baby plants back to your classroom to watch them grow.

**PLAYSCAPE RESERVATIONS**

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LILLY THEATER
Join us for live theater productions!
Reservations required.

CATERPILLAR BUTTERFLY
Grade PreK–K
Aug. 20–21, 2015, 10:15 and 11:45 a.m.
15 minutes, 2 years old and up
Limited capacity
An original, interactive sensory experience designed to give our youngest guests and their grownups one of their very first introductions to the world of theatre. We invite the entire family to participate in this magical moment that takes our audience from waking in the morning as wriggling caterpillars, hungry for food and exploration, to the mystery and wonder of transforming into beautiful, fluttering butterflies. Grownups and young guests alike will have the opportunities to explore movements, smells, textures, and visual imagery designed to stimulate creativity and encourage active play and theatre-going habits long after the experience is complete.

THE MAGIC SNOWMAN
Grades PreK–5
Dec. 1–4, 8–11, 15–18, 2015, 10:15 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.
ASL-interpreted performances Dec. 16 at 10:15 a.m.
40 minutes, 350 seats
Music and Lyrics by Stephen Murray
A mysterious stranger arrives at a village where everyone is grumpy, gloomy, and just plain glum. The stranger’s arrival marks one of the most magical days of the year—winter’s first snow. But the freshly fallen snow fails to cheer up any of the grumpy villagers until the stranger decides to make a magic snowman. This interactive musical, based on the children’s classic tale Stone Soup, offers a delightful message: When everyone makes a contribution the collective impact makes a positive difference in all of their lives. This interactive musical will delight children of all ages.

SPACEQUEST PLANETARIUM
Don’t wait to book your planetarium visits!
Starting late Fall, SpaceQuest® Planetarium will be closed for renovations as we create an extraordinary new experience about space exploration. Please visit childrensmuseum.org/content/planetarium for up-to-date show schedules.

ONE WORLD, ONE SKY:
BIG BIRD’S ADVENTURE
Grades PreK–1
Available Fall 2015
27 minutes, 130 seats
Sesame Street’s Big Bird, Elmo, and Hu Hu Zhu, their friend from China, use their imaginations to take an exciting journey to the sun, moon, and stars. When Elmo and Hu Hu Zhu return to Earth, they celebrate the idea that even though they live in two different countries, they still share the same sky. (Online Guide)

MY NIGHT SKY
Available Fall 2015
20 minutes, 130 seats
Come visit the planetarium and find out why it is such a unique place. Discover the night sky and star patterns called constellations. Learn about planets and stars and how they are different. Hear a special story about bears in the sky.
THE FOUNDATIONS TO THE INDIANA ACADEMIC STANDARDS FROM BIRTH TO AGE 5

The Children's Museum of Indianapolis creates school programming to support The Foundations to The Indiana Academic Standards for Young Children from Birth to Age 5. Please use the guide below or visit childrensmuseum.org/content/field-trips.

GUIDED EXPERIENCES

PLAYSCAPE: EXPLORING OUR WORLD WITH ART
Science: SC.1.10, SC.1.11, SC.1.15, SC.1.18
Social Studies: SS.3.2, SS.3.15, SS.3.29
Fine Arts: FA.1.23, FA.1.24, FA.1.25, FA.1.38, FA.1.55, FA.1.81

PLAYSCAPE: EXPLORING OUR WORLD WITH MUSIC
Fine Arts: FA.1.5, FA.1.15, FA.1.29, FA.1.36, FA.1.46, FA.1.47

ALL ABOARD!
Science: SC.1.36
English/Language Arts: ELA.1.1, ELA.1.16, ELA.2.34
Social Studies: SS.1.1

JUNIOR DINO HUNTERS
Science: SC.1.10, SC.1.15, SC.1.56

PLAYS ALIVE!
Science: SC.1.26, SC.1.42, SC.1.9

LILLY THEATER

CATERPILLAR BUTTERFLY

MAGIC SNOWMAN
English Language Arts: KRL2.3, KRL4.2, 1RL2.4, 2RL4.2
Theater: K.1.10, 1.10.1, 2.10.1

SPACEQUEST® PLANETARIUM

ONE WORLD, ONE SKY: BIG BIRD’S ADVENTURE
Science: SC.1.24
1. PLANNING YOUR VISIT
   a. Choose three dates or a day of the week that works for you.
   b. Make a list of programs you wish to attend. Note capacities and grade levels.
   c. Invite other classes from your school, and get a complete count of teachers, chaperones, and students.
   d. Know your school’s phone number, address, and district.

2. SETTING UP YOUR FIELD TRIP
   a. Call our reservations office at 800-820-6214 or 317-334-4000 at least two weeks before your planned visit date. Let a museum expert assist you in scheduling your field trip.
   b. Short on time? Fill out the new reservation request form at childrensmuseum.org/content/field-trips. Note your preferred visit dates and programs. A museum staff member will contact you (within two business days) to confirm your reservation.
   c. 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.
   d. At the time of registration please let the customer service representative know if special accommodations are needed such as an ASL interpreter, wheelchairs, or other assistance for children.
   e. Make sure you know the times and capacities of each of your scheduled programs before completing the transaction.

3. REVIEWING YOUR CONFIRMATION
   a. Watch for your confirmation packet to arrive within two weeks of registration. Call the Customer Service Center if you do not receive your packet, and a reprint will be faxed or emailed to you.
   b. Carefully review your confirmation letter and call us immediately with questions or revisions.

4. PREPARING FOR YOUR VISIT
   a. Go to childrensmuseum.org/content/classroom-resources to view our online units of study that supplement your field trip experience.
   b. A school identifier (either nametags or matching shirts) is required and will not be provided by the museum. Teacher and chaperone nametags will be provided.
   c. Complete the express check-in form. Actual attendance will be noted upon arrival and fees charged accordingly.
5. THE DAY OF YOUR VISIT

a. Confirm final totals of students, teachers, and chaperones attending field trip before leaving the school.

b. School groups arriving by bus will access the museum through a group-only entrance on the north side of the museum. Security staff will direct buses to drop-off location and parking location following drop-off. All other arrivals, including groups arriving by car and chaperones driving separately, should park in the museum parking garage and access the museum via the Skywalk and request to be directed to the Group Arrivals area.

c. Lead teacher will check in at the arrivals desk to receive instructions and complete payment. Students will be directed to be seated at available tables until the check-in process is complete. Chaperones should carry lunch containers a short distance from the bus to the storage area.

d. After completing brief check-in process, lead teacher will distribute teacher and chaperone stickers, break students into smaller groups, and enter the museum.

e. Enjoy the museum! Plan to arrive 10 minutes before scheduled programs. Chaperones must remain with students at all times.

f. Return to school group area 15 minutes before intended departure time. Lead teacher should check in at the desk only after the entire group has gathered to request that the buses be paged to return for pickup.

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Visit Tip 1: 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. Reservations are not accepted during school breaks, including Fall Break, Winter Break, and Spring Break.

Visit Tip 2: Carousel
When making your reservation, please indicate if your group plans to ride the Carousel so your tickets can be prepared in advance. Carousel rides are $1 per rider. Students must be accompanied by an adult. Students with a family membership ride free. Carousel fees will be added to your admission. The Carousel will be closed for maintenance Sept. 14 to 29, 2015.

Visit Tip 3: School Group Lunch
A 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. Adult leaders are responsible for transporting lunches a short distance from the bus to the storage area. Refrigeration is not available. You can preorder a lunch from several options in our food court. For more details or to place your order, call 317-334-3213, or go to childrensmuseum.org/content/field-trips. Note: Lunch times are 25 minutes and have limited capacity. Please arrive on time and have students prepared to eat.

Visit Tip 4: Payment
For quickest and easiest check-in, the museum can bill your school. Alternatively, payment may be made in a single transaction by check or credit card on the day of your visit. Please make checks payable to The Children’s Museum. Catered lunch payments must be paid separately to Sodexo Services.

JUST FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS

Professional Development
The Children’s Museum of Indianapolis offers workshops designed specifically for early childhood educators. These workshops are aligned with the Preschool Foundations and the resources of the museum. Check childrensmuseum.org/content/professional-development for current offerings and registration information.

Classroom Resources
Online resources help teachers make the most of the museum experience. These resources can be used to prepare students for their experience and continue the learning in the classroom. Visit childrensmuseum.org/content/classroom-resources to download these resources and access the interactives.
Important Note about Science Programming

The 2015–16 school year will bring exciting changes to our science programs and experiences. While areas are under construction, we've increased our efforts to ensure that there are new and exciting opportunities for your class that support academic standards in science.

- **ScienceWorks** will be closed from January through August 2016 to create an exciting new science gallery.
- **Dinosphere, National Geographic Treasures of the Earth**, and our exciting temporary exhibits always offer science experiences.
- Due to the renovations of our gallery, the **Biotechnology Learning Center** and **SciencePort** will be in a temporary location.
- Also, **don’t wait to book your planetarium visits!** Starting late Fall, SpaceQuest Planetarium will be closed for renovations as we create an extraordinary new experience about space exploration. Please visit childrensmuseum.org/content/planetarium for up-to-date show schedules.
- Watch for exclusive teacher events in summer 2016. Sign up for Educator E-news to receive exclusive updates at childrensmuseum.org/content/sign-educator-emails.