

SPRING 2023

Your *link* to Omaha Children's Museum

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MAY THE
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STAR WARS
FAMILY FUN
WEEKEND
MAY 19 - 21

***Guess
who's back?***

JURASSIC NEBRASKA OPENS MAY 27

OMAHA
children's
MUSEUM



Homeschool Program

Monthly virtual programming

Join us for interesting discoveries and investigations into the world around us. In April, we will study biology by looking at different body systems. May will be the study of music and the science behind creating all sorts of sounds. In June, we will be exploring paleontology! Visit ocm.org/homeschool-program for dates and to register!



Museum in a Box

Rent a portable kit for your class

Looking for an educational, interactive learning experience to share with your students? Why not rent Museum in a Box! This portable kit will include hands-on materials, lesson plans, and activities for an entire week of learning through play! For information regarding topics and included materials, contact the Outreach Coordinator at (402) 342-6164 ext.452, or visit ocm.org.

Visit our YouTube Channel

Original programming for the whole family

Find Omaha Children's Museum on YouTube. We produce our own original programming that children and adults can enjoy together! Go on amazing adventures, meet silly characters and participate in fun, at-home projects and experiments. It's great a way to visit the museum from the comfort of your own home!



Streaming Science Shows hosted by Varsity Tutors

Get details and register at varsitytutors.com

Join Omaha Children's Museum as we partner with Varsity Tutors for monthly FREE science shows! Each month is a new theme and offers viewers a chance to experiment along at home! To sign up, visit varsitytutors.com or watch our Facebook page!

Space: It's Out of This World

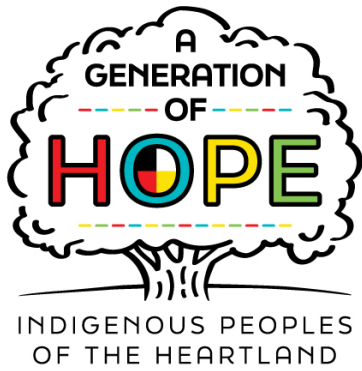
Wednesday, April 19 – Journey through the stars with our OCM astronauts and explore different planets, learn the importance of a space suit, and find out how a rocket ship blasts off into the sky!

Electricity Mystery

Wednesday, May 24 – Uncover the mysteries of electricity! Why does a balloon make my hair stick up? How does a light switch work? Why do I get a static shock every time I take off my coat? Investigate these and more with our OCM detective.

Eggs-ploration

Wednesday, June 21 – There is much to discover about eggs. From the animals inside of them, to how strong an egg shell can be, we are going to crack the surface to find out how eggs and science relate!



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A Generation of Hope: Indigenous Peoples of the Heartland

Exhibit open NOW through Sept. 3

Omaha Children's Museum is proud to present a brand new, original exhibit: *A Generation of Hope: Indigenous Peoples of the Heartland*, a collaborative effort between Omaha Children's Museum and the local Indigenous community.

A Generation of Hope: Indigenous Peoples of the Heartland is a celebration of the people who have called this region home for thousands of years. Learn about their culture and traditions throughout this interactive exhibit. Climb the Bur Oak Tree, visit a school, learn about the importance of storytelling and the significance of the winter count to that tradition, then create your own winter count. Explore traditional housing and imagine life in an earth lodge, tipi, and much more!



Jurassic Nebraska

Exhibit opens May 27

What would our lives be like if dinosaurs lived among us and roamed our modern world? That is the question asked in the newest Omaha Children's Museum, *Jurassic Nebraska* exhibit.

Enter a world where dinosaurs roam our world. See eye-to-eye with a Tyrannosaurus Rex, score a first down with your dino teammates, and search for dinosaurs in a dig pit. *Jurassic Nebraska* opens on May 27!



Presented by:



Summer Camps Are Almost Sold Out

They're selling fast!

Select from new and classic programming, including *The Science of Villains*, a STEAM camp exploring the science behind our favorite villains' best tricks; *Camp Mashup Jr. - Big Brave Explorers* combines programming from camp favorites, including *Bluey's Big Feelings*, *Muddy Puddles* and so much more! For older children, camps like *The Marvel Universe* explores the science behind the superpowers of Captain America, Incredible Hulk, and Black Panther before developing our own Marvel character.

Members receive a \$15 discount on camps! **Register TODAY at ocm.org!**

DAILY PROGRAMMING



April 1 – June 30, 2023

TUES
through
FRI

MORNING

Science Shows

Learn-a-saurus Lab
(Begins May 27)

AFTERNOON
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A Generation of Hope Program

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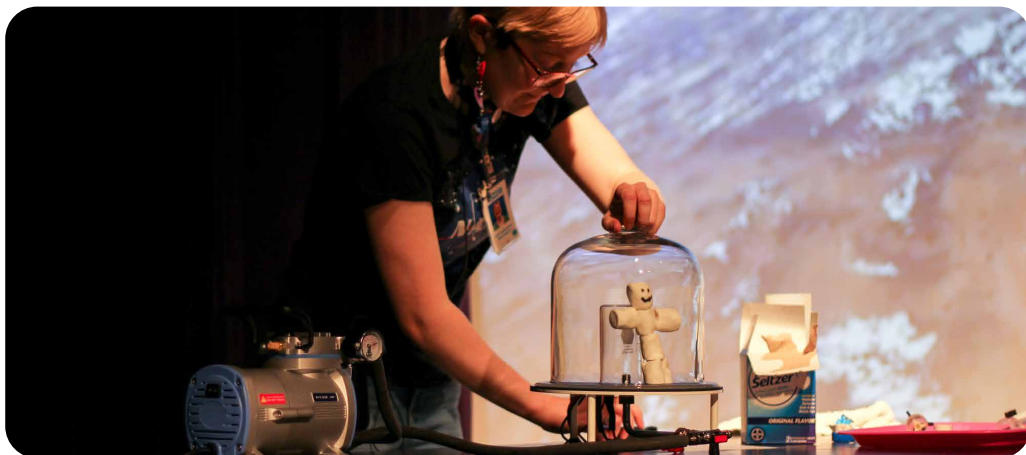
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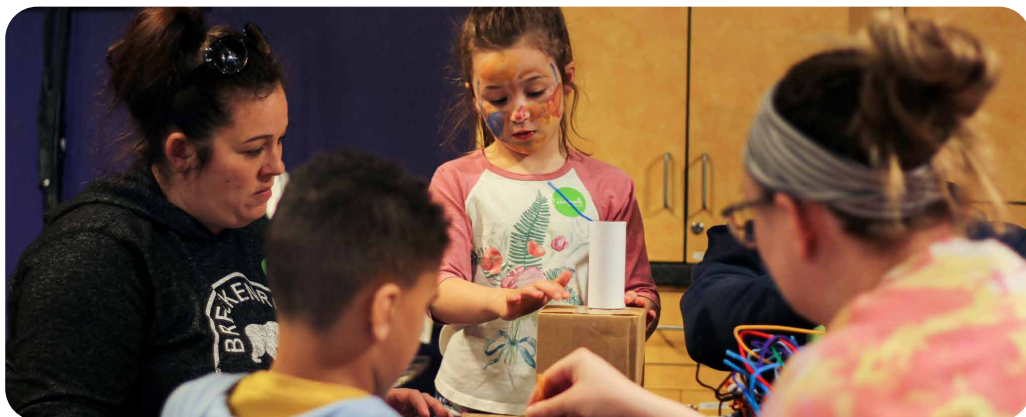
Tues. - Fri.: 11 am, 1, & 3 pm; Sat. - Sun.: 11 am, 12, 1, 2, 3, 4 pm
Streck Science Showplace

Children of all ages love our engaging daily shows where we share science concepts in an entertaining way for the whole family.

April: Sizzling Science

May: May the Forces be With You

June: Dino Grossology

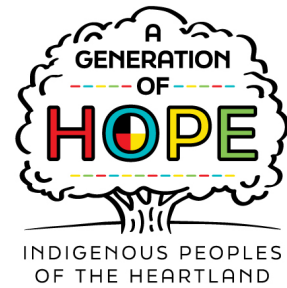


S.T.E.A.M. Power

Tues. - Fri.: 2 pm; Sat. - Sun.: 10:30 am & 3:30 pm
S.T.E.A.M. Cave

We're opening our STEAM Cave to explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math, in new and exciting ways! We may be investigating circuits, using physics to create art, or practicing coding skills among other activities.

All programming is subject to change. Please visit ocm.org for calendar updates.



Learn-a-saurus Lab Begins May 27
Listen for announcements at the museum for program times!
Jurassic Nebraska Exhibit

Join us upstairs in the *Jurassic Nebraska* exhibit as we explore the exhibit. Go on a Dino expedition, observe some of our live critters and learn how they are related to dinosaurs, investigate the biomechanics of dinosaurs, and lots more!



A Generation of Hope Program
Tues. - Fri: 1 pm;
Sat. - Sun.: 9:30 am & 2:45 pm
A Generation of Hope Exhibit

Join us daily for programming in the *A Generation of Hope: Indigenous Peoples of the Heartland* exhibit. Experience traditional beading and foods, play games, and listen to stories.



A note from your OCM Educators on Daily Programming

OCM's trained and experienced Education Department works diligently on each of our programs to ensure that learning through play is at the center of all we do. At OCM, we recognize six different forms of play.



Creative Play: This includes activities such as drawing, painting, making music, dancing, face painting, tinkering, making up stories, and making rules.



Social Play: This type of play includes communicating, cooperating, negotiating rules, inviting play, demonstrating values, and taking turns.



Linguistic Play: This includes listening to stories, singing, communicating, and rhyming.



Inquisitive Play: This includes observation, experimentation, changing variables, making connections, tinkering, solving problems, completing puzzles, asking questions, and sorting.



Physical Play: Perhaps the most obvious to notice, physical play includes running, climbing, sliding, hanging, jumping, manipulating, and fine and gross motor development.



Imaginative Play: This includes role playing, acting out stories, using an object as something else, and imitating.

Lastly, as OCM educators, we are dedicated to providing high quality programs that spark the imagination through the implementation of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (S.T.E.A.M. Educational Approach).

SPECIAL EVENTS

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MAY
5-8

MAY
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We will be **CLOSED** on **Sunday, April 9** for Easter; **Friday, May 5 through Monday, May 8** for the For the Kids Benefit; and **Monday, May 29** for Memorial Day.

APR
3-7

Week of the Young Child

Monday, April 3 – Friday, April 7

The Week of the Young Child is an annual event sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). It provides a time to celebrate young children and thank the early childhood teachers and everyone who is involved in the care and education of young children. Join us as we celebrate a different theme each day of the week!

- Music Monday!
- Tasty Tuesday!
- Work Together Wednesday!
- Artsy Thursday!
- Family Friday!

APR
6-8

Eggstravagant Family Fun Weekend

Thursday, April 6 – Saturday, April 8

Join the Omaha Children's Museum in an Easter Eggstravaganza! Participate in an Easter Egg hunt, design your own Faberge Egg, test your engineering with an egg drop and meet the Easter Bunny all in one location! All activities free with museum admission, while supplies last. *Please note: The museum will be closed on Sunday, April 9 for the Easter holiday.*

MAY
6

For the Kids Benefit

Saturday, May 6

Omaha Children's Museum's annual fundraiser is on May 6, 2023. This year the theme is *Hats Off, Paddles Up, A Night at the Derby*. Raise a glass and win big with a silent auction, games, a viewing of the derby, a live auction and more! All benefiting Omaha Children's Museum. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit:

[OCM.org/fundraising-events](https://ocm.org/fundraising-events)



MAY
19-21

May the Force be with You Family Fun Weekend

Friday, May 19 – Sunday, May 21

Join the 501st Legion and their band of galactic stars in a weekend that is out of this world! A Star Wars Science Show, Imperial Marches, lightsabers and more are sure to strike your fancy. All activities included with museum admission, while supplies last.

MAY
27

Jurassic Nebraska Opening Weekend

Saturday, May 27

Join us for the opening of our summer exhibit!

JUNE
23-25

Dinosaur Dominion Family Fun Weekend

Friday, June 23 – Sunday, June 25

Celebrate our brand new exhibit, *Jurassic Nebraska* with this Jurassic Park themed weekend! Learn all about dinosaurs, fossils, and paleontology with activities that span across the museum. Stay tuned for more details and special guests for this awesome weekend. All activities free with museum admission, while supplies last.



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