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"Play is the highest form of research" ~ Albert Einstein

Do you know...

...that Mid-Michigan Children's Museum has between 50,000 and 55,000 visitors each year?

...that Mid-Michigan Children's Museum can book 8 birthday parties on a Saturday and 4 on Sunday (June-September: closed on Sundays), and also on weekdays?

...that the staff is made up of only 7 people, with 6 being full-time and 1 part-time?

...in 2024, there were 443 volunteers with a collective of 4,616.5 volunteer hours?

...in 2025, there are 8 weeks of summer camps, each week being a new camp?

...that Mid-Michigan Children's Museum rents out the museum for evening gatherings?

...that Mid-Michigan Children's Museum is a great place for family reunions?

...that Mid-Michigan Children's Museum is in the process of updating the Big Kids in the gallery?

...that Mid-Michigan Children's Museum is in the process of updating Mind Unwind, Try It, and Insides Out galleries?



...that Mid-Michigan Children's Museum hosts 8-9 Community Events each year? Admission is reduced to \$3 per person (under 2 is free) UNLESS the event is sponsored in full; then admission is free (full sponsorship is \$3500 and can be broken up among different sponsors).

...that over 100 field trips travel to the Mid-Michigan Children's Museum?

...that Mid-Michigan Children's Museum offers Extension Lessons for \$1 per student? These lessons complement what students are learning in school.

This is just a glimpse into the activities at Mid-Michigan Children's Museum. Today is always a good day to play and learn at the museum!

Luan Doyle



MMCM's 17th Birthday Party!

Saturday, May 10th, 2025

Join us for our 17th birthday party! It's our birthday but you're the guests of honor! Celebrate with fun birthday themed crafts and activities!

May 10th is our birthday! If you'd like to give us a gift, please check out our Amazon wish list by clicking the button below. Additionally, we have provided a list of our most frequently used items, so you can also select something from there!

Bottle Caps
Card Stock Paper
Cupcake Liners - Holiday
Double Sided Scotch Tape
Egg Cartons
Eye Glass Frames
Foam Craft Sheets
Kleenex Boxes
Large Crayons
Lunch Bags
Notebooks (new or lightly used)
Notebook Paper
Packing Tape

Paintbrushes For Kids (large handle)
Paper Plates
Plastic Eggs
Tempera Paint
Temporary tattoos - pirate & truck
Post-Its - any size
Printer Paper - 8.5x11
Scotch Tape
Sidewalk Chalk
Toilet & Paper Towel Tubes
Water Bottles (Empty)
White-out tape

Wish List

Indoor Tooth-Friendly Egg Hunt 2025



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 and warmer weather 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.

Membership information can be found at:
<https://michildrensmuseum.org/membership/>

For gift certificates, click here:
<https://michildrensmuseum.org/gift-certificates/>

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Jessie Teeter - Director of Exhibits and Education

May is going to be a busy month here at the museum. We have field trips almost every day! Members are still welcome to visit any time, just know that it could be busier than normal, mostly in the mornings.

Summer camp registration is open, and we have had quite a few kids sign up already! There are still plenty of spots available, but don't wait too long because some camps are filling up fast! There are limited scholarships available for families in need. Reach out if you have any questions!





Summer Camps At Mid-Michigan Children's Museum!

Per week: \$90 for non-members, \$75 for members

For ages 6-10

Time: 9am-4pm

Camp: Museum Mixtape (Musico Lessons LLC)

Date: June 17-19

Description: Whether your kid likes to rock 'n roll, jive to jazz, or bop to pop music, the museum invites them to drop their own mixtape. They will be learning the basics of music through color keyboarding with Musico Lessons LLC. Get ready to beat to the rhythm of your own drum in this expressive camp.

Camp: Cirque de Musé

Date: June 24-26

Description: The circus is coming to the museum! In this camp, your kid will experience the fun and mischief that comes with a cirque. From tight rope walking to clowning around, kids will become a performer worthy of the circus.

Camp: Let's Get Physical

Date: July 8-10

Description: Learn about the science behind sports. We will practice some of the most popular sports played in Michigan including baseball, golf, and tennis. Sports enthusiasts might even get to meet some professional players!

Camp: Once Upon a Time (READ Assoc./ Hoyt Library)

Date: July 15-17

Description: Explore your favorite fairy tales as we go on a hunt for a glass slipper, build a huff and puff proof house, and even write and perform our own original fairy tales.

Per week: \$90 for non-members, \$75 for members

Time: 9am-4pm

Camp: Secret Agent Academy (Castle Museum of Saginaw County History)

Date: July 22-24

Description: Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to identify a sneaky criminal mastermind that has pulled off the caper of the summer! To complete your assignment, you will have to look for fingerprints, create disguises and send coded messages.

Camp: Up, Up, & Away Superhero Academy

Date: July 29-31

Description: Develop your superpowers, disguise your true identity, train your body to be fit to face villains, and test yourself with supercharged challenges.

Camp: Disaster Defenders

Dates: August 5-7

Description: Are you ready for disaster? Learn tracking and searching skills, practice your survival engineering abilities by learning to make a snare, camouflage yourself and be prepared for almost anything!

Camp: Into the Wild

Date: August 12-14

Description: Bring the great outdoors inside! Experience the thrill of being outside and seeing wild animals from the safety and comfort of the museum.

Click below to register for a
field trip!

Field Trips

Click below to register for a
Summer Camp!

Summer Camps

TODDLER TIME

Ages 2-5 Welcome

Join us for crafts and activities geared
toward toddlers!

Tuesdays at 10:30am & 12:30pm
Thursdays at 10:30am

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Talent Needed!



Do you have a family friendly, fantastic, talent? Do you want to be a star?

Would you donate your time to put a smile on kids' faces?

Then you might be what we're looking for!

We regularly have special events we need talent for! Talent like: **Jugglers, balloon artists, entry level to experienced face painters, singers, dancers, and others!**

Apply here: <https://michildrensmuseum.org/rfp/>

Or Scan Here:



Whitney Watt - Volunteer Coordinator



Volunteers are needed to help celebrate the Mid-Michigan Children's Museum's 17th Birthday at our special event. Volunteers are integral to a successful event.

Event Set-Up on Friday, May 9, 2025

There is 1 shift available:

3:30 pm-5 pm

5 volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed for the following:

Sanitizing and moving tables & chairs

Assist with gallery organizing

Set up craft and game stations

The event day is Saturday, May 10, 2025

There are 3 shifts available:

Shift 1: 9:45 am – 1:30 pm

Shift 2: 1:15 pm – 5:15 pm

Shift 3: 9:45 am – 5:15 pm

Volunteers are needed for the following:

Wearing the provided MMCM Mascot costumes, Pal & Gal

Entry-level to experienced Face Painters needed

Assisting kids with crafts and games

Take down tables and sanitize tables and chairs

Assist guests and maintain a clean and safe play space in one or more museum galleries

Volunteer requirements are at least 14 years old or in 9th grade. New volunteers must submit an application and background check authorization on our website.

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.

If you have any questions, please contact me
volunteer@michildrensmuseum.org or 989-399-6626.

Or click the buttons below.

Volunteer Applications:

Individuals Apply Here

Groups Apply Here

Emily Schmidt - Special Events Coordinator

It may be the museum's birthday, but you're the guest of honor!

Join us on Saturday, May 10th, from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm for some birthday fun!

Make your own birthday hats and share in the birthday cheer. Look out for special visitors, Pal and Gal, throughout the day, as well as Tucker, the service dog, between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm. Admission is reduced to \$3 per person, ages 2 years and older. Everyone under the age of 2 is always free!

Don't miss out on this month's Saturday Scrap Studio Kits! These kits can be done at the museum or taken home and are always included in museum admission. This month's Scrap Studio Kits are:

- May 3rd: Paper Plate Eeyore
- May 17th: Yarn Tulips
- May 24th: Jellyfish
- May 31st: TP Tube Bald Eagles



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Jeff McLellan - Marketing Director



Howdy *|FIRST_NAME|*,

There's a good chance we're saying goodbye to snow for a few months! Bring on spring, warm weather, pontoons, fishing, and spending time around a fire with friends and family!

The new website is progressing well and should be ready to go live soon! I'm hopeful that it will be an improvement. It is designed to be easier for me to maintain and will hopefully be more user-friendly, with important information prominently featured on the home page. Additionally, it will be hosted on a new server, which should lead to less downtime and a faster browsing experience. I'm really looking forward to it, and I hope you all like it!

Thanks, as always, for reading through to the end!

This month's Anagram:
A Myers Fowl

How did you do with last month's anagram?
Last months:
Solar whisper - April Showers

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who make what we do possible!
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