

SUMMER 2024

Your *link* to Omaha Children's Museum

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CANDY,
COSTUMES,
& COBWEBS

COBWEB
CASTLE
RETURNING
SEPTEMBER 28

GUESS WHO'S
COMING TO
TOWN!

SANTA'S MAGIC
RETURNING
NOVEMBER 29

**Power Up
your life!**



Museum in a Box

Rent a portable kit for your class

Looking for an educational, interactive learning experience to share with your kids? Why not rent Museum in a Box! This portable kit includes 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.



Omaha Children's Museum's summer camps feature engaging curriculum and great instructors who make every day exciting and new. Camps include daily play in the museum, a snack, and a Meet the Teacher Night. Whether your child wants to experiment in our kitchen, train like an Olympic athlete, if they love making music or playing video games, there is a camp that will match their interests.

Visit our YouTube Channel

Original programming for the whole family

In 2024, keep your eyes open for more virtual programming fun as we deliver science shows, teaching videos, and shorts that explore the world around us in creative and imaginative ways!



Family Fun Weekends

Family Fun Weekends are a great way to enjoy the museum in a brand new way! Each month we host a different themed event consisting of themed science shows, educational learning activities, character appearances, vendors and much much more! Want that added nudge of something special in addition to your typical day of fun at the museum? Then be sure to come to our Family Fun Weekends! Sponsored by Runza and Oriental Trading Company.

Take Me Out to the Ball-Game

Friday, June 14 - Sunday, June 16

Fairytale Ball

Friday, July 19 - Sunday, July 21

Chase and Skye's Back to School Bash

Friday, August 2 - Sunday, August 4

Shrek-tempberfest

Friday, September 20 - Sunday, September 22

CandyLand Trick or Treat

Saturday, October 12, 19, 26

Block Party

Friday, November 15 - Sunday, November 17

Santa's Tinker Workshop

Friday, December 13 - Sunday, December 15

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Power Up

Exhibit open NOW through Jan. 5, 2025

Explore 5 practices that can supercharge your well-being – Physical Activity, emotional health, nutrition, relationships, and creative expression. Power Up teaches kids that they have the power to create a happy and healthy life!

Kenya's Kids

Exhibit open NOW through Sept. 1

Kenya's Kids magically transports visitors into the lives of children living in Kenya today. The environments created in the exhibit space are designed to bring that experience to life and encourage children to not just learn about, but also participate in a new culture.



Cobweb Castle

Exhibit Opens September 28

Guest favorite, Cobweb Castle, returns September 28th-October 31st. Join us for daily programs as we learn all about spiders and their awesome secrets! Find out how spiders help humans, how incredibly strong (and beautiful) their webs are, and why we should be nice to these spindly creatures.



Santa's Magic

Exhibit opens November 29

The big man himself returns! Santa Claus will make his arrival to the Omaha Children's Museum to kick off the start of our Santa's Magic live show, featuring beloved characters such as Santa's Elves, and Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. You won't want to miss it!



DAILY PROGRAMMING



JUNE - DECEMBER, 2024

TUES
through
FRI

MORNING
S.T.E.A.M. Power

Science Shows

Kitchen ABCs

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Science Shows

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

June-August: *Power Up for Science*

September: *TBD (Come find out!)*

October: *The Old Haunted House Science Show*

December: *Holiday's Around the World*



S.T.E.A.M. Power

Tues. - Fri.: 2:45 pm; Sat. - Sun.: 9:30 am & 4:00 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.



Kitchen ABC's

Tuesday - Friday, 9:30 am; starts in Sept.

Learning & Event Center

Become a junior chef as you practice basic kitchen techniques such as cutting and measuring, and then eat your creations. Space is limited, so pick up your free ticket near the front desk.



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



Power UP

Join us upstairs in the Power Up exhibit as we learn ways to keep our bodies healthy.

Listen for announcements at the museum for program times!



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Kenya's Kids

Learn about the culture of kids in Kenya through stories, music, language and crafts.

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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

The museum will be **CLOSED**:

July 4

September 2

November 28

December 23, 24, 25

JUNE
14-
16

Take Me Out to the Ball-Game Family Fun Weekend

Friday, June 14 - Sunday June 16

The bases are loaded and Omaha is on the edge of their seat with CWS in full swing!! Come extend the joy and anticipation by participating in the Omaha Children's Museum's weekend focusing on all things sports!!

JULY
19-
21

Fairytale Ball Family Fun Weekend

Friday, July 19 - Sunday, July 21

Come see all of our favorite OCM princesses and Knights at our Special Events Weekend. We will have fun fairytale crafts, stories, singing, dancing and more!

AUG
2-
4

Chase and Skye's Back to School Bash Family Fun Weekend

Friday, August 2 - Sunday, August 4

Get ready for the new school year with Chase and Skye! This community-led event will include resources you and your family will need to kick off the year right! Watch our social media for updates on what community resources you'll have access to and what surprise friends will be making a visit!

SEPT
20-
22

Puss in Boots Presents Shrek-temberfest Family Fun Weekend

Friday, September 20 - Sunday, September 22

Step into the magical world of Far Far Away and have fun with Shrek themed activities and crafts!

SEPT
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Cobweb Castle Exhibit Opens

Saturday, September 28

OCT
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Candyland Trick or Treat Weekends

Saturday, October 12, 19, 26

Come play at the museum AND collect your Halloween candy all at once! We will have candy, small toys and more as you trick or treat your way through the museum. Don't forget to come dressed up!

NOV
15-
17

Block Party Family Fun Weekend

Friday, November 15 - Sunday, November 17

What can you build? From classic wooden blocks to magnetic sets, little ones construct towers, bridges, and fantastical structures with their imagination and creativity!

NOV
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Santa's Magic Exhibit Opens

Friday, November 29

DEC
13-
15

Santa's Tinker Workshop Family Fun Weekend

Friday, December 13 - Sunday, December 15

Santa's elves need your help! It's close to Christmas, and there are so many toys still to make. Come join Santa's gang and explore all the tinkering that comes with making toys. Don't forget to take a cookie decorating break, and read a story with Mrs. Claus. Santa will be here too for your own holiday requests. It's sure to be a jolly time! All activities are included with admission.

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