



MMCM will be closed September 1st - 9th. We take this time to do some deep cleaning and ready the museum for our busy season! Thank you for your understanding! We will re-open Sept. 10th.

Ann Doyle President/CEO

"Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting, and autumn a mosaic of them all." —Stanley Horowitz

Fall is my favorite time of year. I love being outdoors and soaking in the colors and smells. The temps are my favorites, just cold enough to need a sweater or light jacket. Michigan falls are definitely a sight to behold.

At MMCM, fall is a lot of fun. We end summer with Touch-A-Truck on September 14th. This popular community event is so much fun to put on and the museum has grown it to be more like a festival. Each year we try to add something new and this year is no exception. The committee has been working hard since spring to get all the vehicles and sponsors lined up. I want to thank Curt Tucker (Teamtech Motorsports), Tim Smith (Scientific Brake), Luke Hendrick (R. C. Hendrick & Son), and MMCM team members, Emily and Jeff, for working so hard on this event.

Be sure to check our calendar for all of the fall community events such as Monster Mix-n-Mash, Holiday Hooray, and more. In addition, the Saturdays that there is a craft/art project in Scrap Studio will be shown on the calendar. Children can make the project at the museum or grab a kit and take it home!

Make Mid-Michigan Children's Museum part of your fall line-up and have some fun!



Linn Doyle

Touch-A-Truck 2024 Sponsors
Mighty Motor - \$3000+

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Diane Novak - Museum Experience Coordinator



Hosting your child's birthday party at the museum is an exceptional way to celebrate their special day. Our dedicated team ensures that the party room is thoroughly cleaned before and after the event, allowing you to relax and enjoy the celebration without any worries about the mess. You have the flexibility to personalize the room with tabletop decorations and create lasting memories with your family and friends.

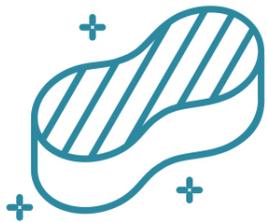
Our versatile rooms are available to rent for a wide range of occasions, including meetings, baby showers, family reunions, and holiday parties. What's more, the museum can be exclusively rented for private after-hours parties or events, providing a unique and memorable experience.

You can easily schedule a birthday party or rent a room in person or via phone. For more information, please visit our website at michildrensmuseum.org, or simply give us a call at (989) 399-6626.

Please be aware that as the weather gets colder, our birthday party rooms fill up fast! We strongly recommend booking months in advance to secure your preferred date and avoid disappointment.

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Classy Chassis - \$2000

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SVSU's Innovation Lab invited our Engineers Assemble camp kids to learn how to print T-Shirts and were able to make a T-Shirt of their own! Big thanks to Mohamed Adel and Ryan Pelletier for taking time out of their schedules to teach these children something some of us never get to see! It was very fun!



Jessie Teeter - Director of Exhibits and Education

I can't believe how quickly August came and went. We had the last 2 summer camps and they rounded out the best year of camps in my 6 years here! Thank you to all who attended or helped with making these camps memorable for all.

I'm sure Jeff will tell you more, but as your Gallery Guru as Ann says, I am so excited for all of the updates coming this fall. We should have one, if



not two new exhibits up and running by the end of the month in our Try It Gallery and Car Works Gallery.

The Car Works update has been 4.5 years in the making so the anticipation is high. Hope your kids have a great start to the new school year and I can't wait to get field trip season started! I love my job and I love getting to bring new stuff to all of our visitors.

Click below to register for a field trip!

Field Trips



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Whitney Watt - Volunteer Coordinator



Volunteers are responsible for a considerable portion of the success of our events. Our largest event, Touch-A-Truck, on Saturday, September 14th is no exception. This is a great opportunity for individual adults, high schoolers, college students, or service groups to earn volunteer hours and help give back to our community.

Volunteers are needed to fill the shift times and assignments listed below.

Shift 1: 7:30am – 9:30am

-Barricade Monitor (Letting in only presenting vehicles and staff members)

Shift 2: 9:15am – 12:30pm

-Assisting in set-up & completing other assignments listed below

Shift 3: 12:00pm – 3:00pm

-Completing one of the assignments listed below

Shift 4: 3:00pm – 5:00pm

-Assisting in clean-up

Shift 5: 9:15am – 5:15pm

-Assisting in set-up, completing other assignments listed below, & assisting in clean-up

Shift 6: 7:30am – 5:15pm

-Barricade Monitor, assisting in set-up, completing other assignments listed below, & assisting in clean-up.

Assignments include, but are not limited to:

Assisting in directing vehicles to park

Monitoring a craft or activity like making vests, making school bus crackers, playing bean bag toss, or other crafts

Picking up in the galleries
Handing out food and drink to volunteers and presenters or assisting in the sale of lunch items to guests (handing the items, but not handling cash)
Face Painting
Handing out goodie bags
Monitoring the bounce house
Assisting in putting wristbands on guests entering the museum or the bounce house
Monitoring a vehicle or table while the presenter takes a break
Monitoring the barricades so only presenting vehicles and select staff and volunteers are entering and exiting the parking lot

MMCM also needs volunteers to help prepare the facility grounds on Friday, September 13th from 3:00pm-4:30 pm.

Some of those assignments include:

Removing debris and rocks from museum grounds and parking lot
Folding and moving tables
Stacking and moving chairs
Craft and game set-up

Volunteer requirements are at least age 14 years old or in 9th grade. **New volunteers** must submit an application and background check.

If you are a **current or returning volunteer**, you do not need to submit a new application. Send me an email with your name and preferred shift time.

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

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

If you have any questions, please contact me
volunteer@michildrensmuseum.org

Touch-A-Truck 2024 Sponsors

Glorious Gear - \$500



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Emily Schmidt - Special Events Coordinator

We're just a couple of weeks away from our 11th Annual Touch-A-Truck event! Our parking lot will be filled with cool and interesting vehicles for you and your child to get close to and explore on Saturday, September 14th. This outdoor portion of our event will be free from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.! Admission inside the museum will be reduced to just \$3 per person, for everyone ages 2 and up all day. There, we will have transportation-themed crafts and activities planned, like making your own license plate, creating your own safety vests, and so much more!



We are still looking for trucks and other interesting vehicles to join us at this event! If you are interested, please contact us at specialevents@michildrensmuseum.org or by calling the museum at (989)399-6626, by September 12th to participate. Can't participate with a vehicle this year? We are also looking for sponsors and donations of ear plugs for the event for visitors when we rev up those engines and honk the horns!

Touch-A-Truck 2024 Sponsors

Wonderous Wheel - \$250

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Touch-A-Truck September 14th, 10 AM - 3 PM



Touch-A-Truck is our biggest event of the year, but we can't do it without your help! Whether that help is through sponsorships, presenting a truck, or even volunteering, we need you! Click the buttons below to Sponsor, Present a truck, or both!

Sponsor T-A-T

Present a Truck

Volunteer

**Get ahead of the game and book your
2025 events/birthdays/reunions now!
Spaces fill up fast!**

Mid-Michigan Children's Museum Family Reunions

Did you know that MMCM is not only a great place for your child's birthday party, but also an ideal location for your family reunion? We have four spacious rooms and a large, beautiful outdoor pavilion available, providing ample space for most families. It's a perfect setting for children to play and learn while adults catch up on family matters. Additionally, adults can also engage in fun and educational activities with the children.



Touch-A-Truck 2024 Sponsors

Pit Crew - \$1-\$249

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Jeff McLellan - Marketing Director



Hello *|FIRST_NAME|*,

Here we are again, another month, another newsletter. We still haven't run out of things to talk about, have we? Something tells me we never will! You'll keep hearing from us for millennia (maybe)! It's not like I can predict the future or anything... 🙄

In the words of Carolyn Leigh (made popular by Frank Sinatra) "The best is yet to come." I'm stuck on music references as of late but they are so fitting! Fun fact, The Best Is Yet To Come was the last song Sinatra performed in public. While that came at the end of Sinatra's legendary run, at the museum we've barely made it past the prelude. Not only is the best yet to come, but we have so much more in tow!

As you may have seen from Jessie, we have been extra busy (what's new, right?) working on two big projects. We have two new exhibits going in, and some updates to a gallery in the pipeline! Dr. Louis and Karen Constan donated to a new interactive art wall that will tie our Try It gallery and our Art Mart gallery together! It's been a lot of work, and there have been some setbacks, but we've overcome them all, and by the time you're reading this, it should be up and running! Stop in to check it out (after Sep. 9th as we will be closed for this week!)

Our Car Works gallery is also getting a new exhibit. As you may have seen when coming in, we've knocked out the wall by Car Works to make room for this new exhibit. I don't know what nuclear event they were planning for when they built that wall but the wall wasn't going anywhere on its own, that's for sure. As the young kids would say it was "built different." In

case you're wondering, yes we still have the license plate art, and yes we will be putting it back up!

I know we say we've been busy and working hard a lot, and this is always true, but these last few weeks-month have really required some extra elbow grease. We've given a lot of ourselves to these projects. So come in and say hi, check them out, love them like we do, and don't forget our love language is words of affirmation and gifts. 🎁 We love hearing that you've enjoyed yourselves! We also love donations.

Seriously, we really do pour our hearts and souls into these projects. We want nothing more than for people to really enjoy their time here. I hope you have a great September, and I hope you'll enjoy some of it with us!

As always, thanks for making it to the end. I have to start doing something fun for the people that make it here. How about an anagram? I'll give you the answer in October's newsletter! Try it out!

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Clue: Something you can only have this month.



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