



Children's Museum of Atlanta

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Children's Museum of Atlanta announces spirited November programming

Celebrate the season with special events and activities for all ages

ATLANTA (November 1, 2016) – *'Tis the season for festive fun for all!* Families are invited to join **Children's Museum of Atlanta** for a plethora of holly jolly happenings this November! From learning about the first Thanksgiving in the newest feature exhibit *Magic Tree House*® to Atlanta Ballet Centre Youth Ensemble's special presentation of *Atlanta Ballet's Nutcracker* and interactive, hands-on learning opportunities in the Build It Lab and Art Studio, children of all ages can come together and explore the spirited season through the power of play.

Feature Exhibit: Magic Tree House®

Now through January 16, 2017

Young explorers are invited to swing into adventure at the **Children's Museum of Atlanta's** newest feature exhibit *Magic Tree House*®, an educational traveling exhibition created by The Magic House® and based on the best-selling children's book series written by Mary Pope Osborne. Visitors will branch out through three periods of American history including the first Thanksgiving, the Civil War and life on the prairie circa 1870. Guided by Jack and Annie, two ordinary siblings from Frog Creek, Penn., children of all ages will exercise their imaginations with interactive activities and simulations via a magical, time-traveling tree house!

Themed daily programming during Magic Tree House® exhibit. Programming subject to change and may be altered during special events. All programs included with admission unless otherwise noted.

**** In observance of Thanksgiving, the Museum will be closed on Thursday, November 24****

Mini-Musical: The Golden Spike

Weekdays 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. and weekends 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Written by Marc Farley

Children will time travel back to 1868 Utah with T.J. in order to protect the "Golden Spike," the last piece needed to link together the First Transcontinental Railroad. When trouble strikes and a soon-to-be legendary outlaw steals the spike right before the train is set to depart, T.J. and the audience must try to capture the villain before it's too late!

Story Time

Weekdays at 1 p.m. and weekends at 2 p.m.

Join the Imaginators for an engaging journey through favorite storybooks. Kids will sing, clap and move as they interact with books based on the themes of the Magic Tree House series.

Music & Movement

Weekdays at 2 p.m. and weekends at 3 p.m.

- **Dinosaur Scavenger Hunt and the Dino-Dance!**
Children can join the Imaginators for a big adventure searching for tiny dinosaurs! Once finished, they can learn how to do the Imaginators' Dino-Dance!

Super Spectacular Science Show

Weekdays at 3 p.m. and weekends at 4 p.m.

Professor Lab Coat and his assistants will lead a mesmerizing science demonstration put on for the entire Museum.

Eat A Georgia Rainbow

Sundays at 12 p.m.

Children will embark on a scavenger hunt and cold cooking activity with the Imaginators to learn more about fruits and veggies that are harvested in Georgia throughout the year.

Art Studio: Colorful Crafts

Weekdays 10:30 a.m. –3:30 p.m.; Weekends 11 a.m. –4 p.m.

Little ones can discover colors and explore artists from around the world through various fun crafts.

Build It Lab

Weekdays, 10:30 a.m. –3:30 p.m.; Weekends 11 a.m. –4 p.m.

Children will put their woodworking and creative tools to the test in this supervised space where they have access to real tools and materials. Encouraging innovation, young innovators will also be able to work on projects like designing and constructing a model tree house made out of cardboard recycled materials.

Science Bar

Weekdays 10:30 a.m. –2:30 p.m.; Weekends 11 a.m. –3:30 p.m.

Science is everywhere, especially on the mezzanine at the Museum! Step Up to Science is the new STEM exhibit area and features interactive exhibits about light, robotics and how the human body works! Families can saddle up to the science bar for a full menu of fun activities, knowledge and have their questions turned into answers by one of the STEM educators.

November Special Programming

Meet the Holidays: Day of the Dead

Tuesday, November 1 from 10:30 a.m. –3:30 p.m.

- **1 p.m.: Special Story Time**
Families can join the Museum for a special presentation of *Clatter Bash! A Day of the Dead Celebration* by Richard Kee, which follows the story of a Mexican family who has set out fiesta offerings at dusk in the graveyard on the annual Day of the Dead, hoping that departed loved ones will return to visit. All night long, skeletons sing, dance, dine, tell stories and play games. As morning approaches, they give thanks to the stars for their night of fun, tidy up after themselves and leave no trace of their “clatter bash” behind as they return to their coffins until next year’s holiday.
- **2 p.m.: Special Music and Movement**
Guests will join the Imaginators for Mariachi music and a special dance of the sugar skulls to celebrate this magical Mexican holiday! Kids should bring their sugar skulls created in the art studio to participate.
- **10:30 a.m. –3:30 p.m.: Art Studio Projects**
Children will make their own sugar skull to be used during the Special Music and Movement presentation.
- **10:30 a.m. –3:30 p.m.: Build It Lab**
Families will celebrate the Day of the Dead by building a guitar out of various materials.

Nutcracker Day at the Museum!

Saturday, November 5 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Families are invited on a magical trip into the Land of the Sweets as the Atlanta Ballet Centre Youth Ensemble performs excerpts from *Atlanta Ballet's Nutcracker!* The Atlanta Ballet Centre Youth Ensemble is made up of Centre for Dance Education students.

Science Wondershop with Brian "Dr. Science" Williams

Sunday, November 6, 13 and 20 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Children will explore science through hands-on activities, encouraging imagination, curiosity and an interest in the world. Due to limited space available (max of 10 children and 10 adults), attendance is on a first come, first served basis. Parents may sign their children up using the form behind the security desk.

Georgia Dance Alliance Dance Company

Saturday, November 12 at 12 p.m.

The talents of Legacy Dance Company will wow guests this November! This group of young dancers loves to dance and perform for the community, as well as compete at various events and competitions throughout the year.

For more information on the November program offerings or to support Children's Museum of Atlanta, visit childrensmuseumatlanta.org or call 404.659.KIDS [5437].

About Children's Museum of Atlanta:

Children's Museum of Atlanta is the only educational venue of its kind in Atlanta, presenting educational programs and exhibits designed for young children ages 0-8. The Museum's mission is to spark imagination and inspire discovery and learning for all children through the power of play. With six permanent learning zones consisting of bright, creative and hands-on exhibits, the Museum supports inventive play-based exploration and experiential learning focused on the whole child. Core competencies for literacy, math and science are promoted throughout all exhibits and programming in alignment with the state and national Core Performance Standards. The Children's Museum of Atlanta also offers parties, memberships, field trips, summer camp and private events. For more information or to support Children's Museum of Atlanta, visit childrensmuseumatlanta.org or call 404.659.KIDS [5437].

Museum Admission: General Admission is \$14.95 (plus tax) for anyone 1 – 100 years old. Babies and members are admitted for free. All daily programs are included in price of admission. Group rates and military discounts are available. For more information regarding ticket and membership options, visit childrensmuseumatlanta.org/plan-your-visit/faqs/.

Museum Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; Closed on Wednesdays. Please check the Museum website to confirm hours of operation.

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