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# **Boogie into July with space exploration at Children's Museum of Atlanta**

Youngsters and families invited to celebrate Independence Day, National Dance Day and more!

ATLANTA (July 2, 2019) – *Three, two, one* – *blast off!* This July, families are encouraged to venture into expeditions and learning at Children's Museum of Atlanta. On the 4th, kiddos will have the opportunity to learn about special holiday with Uncle Sam and Professor Labcoat with patriotic parades, crafts and songs. Military members will also receive free admission on Independence Day. The celebratory energy will continue all month long with special programming based on reading, space exploration and dance! Future doctors, veterinarians and caretakers alike also still have the chance to participate in the highly-interactive exhibit based on Disney Junior's Peabody Award-winning television series, "Doc McStuffins."

## **July Special Programming:**

## **Independence Day**

Thursday, July 4

Guests are invited to a positively patriotic party celebrating the 4th of July at Children's Museum of Atlanta! Visitors can follow Uncle Sam in a musical parade and create their own themed crafts. Kiddos will also have the opportunity to visit Professor Labcoat at the science bar and learn about what happens when red, white and blue are all mixed together. Little ones are also welcome to grab a seat in front of the Museum stage to master the words to some of America's most treasured songs. Military members will also receive free admission on Independence Day to honor their service.

### Mayor's Summer Reading Club

Sunday, July 14

Families are encouraged to participate in activities that encourage reading and summertime learning. Young ones can make reading glasses in the Art Studio or dive into fascinating science books at the Science Bar. Throughout the summer, parents are also welcome to ask for fun kid-friendly book suggestions to help keep little ones' minds engaged and alert during summer vacation.

# **Space Exploration Day**

Saturday, July 20

Young explorers are invited to celebrate the 50th anniversary of when man first walked on the moon at Children's Museum of Atlanta! In honor of National Space Exploration Day, kiddos will have the opportunity to play "Planet Jeopardy," participate in a planet scavenger hunt or head to the Learning Lab to build a rocket! Children are also invited to listen to story time readings of "Hidden Figures: The Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race" and "Roaring Rockets: Amazing Machines!"

### **National Dance Day**

Saturday, July 27

Little ones are welcome to bring their dancing feet to Children's Museum of Atlanta for a special celebration of different cultures' rhythm and expression in honor of National Dance Day. Kids and families will have the opportunity to dance with the Prime Movers Dance Group from Callanwolde Arts Center and Través Dance with Julie Galle Baggenstoss performing Flamenco! Children will also be able to learn about different types of dance on the Museum stage and listen to stories, "Giraffes Don't Dance," and "Allison Rose and Her Dancing Toes."

### Feature Exhibit: Doc McStuffins: The Exhibit

January 8-September 8, 2019

Young learners are invited to experience the first-ever museum exhibit based on Disney Junior's Peabody Award-winning television series, "Doc McStuffins." The highly interactive English and Spanish bilingual experience transports kids and families from Doc's backyard clinic to the Toy Hospital. There, families are invited to perform check-ups and diagnose toy patients while learning about healthy habits, compassion and nurturing care.

### **Building Blocks: Early Learning Programs**

## **Tiny Club Monday**

10:30 a.m.

Kiddos can choose between TiNY Science Club and TiNY Artist Club to enjoy a 30-minute class designed especially for kids ages 2-5 and their caregivers. Families can also check out TiNY Builder Club, a drop-in class held from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Each program offers hands-on activities, professional instruction and the chance to learn something new!

#### **Messy Thursdays**

10:30 a.m.

Little visitors and guardians are invited to get messy! Messy Thursdays offer slime, finger painting and more every Thursday of the month! Let the Children's Museum of Atlanta clean up the mess while the little ones have a blast with new activities and endless opportunities to try each and every week.

# **Friday Jam Session**

10:30 a.m.

Rock and roll into the weekend with this high energy, music-filled class guaranteed to shake out the wiggles and foster a love of music. Each week's program offers new songs, instrument play, circle time activities and, of course, dance breaks.

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# **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 0-9. 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**: Plan ahead and save! Families can purchase timed tickets online in advance to save money and guarantee entry to the Museum. Babies under 12 months 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.

**Museum Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10 a.m. -4 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. -5 p.m.; During June and July, the Museum will be open 7 days/week from 10 a.m. -5 p.m. Please check the Museum website to confirm hours of operation.