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November Events at Minnesota Children's Museum

Special Exhibits

Hmong at Heart

Continuing through January 19, 2009

Hmong at Heart gives families a window into the everyday lives of the Hmong people in three environments: a village in Laos, a refugee camp in Thailand and a Hmong American home.

Visitors can use oversize, colored beads to create unique patterns on dowels, examine genuine Hmong artifacts, practice everyday Hmong phrases at a farmer's market booth, and plot out how to plant 50 acres of farmland. A special 500-square foot addition created by Minnesota Children's Museum highlights the Hmong community in Minnesota during the last 30 years.

Promotional support by *Star Tribune and Hmong Today*.

Ball-o-rama

Continuing through February 1, 2009

Golf balls have never had so much fun! Explore velocity, gravity, friction, and more by sending balls on a looping, rolling, race to the finish. Discover why people don't fall out of a rollercoaster when riding upside down. *Ball-o-rama's* interactive components are modeled after centuries-old experiments created by Newton and Galileo. A special "Tot Spot" area lets the Museum's smallest visitors explore objects in motion at their own pace.

Promotional support by *Star Tribune*.

Special Events

***Hmong at Heart* New Year Celebration**

Saturday, November 22

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Discover the Hmong tradition of ball-making and participate in a fun ball-toss game. Use sticky rice to create a tasty treat and hear cultural folklore from Hmong storytellers.

Ongoing Activities

Daily

11:30 a.m.

Big Fun!

Shake out your sillies and join the fun!

10:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

Story Time

Join us for reading adventures as we share our favorite tales.

11 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

Animal Programs

Come meet and investigate the Museum's live animals.

Weekdays

10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Exploration Station

Drop-in for hands-on creative fun.

1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesday

9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Habitot® Tuesday

Quieter mornings when no groups are scheduled.
Presented by Travelers.

2nd & 4th Tuesday

9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Preschool-Kindergarten Tuesday

Quieter mornings when no older groups are scheduled.
Presented by Travelers.

Fridays

1st Friday

(November 7)

6– 8 p.m.

All Play First Friday

An ASL interpreter will be available for the live animal program and Bed Time Books. Explore Braille books and learn about adaptive tools and other resources that are always available at the Museum.

5 – 8 p.m.

Friday Family Fun Night

6 – 7:30 p.m.

Family Arts: Storycloth Creations

Be inspired by the Hmong storycloth style of paj ntaub. Use cloth, paper and a variety of other materials to create a storycloth based on your family's history and events. Presented by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Foundation.

7 p.m.

Bedtime Books

Delightful tales will whisk you into storyland.

Saturdays & Sundays

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Inventor's Workshop

We have the materials. You have the creativity. What will you invent? Presented by Seagate Technology.

Special Activities

Sunday, November 16, 2008

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

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| Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. |
| Friday | 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. |
| Monday (Memorial Day through August 25 and holidays) | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. |

Closed Easter, July 4, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

ADMISSION

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| Ages 1 – 101 | \$7.95 |
| Members and Children younger than one | Free |

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