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# The rainforest comes alive at the Center for Puppetry Arts

*Special events during Rainforest Adventures demonstrate the fun and wonders of science*

**ATLANTA (January 11, 2018)** – Families are invited to step inside the rainforest and get hands-on with a variety of fun activities as the **Center for Puppetry Arts** celebrates ***Rainforest Adventures***, playing **January 23-March 4**. All special events are included at no extra charge with paid show admission.

*Rainforest Adventures* is an original production featuring more than 40 puppets representing animals from the Amazonian rainforest, including frogs! To celebrate the opening weekend of the show on **Saturday, January 27**, the Atlanta Botanical Garden will be on-site with a hands-on discovery station to help patrons explore the fascinating world of croaking amphibians! Guests will learn about tropical frogs and the differences between toads and other amphibians through living examples from the Garden's amphibian conservation collection. This interactive activity will help kids see these animals up close before seeing the puppet version!

On **Sunday, January 28**, the Center is pleased to host Atlanta-area Girl Scouts during Girl Scouts STEM Day! Girl Scouts are invited to enjoy a special program where they can earn all four STEM patches during a fun-filled day guaranteed to educate, entertain and inspire. Space is available on a first come, first serve basis.

Next up on **Saturday, February 3**, the Center for Puppetry Arts is throwing a birthday party for one of Sesame Street’s most iconic muppets – Elmo! Families can celebrate with an Elmo bounce house and special Elmo donuts from [Bon Glaze](http://www.bonglaze.com/) (while supplies last). Fun fact: Elmo turns 3 and a half every year!

Sixty percent of the Amazon rainforest is located in Brazil. On **Saturday, February 10,** the Center will celebrate Brazilian culture with a live demonstration of the traditional Brazilian martial art of capoeira and live Brazilian music presented by Axe Capoeira Atlanta.

On **Saturday, February 17**, the Center is giving away a Folkmanis Sloth Puppet! The three-toed sloth is another animal kids can look forward to meeting during the show. All patrons will have the opportunity to enter a drawing for a chance to win a baby sloth puppet from our Museum Store!

A sensory-friendly performance of the show will take place **Sunday, February 11**, continuing the Center’s dedication to providing programming for patrons with ASD. The Center’s ASD programming includes sensory-friendly adjustments to the performance as well as the Worlds of Puppetry Museum and the Create-A-Puppet Workshop™. For details, visit [puppet.org/programs/asd](http://www.puppet.org/programs/asd/).

On **Saturday, February 24**, educators from the Chattahoochee Nature Center will be at the Center for a presentation and paper snake bracelet activity.

Finally, on the last weekend, **Saturday, March 3**, Zoo Atlanta’s Zoomobile will be on-site with animals native to the rainforest to celebrate World Wildlife Day!

*Rainforest Adventures*is recommended for ages 4 and up. All-inclusive tickets to all shows include entrance to the Create-A-Puppet Workshop™, where guests can make, decorate and perform with their own **Pink River Dolphin Marionette**, as well as admission to the *Worlds of Puppetry* Museum. All special events are from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. and are included at no extra charge with paid admission. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.puppet.org](http://www.puppet.org) or by calling **404.873.3391**.

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