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October Events at Minnesota Children's Museum

Special Exhibits

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: build a fort, compose a forest symphony, create a home for a forest gnome, play in a tree house, throw leaves in the wind and more!

Promotional support by *Star Tribune*.

Trash Bash

October 3 – November 29, 2009

Trash Bash, an exhibit created by Minnesota Children's Museum, will encourage visitors to increase their knowledge, skills, attitudes, motivation and commitment to work toward sustaining a healthy environment. Children will use recycled and reused materials to create art, music and imaginative play activities.

Trash Bash will also feature Trash Mountain, an interactive exhibit that includes a collection of trash from one family of four for one year, a Tot Spot, an art studio with recycled materials and more.

Promotional support by *Star Tribune*.

Special Events

Spooky Woods

October 20 – November 1, 2009

Take a moonlit stroll through the Spooky Woods, a Halloween twist on the Museum's *Earth World* gallery. Scramble through a spider web, navigate your way through an eerie Ant Hill maze and trudge through a swampy bog. Slip on a glow-in-the-dark costume and take in night scenery of glowing eyes and bats (pretend) flying overhead. Adults and

children will enjoy creepy, crawly animal programs with spiders, cockroaches, rats or snakes.

Entrances to Spooky Woods are timed; new journeys begin every 15 minutes from 9:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Admission to Spooky Woods is free with Museum admission, but you can guarantee your preferred spot by paying \$1 per visitor. Space for each timed entrance is limited, but reservations are not required. For more information, or to reserve your timed entrance spot, please call 651-225-6035 or visit MCM.org.

Halloween Spooktacular Parties

Saturday, October 24: 6 – 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 25: 6 – 8:30 p.m.

Monday October 26: 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 31: 6 – 8:30 p.m.

One of the Museum's most popular events is back! Explore Spooky Woods and the rest of the galleries as you trick-or-treat around the Museum. Experiment with slimy, sticky and misty chemistry activities and take home your own reflective creation. Join in Halloween-themed carnival games like pumpkin bowling and the bean bag toss.

Scare up a Deliciously Convenient Meal Before the Event

Gobble up pizza, carrots, a cookie and lemonade from 5:15 – 6 p.m. during evening events and 12:30 – 1:45 p.m. during the day time event on Monday, October 26.

Advance reservations are required for dinner and recommended for the event.

Cost: \$10 for members; \$12 for non-members.

Register by October 9 and receive \$2 off each admission!

Call 651-225-6035 to RSVP or visit MCM.org

Special Activities

Sunday, October 18, 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.
Closed Easter, July 4, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

ADMISSION

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

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