



Ann Doyle President/CEO

I am always amazed when I watch children. They are curious, little sponges seeking information and skills, and free from all the troubles of the world. Mid-Michigan Children's Museum (MMCM) allows and encourages children to be children. Each gallery is designed for children to learn through play. That's what makes us different from other museums. We want children to touch, to climb, to pretend, to giggle and laugh. We want the adult(s) with the children to do the same. Have you ever noticed that adults have forgotten how to play?



We want the adults to play along with the children, to put away the cell phone and the worries of the day. We want them to rediscover their youth, the innocence that all children have, the curiosity. We want them to giggle and to laugh right along with their child(ren).

As a grandparent, I rediscovered how to play. It's amazing! It's so much fun to listen to the stories being told in a way that only children can tell them. It's fun to play in each gallery at MMCM. I recently was cleaning out the pictures that I have stored, and came across some pretty special MMCM pictures. Memories! Do yourself a favor and learn how to play again!

Ann Doyle



Diane Novak - Museum Experience Coordinator



The museum's outdoor pavilion is now open for visitors from 10 AM to 4 PM. You are welcome to bring your own lunch, take a break from playing, and enjoy the fresh air while having your lunch or snack outside.

If you're interested in celebrating a birthday party, the pavilion is available at the same price and times as the indoor party rooms. Additionally, private parties may also be scheduled after the museum closes for the day.

You can find more information about birthday parties on our website MiChildrensMuseum.org or by calling the museum (989) 399-6626.

Tooth-Friendly Egg Hunt 2024



Jessie Teeter - Director of Exhibits and Education

It is getting toward the end of the school year and we are so happy to have had so many field trips scheduled. If your school or location has a summer program and are looking for somewhere to visit, we offer field trips during our summer months as well.



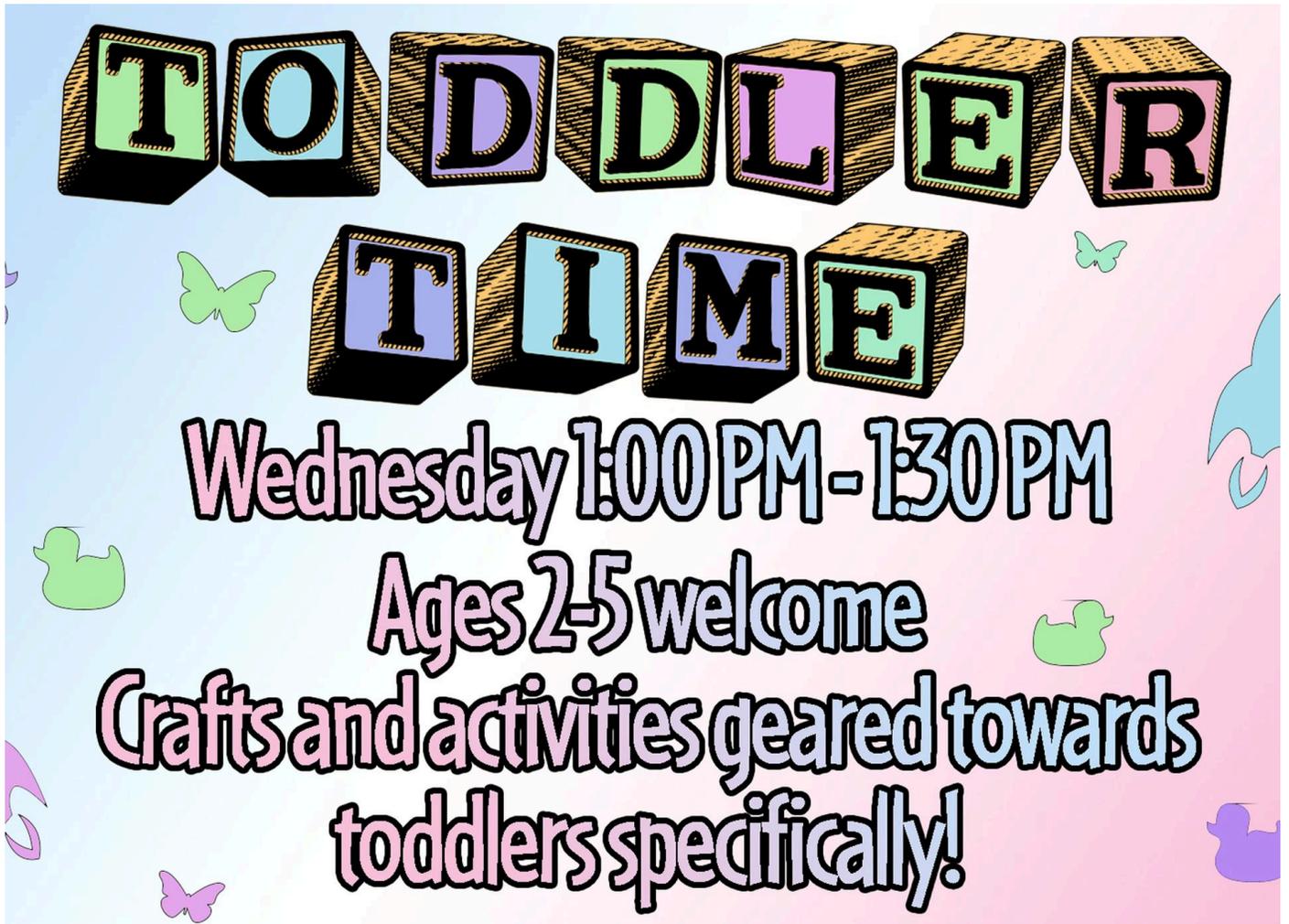
Speaking of summer, check out our summer day camps that we have coming up this year. We have so many cool partners for so many of our camps! It is sure to be an awesome summer.

Click below to register for a field trip!

[Register Here](#)

Click below for summer camps!

[Register Here](#)



**TODDLER
TIME**
Wednesday 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM
Ages 2-5 welcome
Crafts and activities geared towards
toddlers specifically!

Whitney Watt - Volunteer Coordinator



Do you or someone you know like interacting and playing with children and families? Do you have a kid-friendly special talent you'd like to share with the community, such as magic, music, art, dance, or other talents? MMCM would love to host and have you share your talent! If this is something you are interested in, and would like to participate, please contact me at: volunteer@michildrensmuseum.org.

Interested in volunteering? Check out these links:

Individuals: <https://michildrensmuseum.org/volunteer-form/>

Groups: <https://michildrensmuseum.org/volunteer-group-form/>

Volunteers of the Month



May Volunteer of the Month is the Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU) International Student Program under the direction of Pat Shelley, International Student Advisor. Pat has been an International Student Advisor since 2008. This group has been volunteering at MMCM since 2012. Students from this program consider community service to be an important part of their experience while in the U.S., along with their studies, campus involvement, and travels throughout our country. Pat recalls many students telling him about the opportunity their experience at the MMCM has given them to meet families and children in the community and to share information about their home countries with others.

The amount of time this program has donated since 2012 is unparalleled. This semester five amazing students volunteered at special events. Binh from Vietnam, Mi Han from Myanmar, Lydia from Vanuatu, Yazeed from Palestine, and Irfan from Pakistan. MMCM extends a huge thank you to past, present, and future volunteers from the SVSU International Student Program.

"I wanted to express my gratitude for your support during this amazing time at the Children's Museum. Volunteering at the Children's Museum is the first community service in the U.S. I was involved in, and that provides me with an overall view of community service. Children are one of the most helpful healing presents in the world and I enjoyed every moment there with them. The Children's Museum provides me with a wonderful opportunity to connect with them and learn more about how the children view the world. I remember that on Easter's Day, there was a little boy who gave me an egg and said that he gave the eggs to the good people so that they can buy food and everything they need, my heart was almost melted for his kindness and loveliness. Interacting with children is an effective way to relax after a week of hard work. Children's Museum is not only a community service, but also my healing time." **-Bihn**

"Volunteering at the MMCM has been a wonderful experience where every interaction was an opportunity to inspire young minds. Recognizing that children are the architects of our future, fostering their curiosity and creativity is paramount. The children showcased a love for learning and this journey has deepened my commitment to community engagement and child development. I would like to thank Pat Shelley and SVSU for giving us the opportunity to volunteer and MMCM for taking us in for the time they have." **-Yazeed**

"It was an incredible experience to be a part of this volunteer work throughout my program. I learned how to engage with children by providing them with an environment where they can play and have fun. I recalled my childhood memories while playing with kids. I give credit to the administration of the museum for how they look after the kids in these events." **-Irfan**

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Emily Schmidt - Special Events Coordinator

Your Mid-Michigan Children's Museum is turning 16 years old! Make sure to sing Happy Birthday with us and don your party hats as we celebrate our Super Sweet 16th Birthday this Saturday, May 4th, from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm! Admission for the day is just \$3 per person, ages 2 and older.



Decorate your own clown kite or try our candle ring toss while you experience the museum and our birthday fun! Rain or shine, Bouncing Bella's will be at the museum and admission to the bounce house will be \$3 per person for kids aged 4 to 10. Also, don't miss Willy and Greta the Dragons from Zehnder's Splash Village during your visit! Can't make the party but want to help us celebrate? Check out our birthday wish list on our website to learn more!

Fire trucks, garbage trucks, race cars, oh my! The call for vehicles and sponsors for our annual Touch-A-Truck event has begun! We want your organization's semi-truck, heavy construction equipment, emergency vehicle, or any other vehicle that children may find interesting and exciting! This event is intended to allow children to experience vehicles from the driver's seat right in MMCM's parking lot. For more information, a presenter's form, or a sponsorship form, reach out to specialevents@michildrensmuseum.org. Stay tuned to our Facebook page and monthly newsletters for more information regarding other exciting activities at this year's Touch-A-Truck event!

Birthday Wish List

MMCM's Super Sweet 16 | May 4th, 2024 | 10AM - 4PM

Sponsored by: Gougeon Employees Foundation

**It's MMCM's
Super Sweet 16!
And you're invited!
May 4th, 2024
10 AM - 4 PM**



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HARE HUNT

MAY 22 - JUNE 2

Join us in a **FREE** Scavenger Hunt
THROUGHOUT SAGINAW AND SURROUNDING AREAS

ALL PLAYERS WELCOME
VISITORS AND LOCALS ALIKE!

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Saginaw Spirit Hockey,
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Patisserie, Pete Shaheen, **The
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20 Hare Statues
will be scattered
throughout the
community.

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can increase your
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slice of **over**
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prizes!

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-Dalmatian Fire Bunny-



Jeff McLellan - Marketing Director



Hello *|FIRST_NAME|*,

It's May! There's flowers! The dull, drab, broad strokes of winter are giving way to the intricate and colorful palette of spring. While I personally don't like the heat, I AM excited for all the outdoor activities the summer brings: boating, fishing, swimming, camping, bonfires, and all-around summer tomfoolery. It's going to be a great summer!

In a few short days, we'll be celebrating our 16th birthday! Following that, we will be gearing up for Touch-A-Truck 2024! This year it will be Saturday, September 14th! I'm excited, and you should be too! It's my favorite event. Expect text and email reminders, and if you haven't already, you can sign up for those by clicking the button below.

As always, thank you for making it to the end of our newsletter!

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