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January Events at Minnesota Children's Museum

Special Exhibits

Dinosaurs: Land of Fire and Ice **Continuing through May 31, 2010**

Travel back in time to the Cretaceous Period (145 – 65 million years ago), the time when dinosaurs last lived on earth. Children will go face-to-face with the prehistoric world and meet dinosaurs of all shapes and sizes. The exhibit, created for children ages 3 – 10, will feature two distinct environments and a variety of activities.

A Field Research Station allows children to step into the role of paleontologist by uncovering fossils with brushes and creating drawings of the dinosaur environment using fossil rubbings and tracings. The steamy “Land of Fire” connects visitors with prehistoric home of the Triceratops and T-Rex. No coats are needed for a trip across the “Land of Ice” where visitors climb rocky steps, breeze down an icy slide, and hop across stepping stones in an icy river.

Promotional support by *Star Tribune*.

Out on a Limb **Continuing through January 24, 2010**

Out on a Limb celebrates children's joyful connection to nature through play. Sculptural exhibit components incorporate children's nature-inspired art and recreate classic outdoor experiences: building a fort, composing a forest symphony, creating a home for a forest gnome, playing in a tree house, throwing leaves in the wind and more!

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Special Events

Small Hands, Big Hearts: Sparking the Spirit of Giving **January 16 - 30**

Start (or continue) a family tradition of service this January during the *Small Hands, Big Hearts: Sparking the Spirit of Giving* family volunteerism event. Create a placemat for the Meals on Wheels program, make cards for wounded veterans and hospitalized children and bring some new socks to donate to the Simpson House. A variety of organizations and causes will be represented during this two weeks event. Visit MCM.org for pre-visit activities, volunteerism ideas and corresponding books lists.

Free with Museum admission.

Special Activities

Sunday, January 17, 2009
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Target Free 3rd Sunday
Free admission for all visitors today!

MINNESOTA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Minnesota Children's Museum is a non-profit community educational organization committed to smart play: sparking children's learning through play. Infants ages six months through children age 10 discover their world through hands-on exhibits in five permanent galleries: *Our World* connects children to people and places in their community as they role play "grown-ups" in a child-size environment; *World Works* encourages creativity and problem-solving through investigation and experimentation; *Earth World* immerses children in lifelike Minnesota habitats to nurture an understanding of the natural world; *Habitot*[®] enables infants and toddlers to safely explore four developmentally designed learning landscapes; and *Rooftop ArtPark* brings nature and art together in an outdoor gallery on the Museum's fourth floor. Two special galleries offer exciting traveling exhibits from around the world. Fun drop-in programs such as Story Time and Big Fun! take place daily. Kid Spark, the Museum store, is located in the first floor lobby. Minnesota Children's Museum has been providing children and adults with a fun, educational environment since 1981.

The Museum is located at Seventh and Wabasha streets in downtown St. Paul. For 24-hour information, visit www.MCM.org or call 651-225-6000.

MUSEUM HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday	9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Monday (Memorial Day through Labor Day and holidays)	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
<i>Closed Easter, July 4, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day</i>	

ADMISSION

Ages 1 – 101	\$8.95
Members and Children younger than one	Free

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