

MAKE LEARNING FUN!

FIELD TRIP FAQs

How do I sign up for field trips?

Register by calling 651-225-6002. Email a preferred visit date and a second choice to groupreservations@mcm.org and our reservationists will contact you to confirm availability.

What is the payment policy?

A non-refundable deposit is due three weeks from the date of the confirmation letter by credit card or business check. Any remaining balance is due two weeks prior to the scheduled visit. Should more children than the reserved number attend on the field trip day, they can be paid for upon arrival.

When is the best time for preschool and Kindergarten groups to visit?

The 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month are reserved for our youngest group visitors.

What about lunch?

Space is available by reservation only in our Great Big Room for a 20-minute period between 11:15 a.m. and 1 p.m. No other lunch space is available. Bring bag lunches and we'll store them for you until lunchtime. Lunch capacity: 175 children and adults.

How do we qualify for your Access Program reduced rates?

To qualify, 75% or more of students must be recipients of the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program. A limited number of bus stipends are available for qualifying schools. Call 651-225-6002 to request an application.



EDUCATOR PASS

Visit us for FREE!

Present this coupon and receive free admission for you and your family.
Limit four admissions. Expires 8/1/10. Not valid with any other offer.



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Smart Play



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MCM.org

DID YOU KNOW?
The Museum can come to you! Fun, curriculum-boosting, developmentally appropriate opportunities abound!

- Reserve early for best availability!
- Save \$25 on professional development!
- Bus stipends available for qualifying groups!

ONE PLACE COUNTLESS DISCOVERIES

2009-2010 Educator Resource Guide



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NEW DISCOVERIES EVERY VISIT!

Call 651-225-6002 to make your group visit reservation.

SAVE TIME – THE MUSEUM COMES TO YOU!

Call 651-225-6021 to schedule.

SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS WITH PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT


Museum Field Trip

Reserve a self-guided visit that allows your group to actively explore the Museum at its own pace. Your students will learn and discover as they interact with hands-on, developmentally appropriate exhibits.


- Grade level:** PreK - 4
- Group size:** Minimum 20 students, maximum 120 students. Ratio of one adult (admitted free) for every four students
- Cost:** \$4.75/student, \$2.50/student through the Access Program
- Available:** Wednesday-Friday year-round; Monday (June-August and May 10 & 17) 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month availability for PreK - K only

NEW Exhibits to Explore

 **Out on a Limb** September 19, 2009 - January 24, 2010
Celebrate children's joyful connection to nature through play.

 **Trash Bash** October 3 - November 29, 2009
Increase knowledge and skills to work toward sustaining a healthy environment.

 **Dinosaurs: Land of Fire and Ice** December 19, 2009 - May 31, 2010
Travel back in time to explore the late Cretaceous Period, when the last dinosaurs lived.

 **The Children of Hangzhou: Connecting with China** .. February 6 - May 31, 2010
Experience a close-up look at Hangzhou, China through the eyes of four young people.


Family Nights


Build school community and involve your students' families in their education with a Family Night at the Museum. Families are able to explore and play together in the Museum's immersive and multi-sensory galleries.

- Group size:** Up to 200* (children and adults)
- Cost:** \$400/\$275 through the Access Program
- Available:** 1st Thursday or every Friday of the month; 6-8 p.m.

*additional cost for more than 200

Permanent Galleries to Explore

 **Our World (Social Studies):** Help connect your students to the people, places and cultures in their community.

 **World Works (Physical Science):** Spark students' creativity and problem-solving as they investigate how their world works.

Museum-to-Go Classes

Don't have the time or resources to take a field trip? Bring the Museum experience to your school or childcare center. These hands-on, multi-sensory classes make learning creative and fun. A Museum educator will visit your classroom and facilitate a 50-minute class at your site. Museum-to-Go classes support state standards.

- Class size:** Minimum 20 students, maximum 30 students per session
- Cost:** \$330 (\$110/session) plus mileage; plan to schedule three sessions of the same class on the same day at one site.
- Available:** Monday-Friday; contact 651-225-6021 for availability. Need more or less than three sessions? Call to inquire.
- Topics:** (see MCM.org for class descriptions and how they support state standards):

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| Science | Health & Fitness |
| Amazing ANticsPreK - 2 | Hands-on HealthPreK - 4 |
| Art & Music | Math |
| World MusicPreK - 1 | Patterns EverywherePreK - 1 |
| Social Studies | |
| Community Faces and PlacesK - 4 | |
| Global ShoesPreK - 3 | |


Discovery Trunks

Create a Minnesota Children's Museum experience in your classroom in multiple ways that fit your schedule. Self-contained Discovery Trunks include authentic objects, books, music, costumes, games, educational materials and two-weeks of interdisciplinary activities and ideas that support standards.

- Cost:** \$70/8 school days or \$90/13 school days. Pick-up available at the Museum is free or we will ship directly to your site for \$25 round trip.
- Topics:** (see MCM.org for class descriptions and how they support state standards):

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| Science | Social Studies |
| Dino DigPreK - 4 | Celebrations: Festivals of LightPreK - 4 |
| Earth World: ForestPreK - 1 | Celebrations: New YearsPreK - 4 |
| Earth World: InsectsK - 2 | Community Faces and PlacesPreK - 3 |
| Art & Music | Global ShoesPreK - 3 |
| World MusicPreK - 2 | Health & Fitness |
| | Hands-on HealthPreK - 4 |

 **Earth World (Life Science):** Nurture your students' understanding of Minnesota's forest, prairie and wetland habitats in this two-story gallery.

 **Rooftop ArtPark (Art & Nature):** Students will enjoy art and nature together in this outdoor gallery. Open May - September.

Educator Workshops

Uncover new ideas, find inspiration, and develop practical skills to apply in your setting. You'll also earn in-service hours. The Museum offers two convenient and affordable options: workshops at the Museum in St. Paul or at your school or childcare center. For more information or to register, call 651-225-6021 or visit MCM.org.

At the Museum:

- Cost:** \$35/person
- Duration:** 3 hours

November 14
Bound to Read: Early Literacy .. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Nurturing Nature 1 - 4 p.m.

February 13
Building Basics. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

April 17
Pint-size Science 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Music and Movement Play 1 - 4 p.m.

At your site:

- Class size:** Minimum 20; maximum 35
- Cost:** Individualized based on needs. Call 651-225-6111 for more details.
- Duration:** 2 hours
- Workshop Topics:** (see MCM.org for workshop descriptions):

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| Science | Language Arts | Art & Music |
| Building Basics | Bound to Read: Early Literacy | Music and Movement Play |
| Nurturing Nature | Math | Health & Fitness |
| Pint-size Science | Math Everywhere | Hands-on Health |

NEW!

Take your skills to the next level: The Intentional Provider

Four-session workshop

Are you ready for the "next step" in your professional development? Try our new, in-depth workshop, The Intentional Provider! Deepen your understanding of children's needs and abilities, discover more ways to be purposeful during routines and activities, and establish on-going support and relationships with other participants in this course. Participants must attend all four sessions and will receive a portfolio for documenting and organizing all the information gained, as well as 15 in-service hours. Please call 651-225-6111 or visit MCM.org for more information.

- This class meets:** January 30, February 20, March 13, April 10 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Cost:** \$200 - includes all four sessions and materials

REGISTER BY NOVEMBER 15, 2009 AND SAVE \$25!